

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 22, 2006

WELLS FARGO PLACE

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Trustees Present: Robert Hoffman, Chair, Will Antell, Duane Benson, Michael Boulton, Ivan Dusek, Ruth Grendahl, Clarence Hightower, Carol Ley, Lew Moran, David Olson, Thomas Renier, David Paskach, Christopher Schultz and Ann Curme Shaw

Trustees Absent: Cheryl Dickson

1. Call to Order

Chair Robert Hoffman called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

2. Chair's Report

a. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting of January 19, 2006

Chair Hoffman announced that the minutes were approved with a revision to the Diversity Committee report on the "Power of You" initiative.

b. Information: Draft Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Chair Hoffman stated that the minutes of the Executive Committee of March 1, 2006, were presented for information.

c. Other

Chair Hoffman announced that the Board will elect a chair, vice chair and treasurer at the annual meeting on July 19, 2006. Board members who wish to run for a position shall submit their name in writing to the Board office by June 19, at least thirty days prior to the date of the election. The Board office will mail each member a list of the candidates by June 23, 2006. Nominations can be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

Chair Hoffman thanked the Trustees for their support of the system by attending legislative hearings. He stated that Trustees attended twenty-seven commencements in 2005, and added that he hopes Trustees will again participate at the upcoming spring and fall commencements. Chair Hoffman also thanked Chancellor McCormick for his leadership and efforts on behalf of the Board and the system.

3. Trustees' Reports

Trustee Will Antell reported that he attended the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Legislative Summit on February 13-15, 2006, in Washington, D.C.

Vice Chair Ann Curme Shaw reported that she, along with Chair Hoffman, Trustee Dickson, Chancellor McCormick and Director of Government Relations Mary Jacquart, attended the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit on February 5-8, 2006, in Washington, D.C.

Trustee Ivan Dusek reported that he attended the regional Kennedy Center College Festival at Minnesota State University Moorhead. He also attended a theater production at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He reported that he attended a meeting on "Building a Global Partnership" on February 1. He also attended a conference on the "2006 State of Students of Color" on February 16.

Vice Chair Shaw reported that she testified at the Senate Higher Education Committee on the bonding request and noted that the staff did an excellent job preparing for the testimony.

Trustee Michael Boulton reported that he and Trustee Carol Ley attended and participated as keynote speakers on a panel at the *Realizing Student Potential Conference* at Minneapolis Community and Technical College. He also attended a student extravaganza event at Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Canby and a Higher Learning Commission meeting at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Trustee Carol Ley reported that the Diversity Resource Action Alliance at Alexandria Technical College is partnering with the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce to host the first annual Cultural Fest on Memorial Day weekend.

Trustee Duane Benson reported that he attended The Collaborative's meeting "Talent: Educating and Preparing Our Human Capital to Fuel the Innovation Economy" in Minneapolis. He added that Chancellor McCormick participated on the ChangeMakers panel at the event.

4. Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor McCormick welcomed the Board members, presidents, faculty and staff. He welcomed the presidential candidates to the meeting and commended President Joan Volkmuth and Interim Presidents Joseph Opatz, Ronald Kraft and James Davis for their outstanding service. He commended the presidential search chairs for their commitment in the search process of the presidential candidates.

Since the Board voted to accept the 2006-2010 Strategic Plan in January, Chancellor stated that the focus has been on developing the action plan. The plan will target specific strategies with measurable outcomes to achieve the goals of the plan. He reported that a detailed publication of the plan will be available within the next few weeks.

Chancellor expressed the importance of strategic direction one, *Access and Opportunity*, and he stated that the system must continue to be the access point for the citizens of Minnesota. He added that the presidents are equally committed to access and success for their students. He stated that the action plan will include the preparedness of students as one of its areas of focus. He continued that each of the five goals within direction four, *Innovation for Current and Future Educational Needs*, has been a focus with much thoughtful conversation.

Chancellor reported that he has engaged the presidents on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Board Development. He added that he has reported their ideas and comments to the committee.

Chancellor reported that both the House and Senate committees heard testimonies from the system on the bonding request. He thanked the Board members who testified at the presentations. He stated that he expects strong support for the Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) program as part of the final bill. He expressed his appreciation to the constituents of the bargaining units and student associations for their testimonies at the hearings. He added that the Senate Higher Education committee also heard the system's supplemental budget request. Governor Pawlenty recommended one-hundred thousand dollars to the system for support of veteran education services.

