

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 18, 2009**

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Executive Committee Members Present: David Olson, Chair, Duane Benson, Ruth Grendahl, David Paskach, Christine Rice and Scott Thiss

Executive Committee Members Absent: Thomas Renier

Other Members Present: Cheryl Dickson, Jacob Englund, Louise Sundin, Terri Thomas and James Van Houten

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees Executive Committee met at Wells Fargo Place, 30 7<sup>th</sup> Street E., 4th Floor, Board Room, Saint Paul, on Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 10:20 a.m. Chair David Olson convened the meeting.

**(1) Minutes of May 20, 2009, Meeting**

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on May 20, 2009, were accepted as written.

**(2) Review July 21-22, 2009, Meetings**

Senior Vice Chancellor Linda Baer reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee will have an update on the Office of the Legislative Auditor's evaluation of the system's occupational programs. If needed, the topic can be scheduled again at a later date during a joint meeting with the Advancement Committee.

Trustee Rice announced that the Advancement Committee will review a first reading on proposed policy recommendations from the task force on foundations in July. Chair Olson noted that Trustees Christine Rice and Scott Thiss have been liaisons to the Chancellor on system planning and that they will give an update in July including a timeline and how to engage the Board in the discussions. He continued that 2020 planning will be the agenda at the Board's retreat in October.

Chair Olson commented that he will track the committees' work plans for the coming year. A column will be added for the Board. Trustee Thiss inquired about the discussion on legislative and policy barriers, and Vice Chancellor Laura King replied that the item will be on the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee's agenda in July. Trustee Rice suggested scheduling a study session on matters of importance so that all of the Board members can have input.

**(3) Leadership Council Comments**

President Pat Johns commented that the Board will see variation among the colleges and universities in how they are coping with balancing their budgets. Another variable is whether there will be another unallotment during the biennium. He also noted that there will be variation in how the campuses apply the early separation incentive.

President Johns thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the Executive Committee meetings. His term as co-chair of the Leadership Council with Chancellor

McCormick ends this month. The incoming co-chair for the next fiscal year is President Richard Davenport, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Chair Olson suggested that Public Affairs prepare a press release announcing that the Board is confident in the system and how the leadership, faculty and bargaining units are responding to the fiscal challenge and meeting the needs of its students.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.