

# MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005

WELLS FARGO PLACE

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

**Trustees Present:** Will Antell, Duane Benson, Cheryl Dickson, Ivan Dusek, Ruth Grendahl, Clarence Hightower, Lew Moran, David Olson, David Paskach, Thomas Renier and Ann Curme Shaw

**Trustees Absent:** Robert Hoffman, Chair, Tyler Despins, Vincent Ijioma and Christopher Schultz

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**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Ann Curme Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**2. Chair's Report**

**a. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting - Major Topic Discussion of Wednesday, January 20, 2005**

As there were no corrections, Vice Chair Shaw announced the minutes stand approved as written.

**b. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting of Wednesday, January 20, 2005**

As there were no corrections, Vice Chair Shaw announced the minutes stand approved as written.

**c. Minutes of Board of Trustees Special Meeting of Wednesday, March 2, 2005**

As there were no corrections, Vice Chair Shaw announced the minutes stand approved as written.

**d. Draft Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of January 5, 2005**

Vice Chair Shaw reported that the draft minutes of the Executive Committee meeting are included for information in the board packet.

**3. Trustee Reports**

Trustee Ivan Dusek reported that he attended the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., February 14-16. Trustee Dusek is a member of the ACCT Diversity Committee.

**4. Chancellor's Comments**

Chancellor McCormick thanked and welcomed Vice Chair Shaw and the Trustees. He also welcomed members of the public and the constituents of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Chancellor thanked the Board members and presidents that participated at the FY 2006 Capital Budget public hearings in February and March.

Chancellor stated that each of the presidents along with their constituents was scheduled to meet with their legislative delegations in an effort to secure the funding approved at previous Board meetings. He noted that the presidents have made visits, calls to their legislators and written letters to their local newspapers regarding the system's budget request.

Chancellor stated that the recent economic forecast made an additional \$234 million available to the administration. The Governor's revised budget request does not designate any of the money for higher education initiatives. He stated that he has met with 21 legislative leaders and that bonding bills have been produced by both chambers. Several bills, which will become an omnibus education bill, are working their way through the legislative bodies. He added that Senior Vice Chancellor Linda Baer testified on behalf of a bill permitting the state universities to offer applied doctorates to serve needs not normally served by a major research university such as the University of Minnesota.

Chancellor McCormick reported that the presidential selection process has been completed for two institutions. Dr. Ann Valentine was named president of Minnesota State Community and Technical College at the March 2, Board of Trustees Special meeting. Following her appointment, Dr. Valentine and Chancellor McCormick visited each of the four Minnesota State Community and Technical College campuses. Dr. Judith Ramaley, present at today's meeting, would be considered by the Board of Trustees for the presidency at Winona State University.

He also announced that the position for the Executive Director for Diversity and Multiculturalism was posted broadly. More than fifty applications have been received and are being reviewed by a committee of fourteen individuals representing various constituencies within the system and community. The committee is co-chaired by Dr. Mike Lopez, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dr. Josephine Reed-Taylor. Semi-finalists will be selected and interviewed by the committee prior to April 1.

Chancellor stated that the next work plan is in progress, nineteen presidents are engaged in the focus areas noted by the Board and he added that meetings with faculty representatives have been scheduled. The plan will be presented to the Board over the next few months.

Chancellor commented on the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Legislative Summit meetings in Washington, D.C., February 14-16, noting that visits were made to each of the Minnesota congressional delegates' offices.

He reported that he addressed a national conference regarding Minnesota's TRIO programs. TRIO is the umbrella for six different federal student assistance programs, each designed as educational opportunity outreach programs to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Ms. Joan Youngman of the Northeast Higher Education District is a national leader with the Council for Opportunity in Education. Working with the strategic plan and annual work plan commitments to access and diversity, she and Dr. Mike Lopez, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, have brought national recognition to this system as an innovative, involved organization on behalf of TRIO.

Chancellor reported that nearly 500 campus and system office staff attended training on contract principles, policies and procedures. The training, a joint effort of the Finance Division and Office of General Council, introduced recently revised contract forms and provided practical tips on contract development.

