

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2006

WELLS FARGO PLACE

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Trustees Present: Chair David Paskach, Caleb Anderson, Duane Benson, Michael Boulton, Ruth Grendahl, Dan McElroy, David Olson, Thomas Renier, Christine Rice, Scott Thiss, James Van Houten and Carol Wenner

Trustees Absent: Cheryl Dickson, Clarence Hightower and Ann Curme Shaw

1. Call to Order

Chair David Paskach called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Chair's Report

a. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting of September 20, 2006, and Minutes of Committee of the Whole, October 18, 2006

Chair Paskach announced that the minutes of September 20, 2006, and October 18, 2006, were approved.

3. Trustees' Reports

Chair Paskach and Trustees Ruth Grendahl and James Van Houten reported that they attended the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Leadership Congress in Orlando on October 11-14. Chair Paskach, Trustee Grendahl, Chancellor James McCormick and Senior Vice Chancellor Linda Baer gave a panel presentation, "Leading, Navigating and Innovating the System of the Future." Trustee Grendahl co-facilitated a roundtable discussion on governance.

Trustee Carol Wenner reported that she attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Veterans Center at Alexandria Technical College on November 9. Trustee Michael Boulton reported that he attended the 19th Annual Penny Fellowship dinner on October 27. Chair Paskach reported that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Student Services building at St. Cloud Technical College on October 24. He also toured St. Cloud State University on October 25.

4. Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor McCormick reported that he also attended the ACCT National Leadership Congress meetings in Orlando. He commented that the panel presentation on the system of the future was very well received by the audience, and he thanked Chair Paskach and Trustee Grendahl and Senior Vice Chancellor Baer for their leadership role in the discussion.

5. Joint Council of Student Associations

a. Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA)

Mr. Scott Formo, President, addressed the Board of Trustees.

b. Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA)

Mr. Justin McMartin, State Vice Chair, addressed the Board of Trustees.

6. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

There were no reports from the bargaining units

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.

There were no Consent Agenda items.

8. Board Standing Committee Reports

a. Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee, Duane Benson, Chair

(1) Diversity and Multiculturalism Update

Executive Director Whitney Harris gave an update on activities in the Diversity and Multiculturalism division.

(2) Work Plan 2006-2007

Executive Director Harris reported that the committee reviewed and discussed strategies and actions for inclusion in the system's 2006-2010 Action Plan.

(3) Super Sunday

Executive Director Harris reported that this is a statewide initiative beginning in the Twin Cities. Presidents will meet with religious communities on Sunday, January 28, 2007, to address access and opportunity in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

b. Educational Policy Committee, Ann Curme Shaw, Chair

(1) Academic and Student Affairs Update

Committee Vice Chair Duane Benson reported that the committee heard an update from Senior Vice Chancellor Linda Baer on the activities of the Academic and Student Affairs division.

- (2) **Report on Strategic Direction 2: Goal 2.1 – Key Concept: Promote Increased Science, Technology, Engineering, Math Participation (STEM)**
Committee Vice Chair Benson reported that the committee heard a presentation on Strategic Direction 2: Goal 2.1 that provided context and suggested actions for increasing access and improving success for students in STEM courses and programs.
 - (3) **Charter School Sponsorship Annual Report**
Committee Vice Chair Benson reported that the committee heard an annual report on Charter School Sponsorship that included information on five charter schools sponsored during the 2004-2005 academic year by three system institutions.
 - (4) **Campus Profile: Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical**
Committee Vice Chair Benson reported that President James Johnson and staff of Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical highlighted the unique programs offered by the college. It was founded in 1949 with the simplified mission of “Workforce Education.”
- c. **Finance/Facilities Policy Committee, Thomas Renier, Chair**
- (1) **Finance/Facilities Update**
Committee Chair Thomas Renier reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor Laura King on the Finance/Facilities division.
 - (2) **Avian Flu Pandemic Planning**
Committee Chair Renier reported that the committee heard a report on the Avian Flu Pandemic Planning. All of the colleges and universities will soon have final plans in place.
 - * (3) **FY 2008 -2009 Biennial Operating Budget**
Committee Chair Renier moved that the Board of Trustees is committed to providing high-quality, accessible education at all Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The Board strongly urges the state of Minnesota to support the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities fiscal year 2008-2009 biennial budget request as illustrated in Table 2 and FY 2007 capital budget request in Attachment A.
- The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities’ Board of Trustees approves the final fiscal year 2008-2009 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities biennial operating budget request and the fiscal year 2007 capital budget request for transmittal to the Department of Finance.*

The Chancellor is requested to provide periodic updates on the progress of the budget through the executive and legislative branch review and approval process.

It is the intent of the Board that the system average tuition increase for the 2008-2009 biennium will not exceed 4 percent annually regardless of the legislative appropriation.

Trustee Michael Boulton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

d. Audit Committee, Clarence Hightower, Chair

(1) Legislative Audit Report of Seven Colleges

Committee Vice Chair Scott Thiss reported that staff from the Office of the Legislative Auditor and Executive Director John Asmussen presented a Legislative Audit Report of Seven Colleges. The report noted that one area of higher risk were transactions that reduce revenues, such as tuition waivers and backdated drops. Committee Chair Clarence Hightower asked Internal Auditing to review this area more closely and report to the Audit Committee in December on the risk associated with these transactions.

(2) Internal Auditing Systemwide Projects – FY 2007

Committee Vice Chair Thiss reported that the committee heard a report on the Internal Auditing Systemwide Projects – FY 2007. The projects will focus on priorities for studying student success measures reported to the Board of Trustees.

*** (3) Review of the Fiscal Year 2006 Audited Financial Statements**

Trustee Ruth Grendahl moved that based on the review and recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Trustees approves the release of the Fiscal Year 2006 Audited Financial Statements as submitted. Trustee Benson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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 Paskach adjourned the Board of Trustees meeting by consensus at 1:40 p.m.

Ingeborg K. Chapin
Secretary to the Board