

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2007

WELLS FARGO PLACE

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

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

Trustees Absent: Clarence Hightower

1. Call to Order

Chair David Paskach called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and reported that a quorum was present.

2. Chair's Report

a. Minutes of Committee of the Whole of January 17, 2007

b. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting of January 17, 2007

c. Minutes of Board of Trustees Retreat of February 20-21, 2007

Chair Paskach announced that the minutes of January 17, 2007 and February 20-21, 2007 were approved.

3. Human Resources Policy Committee, *David Olson, Chair*

*** Appointment of President of St. Cloud State University**

Chair Paskach announced that upon the announcement of Dr. Roy Saigo's retirement as president of St. Cloud State University, a nationwide search was conducted with the assistance of an executive search firm. Chair Paskach stated that he assisted in the interview process and commented that he is pleased with the outcome and recommendation that will be presented to the Board for approval.

Chancellor McCormick reported on the search and selection process stating that Dr. Wilson Bradshaw, president of Metropolitan State University, 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. As a result of this process, Chancellor McCormick recommended Dr. Earl H. Potter III for the presidency of St. Cloud State University.

Dr. Potter has served as executive vice president and provost at Southern Oregon State University in Ashland since 2003. Previously, he was dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University; dean of the School of Management at Lesley University; director for organizational development and employment services at Cornell University; associate dean for academics at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy; a fellow for the American Council on Education in the Office of the Chancellor at the University of Colorado;

and chief negotiator for management and head of the Department of Economics and Management at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1969 to 1993 and retired at the rank of captain.

Dr. Potter holds a Ph.D. in organizational psychology and a master's degree in psychology, both from the University of Washington, and a bachelor's degree with honors in psychology from Williams College.

Committee Chair Olson moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor McCormick, appoints Dr. Earl H. Potter III as President of St. Cloud State University effective July 1, 2007, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The Board authorizes the Chancellor, in consultation with the Chair of the Board and Chair of the Human Resources Policy Committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement 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.

4. Adjournment

Chair Paskach adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Ingeborg K. Chapin
Secretary to the Board