Chancellor reported that the American Indian initiative goal continues to be addressed to better meet the higher education needs of American Indians in the state. He added that the goal also serves as a model for action with other underserved groups. He reported that Trustee Antell, Executive Director Whitney Harris, Presidents Donald Day and Phil Davis and he attended a hearing at the American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center in Minneapolis. Director of the Center, Dr. Lee Antell, facilitated the discussion with leaders of the urban American Indian communities of the Twin Cities. Community leaders gave their testimony on issues that impact the access and success of American Indians in Minnesota's institutions. Presenters included representatives from local school systems and organizations such as the American Indian Chamber of Commerce.

Chancellor reported that he continues visits with corporate and foundation leaders and added that other relationships continue to be developed and also continued pursuit of funding opportunities.

Chancellor stated the importance of recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce and added that he met with affirmative action officers at a recent workshop. He added that training in the workshop was toward writing the 2006-2008 affirmative action plans.

Chancellor congratulated the St. Cloud State University women's basketball team and the Winona State University men's basketball team that are progressing to the Elite Eight in Division II. The St. Cloud men's hockey team was in the playoffs, and the Bemidji men's hockey team will be in the NCAA Division I men's ice hockey championship.

Chancellor noted that the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee awarded a scholarship to Winona State University student athlete, Kathryn Kramer. Ms. Kramer is a senior nursing major and a soccer goalie.

Chancellor reported that the system's bonding request was featured on Twin Cities Public Television's *Almanac at Capitol*. The segment starred Associate Vice Chancellor Allan "Heapman" Johnson and President Donovan Schwichtenberg in a brief look at the System's number one priority, Higher Education Asset Preservation and Renewal Projects.

5. Joint Council of Student Associations

a. Minnesota State College Student Association

Ms. Amy Bothum, Treasurer, Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA), addressed the Board of Trustees.

b. Minnesota State University Student Association

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

6. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

a. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

Ms. Karen Foreman, President, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), 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. Surplus Real Property Disposition
- b. Northwest Technical College – Bemidji Mission Approval
- c. Hennepin Technical College Mission Approval

Trustee Ruth Grendahl moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Michael Boulton seconded and the motion carried 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.

- (2) **FY 2007 Revenue Fund Fees and Finance Plans (First Reading)**
Committee Chair Hightower reported that the committee heard a presentation of the FY 2007 Revenue Fund Fees and Finance Plans from Associate Vice Chancellor Allan Johnson and Director of Facilities Sieglinde Bier. The universities have provided a set of proposed rates for residence hall fees and finance plans. This will be an action item at the April meeting.
- (3) **Strategic Plan Priorities for the FY 2008-2009 Biennial Operating Budget**
Committee Chair Hightower reported that the committee heard a report on the Strategic Plan Priorities for the FY 2008-2009 Biennial Operating Budget from Vice Chancellor Laura King. The report addressed the process of linking the Strategic Plan with the development of the biennial operating budget. This will be a major topic discussion for the Board at the April meeting.

b. Technology Committee, Lew Moran, Chair

- (1) **Information Technology Update**
Committee Chair Moran reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor Ken Niemi on the Information Technology Division.
- (2) **Proposed Security Policy 5.23 (First Reading)**
Committee Chair Moran reported that the committee heard a presentation from Vice Chancellor Niemi and ITS Security Director Bev Schuft on the Proposed Security Policy 5.23. The policy will provide a foundation for security procedures, standards and guidelines regarding the protection of information resources. This will be an action item at the April meeting.

**c. Joint Finance/Facilities Policy and Technology Committees,
Clarence Hightower and Lew Moran, Co-Chair**

- (1) **Enterprise Information Technology Investment Strategic Plan**
Committee Co-Chair Moran reported that the committee heard a presentation on the Enterprise Information Technology Investment Strategic Plan from Vice Chancellor King and Vice Chancellor Niemi. Co-Chair Moran stated that the IT system is under-funded and the plan calls for substantial new investment in the system's information technology infrastructure. This will be an action item at the April meeting.

d. Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee, Will Antell, Chair

- (1) **Diversity and Multiculturalism Update**
Committee Chair Antell reported that the committee heard an update on the work of the Diversity and Multiculturalism division from Executive Director Whitney Harris. He stated the Executive Director Harris is diligently working the initiatives related to the work of the committee.

(2) Draft of Systemwide Diversity Plan

Committee Chair Antell reported that the committee heard a report on the Draft Systemwide Diversity Plan from Executive Director Harris and President Roy Saigo. The draft plan proposes strategies for both the institutions and the Office of the Chancellor to improve the system's ability to serve Minnesota citizens. This will be presented to the committee again at the April meeting.

(3) American Indian Initiatives Plan

Committee Chair Antell reported that the committee heard a report on the American Indian Initiatives Plan from Executive Director Harris and President Saigo. Committee Chair Antell and Chancellor McCormick have visited the chairs of nine of the eleven American Indian bands. The goal of this project is to address the higher education needs of the American Indians of Minnesota.