Chancellor noted that the Leadership Council's Diversity Task Force has placed on its agenda a project plan creating a Community Action Council for developing a uniform definition of student success for measurement purposes.

Chancellor reported that he and Chair Hoffman had the opportunity to hear Dr. Pat Callan, President of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education speak at a private breakfast sponsored by the Higher Education Advisory Council. Dr. Callan is the author of the widely-read national report card, *Measuring Up*.

**5. Joint Council of Student Associations**

**a. Minnesota State College Student Association**

Mr. Justin Pahl, President, Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA), addressed the Board of Trustees.

**b. Minnesota State University Student Association**

Mr. Brad Krasaway, State Chair, Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA), addressed the Board of Trustees.

**6. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units**

**a. Minnesota Association of Professional Employees**

Mr. Rick Nelson, Business Agent, Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE), addressed the Board of Trustees

**b. Inter Faculty Organization**

Dr. Nancy Johnson Black, President, and Mr. Russ Stanton, Director of Government Relations, Inter Faculty Organization (IFO), addressed the Board of Trustees.

**7. Consent Agenda**

*All matters listed under Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. Any trustee may request that an item or items be removed from the Consent Agenda for independent consideration.*

- a. Interagency Agreement with the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
- b. Southwest Minnesota State University Student Housing Proposal
- c. Saint Paul College District Energy Contract

*Vice Chair Shaw moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Moran seconded and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.*

**8. Board Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Finance/Facilities Policy Committee, Clarence Hightower, Chair**

**(1) Finance/Facilities Division Update**

Committee Chair Clarence Hightower reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor Laura King on the Finance/Facilities Division. He also reported that three Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Budget public hearings were held and he thanked those that attended and staffed the hearings.

**(2) FY 2006 Revenue Fund Fees and Spending Plan (First Reading)**

Committee Chair Hightower reported that the committee heard a report from Associate Vice Chancellor Allan Johnson on the Fiscal Year 2005 Revenue Fund Fees and Spending Plan. The Board annually approves fees and finance plans for residence hall and student union programs. This will be an action item at the April meeting.

**b. Educational Policy Committee, David Paskach, Chair**

**(1) Academic and Student Affairs Update**

Committee Vice Chair Ann Curme Shaw reported that the committee heard an update from Senior Vice Chancellor Linda Baer on the activities of the Academic and Student Affairs Division.

**\* (2) South Central Technical College Mission Change**

*Committee Vice Chair Curme Shaw moved that the Board of Trustees approves the request by South Central Technical College to change its mission to become a comprehensive two-year college. The new mission is, "South Central Technical College provides comprehensive higher education for employment and continuous learning to promote individual growth and economic development." Trustee Ruth Grendahl seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

- \* **(3) Resident Tuition for Undocumented Students Living in Minnesota**  
*Committee Vice Chair Curme Shaw moved that the Board of Trustees supports legislation that will allow students who have attended high school in Minnesota for at least two years and who have either graduated from a Minnesota high school or attained a GED certificate in Minnesota to qualify for resident tuition rates; provided that this legislation does not conflict with federal laws. Trustee Lew Moran seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*
  
  - (4) Proposed Repeal of Carry Forward Technical College Policy 2.3.8.0 Technical Education Guarantee**  
Committee Vice Chair Curme Shaw reported that the committee heard a report from Senior Vice Chancellor Baer on the Proposed Repeal of Carry Forward Technical College Policy 2.3.8.0 Technical Education Guarantee. This policy was developed in the early nineties when many postsecondary institutions throughout the United States were offering guarantees to students for the dual purposes of marketing and quality assurance. This policy has not been a necessary marketing or quality assurance strategy at either the institution or system level. This will be an action item at the April meeting.
  
