

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

WELLS FARGO PLACE

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Trustees Present: Chair David Paskach, Caleb Anderson, Duane Benson, Michael Boulton, Cheryl Dickson, Ruth Grendahl, Clarence Hightower, Dan McElroy, Thomas Renier, Christine Rice, Ann Curme Shaw, Scott Thiss, James Van Houten and Carol Wenner

Trustees Absent: David Olson

1. Call to Order

Chair David Paskach called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

2. Chair's Report

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

Chair Paskach announced that the minutes of July 19, 2006, were approved.

b. Fiscal Year 2006 Year-end Board Operating Budget Report

Chair Paskach reported that the Fiscal Year 2006 Year-end Board Operating Budget report was presented as information. The transactions were audited by the Office of Internal Auditing and there were no findings.

c. Other

Chair Paskach announced that there was a change to the Fiscal Year 2007 Board of Trustees meeting calendar. An Audit committee meeting was added to the calendar on November 8, 2006, to review the Fiscal Year 2006 Audited Financial Statements.

3. Trustees' Reports

Trustee Boulton reported that he and Trustees Ruth Grendahl and Dan McElroy attended groundbreaking for the Trafton Science Center Addition and Julia A. Sears Residence Hall at Minnesota State University, Mankato on September 15.

4. State of the System

Chancellor McCormick delivered the 2006 State of the System Address (attached).

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. Travis Reese, State Chair, addressed the Board of Trustees.

6. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

a. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Ms. Karen Foreman, President, (AFSCME Council 6) addressed the Board of Trustees.

b. Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE)

Mr. Rick Nelson, Business Agent, addressed the Board of Trustees.

c. Inter Faculty Organization (IFO)

Dr. Nancy Johnson Black, President, 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. St. Cloud Technical College Real Property Acquisition
- b. Approval of Contract Exceeding \$2 Million Dollars - Conversion of Client/Server Programs to J2EE-Based Web Application

Trustee Duane Benson moved approval of Consent Agenda. Trustee Grendahl seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Board Standing Committee Reports

a. 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) FY 2008-2009 Biennial Operating Budget Request

Committee Chair Renier reported that the committee heard a presentation from Vice Chancellor Laura King on the FY 2008-2009 Biennial Operating Budget Request. He reported that the committee will hold a public hearing on the budget request at Ridgewater College in Hutchinson on September 27.

(3) RightNow Technologies Contract

Committee Chair Renier reported that the committee heard a report from Vice Chancellor King on the RightNow Technologies contract. RightNow Technologies was selected by the Information Technology Services division to provide software that would provide a single application to all student service inquiries and help desk interaction throughout the System.

(4) Minnesota West Community and Technical College – Worthington YMCA Joint Project

Committee Chair Renier reported that the committee heard a report from Associate Vice Chancellor Allan Johnson on the Minnesota West Community and Technical College – Worthington YMCA Joint Project. Tentative plans for the project include groundbreaking in August 2007 with occupancy targeted for August 2008.

(5) Finance Division FY 2007 Goals and Objectives

Committee Chair Renier reported that the committee heard a presentation from Vice Chancellor King on the Finance Division FY 2007 Goals and Objectives. The work plan items were developed in consultation with the systemwide chief financial officers and the Finance and Administration Committee of the Leadership Council.

b. Human Resources Policy Committee, David Olson, Chair

(1) Human Resources Update

Committee Vice Chair Duane Benson reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor William Tschida on the Human Resources division.

*** (2) Authorization of Leadership Employment Agreements**

Committee Vice Chair Benson moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chancellor, in consultation with the Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Human Resources Policy Committee, to enter into employment agreements with presidents and vice chancellors whose current agreements expire June 30, 2007. Trustee Boulton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

*** (3) Amendments to Policy 4.5, Student Employees (Second Reading)**

Committee Vice Chair Benson moved that the Board of Trustees approves the recommended amendments to Policy 4.5, Student Employees. Trustee Boulton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

(4) Committee Work Plan and Protocols

Committee Vice Chair Benson reported that the committee heard a report from Vice Chancellor Tschida on the Committee Work Plan and Protocols. The committee reviewed and identified topics for the work of the committee for Fiscal Year 2007.

c. Advancement Committee, Ruth Grendahl, Chair

(1) Advancement Update

Committee Chair Ruth Grendahl reported that the committee heard an update from Associate Vice Chancellor Linda Kohl and Executive Director Catherine McGlinch on the work of the Public Relations division and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Foundation, respectively.

(2) Economic Impact Study of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities – Paul Anton, Wilder Research

Committee Chair Grendahl reported that the committee heard a presentation on the Economic Impact Study of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities – Paul Anton, Wilder Research. The study found that for every dollar in net state spending on the system, the annual economic benefits returned to the State amount to an estimated \$10.87.

d. Education Policy Committee, Ann Shaw, Chair

(1) Academic and Student Affairs Update

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

(2) Centers of Excellence

Committee Chair Shaw reported that the committee heard a report on the Centers of Excellence from Senior Vice Chancellor Baer and the directors from the four Centers of Excellence. The presentation provided an overview of the four centers and their educational partners, an update on their educational programming and industry involvement and an overview of an evaluation being conducted by Wilder Research.

*** (3) Action Plan Targets**

Committee Chair Shaw moved that the Board of Trustees accepts the 2006-2010 Action Plan and targets established for the first year 2006-2007, and that the Board of Trustees requires a progress report in the fall of 2007 which will include a target for Goal 4.2 on Innovation. Trustee James Van Houten seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

(4) Annual Sabbatical Report

Committee Chair Shaw reported that due to time constraints the Annual Sabbatical report was provided as information.

e. Technology Committee, Cheryl Dickson, Chair

(1) Information Technology Update

Committee Chair Cheryl Dickson reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor Ken Niemi on the Information Technology division.

(2) IT Strategic Investment Plan Biennial Budget Proposal

Committee Chair Dickson reported that the committee heard a presentation from Vice Chancellor Niemi on the IT Strategic Investment Plan Biennial Budget Proposal. The presentation provided an overview of the most current draft of a biennial budget proposal focused on implementing the Board-endorsed Enterprise Information Technology Strategic Investment Plan.

9. Requests by Individuals to Address the Board

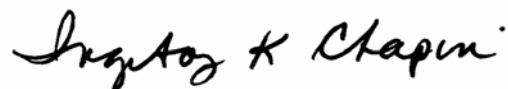
There were no requests to address the Board.

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 3:40 p.m.



Ingeborg K. Chapin
Secretary to the Board