(4) Proposed Definition of Diversity

Committee Chair Antell reported that the committee heard a presentation on the Proposed Definition of Diversity from Executive Director Harris and President Saigo. The System does not currently have an approved definition of diversity.

(5) Update Urban American Indian Initiative

Committee Chair Antell reported that the committee heard an update on the Urban American Indian Initiative from Executive Director Harris and President Saigo. The update provided information on a hearing at the American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC).

(6) Student Demographic Data Update

Committee Chair Antell reported that the committee heard an update on the Student Demographic Data from Executive Director John Asmussen and System Director for Research Craig Schoenecker. Committee Chair Antell stated that progress has been made in improving the accuracy and depth of the student demographic data.

e. Educational Policy Committee, David Paskach, Chair

(1) Academic and Student Affairs Update

Committee Chair David Paskach reported that the committee heard an update from Senior Vice Chancellor Linda Baer on the Academic and Student Affairs Division.

- * (2) **Proposed Amendment to Policy 1A.1 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Organization and Administration (Second Reading)**
Committee Chair Paskach moved that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed amendment to Policy 1A.1 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Organization and Administration. Trustee Ruth Grendahl seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

 - * (3) **Proposed Amendment to Policy 3.17 Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates (Second Reading)**
Committee Chair Paskach moved that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed amendment to Policy 3.17 Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates. Trustee Ruth Grendahl seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

 - (4) **Proposed Policy 3.33 College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) (First Reading)**
Committee Chair Paskach reported that the committee heard a report on the Proposed Policy 3.33 College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) from Senior Vice Chancellor Baer and Associate Vice Chancellor Mike Lopez. This will be an action item at the April meeting.

 - (5) **Proposed Amendments to Board Policies (First Reading)**
 - a. **Policy 3.4 Admissions**
 - b. **Policy 3.15 Advanced Placement**
 - c. **Policy 3.16 International Baccalaureate Credit**Committee Chair Paskach reported that the committee heard a report on the Proposed Amendments to Policy 3.4 Admissions; Policy 3.15 Advanced Placement and Policy 3.16 International Baccalaureate Credit from Senior Vice Chancellor Baer and Associate Vice Chancellor Mike Lopez. The amendments will be action items at the April meeting.

 - (6) **Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Update**
Committee Chair Paskach reported that the committee heard an update on Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College from Senior Vice Chancellor Baer and President Donald Day. The update addressed the progress to separate the Fond du Lac Tribal College from the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in order to meet Bureau of Indian Affairs mandates.
- f. **Ad Hoc Committee on Board Development, Ann Curme Shaw, Chair**
- (1) **Review Recommendations for Board Meeting Restructuring**
Committee Chair Ann Curme Shaw reported that the committee reviewed recommendations for Board meeting restructuring. The committee will meet again in April to review a proposed meeting schedule.

g. 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 William Tschida on the Human Resources division.

*** (2) Appointment of President of Central Lakes College**

Committee Chair Dusek moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor McCormick, appoints Dr. Larry A. Lundblad as President of Central Lakes College effective July 1, 2006, subject to the completion of an employment agreement, 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 Michael Boulton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Lundblad stated that he is delighted to accept the position of president of Central Lakes College and added that he is very proud to be a part of the system. He thanked the Board, Chancellor McCormick and the search committee.

*** (3) Appointment of President of Hennepin Technical College**

Committee Chair Dusek moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor McCormick, appoints Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery as President of Hennepin Technical College effective July 24, 2006, subject to the completion of an employment agreement, 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 Thomas Renier seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Jeffrey expressed her deep appreciation to the Board and Chancellor McCormick and added that she is honored to be selected and for the opportunity to be the president of Hennepin Technical College.

*** (4) Appointment of President of Northland Community and Technical College**

Committee Chair Dusek moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor McCormick, appoints Dr. Anne K. Temte as President of Northland Community and Technical College effective July 1, 2006, subject to the completion of an employment agreement, 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 David Olson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Temte stated that she is honored and pleased to be selected as president of Northland Community and Technical College. She expressed her gratitude to the search committee for their support.

- * (5) **Appointment of President of St. Cloud Technical College**
Committee Chair Dusek moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor McCormick, appoints Joyce M. Helens as President of St. Cloud Technical College effective July 1, 2006, subject to the completion of an employment agreement, 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 Carol Ley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Helens stated that she is excited and proud to be appointed as president of St. Cloud Technical College. She thanked the Board, Chancellor McCormick and the search committee.

9. Requests by Individuals to Address the Board

There were no requests to address the Board.

10. Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

11. Adjournment

Chair Hoffman adjourned the meeting by consensus at 2:35 p.m.

Ingeborg K. Chapin
Secretary to the Board