  - (5) Proposed Repeal of Carry Forward Community College Policy III.02.10 Diplomas**  
Committee Vice Chair Curme Shaw reported that the committee heard a report from Senior Vice Chancellor Baer on the Proposed Repeal of Carry Forward Community College Policy III.02.10 Diplomas. This policy has been superseded by current system practice managed through the Office of the Chancellor Public Affairs Division. This will be an action item at the April meeting.
- c. Technology Committee, Lew Moran, Chair**
- (1) Information Technology Update**  
Committee Chair Lew Moran reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor Ken Niemi on the current issues and work related to Information Technology.
  
  - (2) Business Practices Alignment Committee Update**  
Committee Chair Moran reported that the committee heard an update by President Robert Musgrove on the business practice alignment variations and he noted the committee discussed moving more quickly for seamless service to the students.
  
  - (3) Information Security Update**  
Committee Chair Moran reported that due to time constraints the Information Security Update was deferred to the April meeting.

**d. Advancement Committee, Cheryl Dickson, Chair**

**(1) Advancement Update**

Committee Chair Cheryl Dickson reported that the committee heard updates from Associate Vice Chancellor Linda Kohl and Executive Director Catherine McGlinch on the work of the Public Affairs division, and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Foundation.

**(2) Legislative Update**

Committee Chair Dickson reported that the committee heard an update from Deputy to the Chancellor John Ostrem on the 2005 legislative session. Committee Chair Dickson reported that there are numerous bills being tracked and Chancellor McCormick has made presentations on the budget request to the House and Senate Committees.

**(3) Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)/American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) National Legislative Summit**

Committee Chair Dickson reported that the committee heard a report from Federal Relations Director Mary Jacquart on the 2005 Federal issues and reported on the ACCT/AACC National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC. Chair Hoffman, Trustees Dickson, Dusek and Chancellor McCormick attended the Summit, visiting all of the Minnesota congressional offices and also met with Governor Pawlenty's Washington, DC staff.

**e. Ad Hoc Chancellor Assessment Committee, Ann Curme Shaw, Chair**

**(1) Discussion of Evaluation Process**

Committee Chair Curme Shaw reported that she and Trustees Ivan Dusek, Clarence Hightower and David Paskach are members of the Ad Hoc Chancellor Assessment Committee. This was the first meeting of the committee to discuss the process for the performance assessment of Chancellor McCormick in the current fiscal year.

**f. Human Resources Policy Committee, Ivan Dusek, Chair**

**(1) Human Resources Update**

Committee Chair Ivan Dusek reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor Bill Tschida on the Human Resources division.

**\* (2) Appointment of President of Winona State University**

With the announcement of Dr. Darrell Krueger's retirement as president of Winona State University, a nationwide search was conducted with the assistance of an executive search firm. Dr. Roland Barden, president of Minnesota State University Moorhead, chaired the search committee.

Chancellor McCormick, along with members of the Board of Trustees and Cabinet from the Office of the Chancellor, interviewed three finalists.

Chancellor McCormick announced that he is pleased to recommend Dr. Judith A. Ramaley for the presidency of Winona State University. Currently, Dr. Ramaley is a visiting senior scientist at the national Academy of Sciences and is Presidential Professor of Biomedical Sciences and a Fellow of the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy at the University of Maine. She also served as president of two institutions, the University of Vermont and Portland State University. Dr. Ramaley holds a Ph.D. in anatomy from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a bachelor's degree in zoology from Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

*Committee Chair Dusek moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor McCormick, appoints Dr. Judith A. Ramaley as President of Winona State University effective July 18, 2005, subject to the completion of an employment contract, which the Board authorizes the Chancellor to negotiate in consultation with the Chair of the Board and Chair of the Human Resources Policy Committee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Personnel Plan for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Administrators. Trustee Ruth Grendahl seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Dr. Ramaley expressed her appreciation to the Board and Chancellor McCormick and added that she is honored and excited to accept the position as president of Winona State University. She thanked the Board, Chancellor McCormick and the Search Committee for the opportunity to participate in what she stated is: "One of the most important things a person can do in their life is to offer opportunity to others."

**9. Requests by Individuals to Address the Board**

**10. Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

**11. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Curme Shaw adjourned the meeting by consensus at 2:28 p.m.

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Ingeborg K. Chapin  
Board Secretary