

# MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2009

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

**Trustees Present:** Chair David Olson, Duane Benson, Cheryl Dickson, Jacob Englund, Ruth Grendahl, Clarence Hightower, Dan McElroy, David Paskach, Christine Rice, Louise Sundin, Scott Thiss, Terri Thomas and James Van Houten

**Trustees Absent:** Allyson Lueneburg and Thomas Renier

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair David Olson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and reported that a quorum was present.

**2. Chair's Report**

**a. Minutes of Board of Trustees Study Session of May 19, 2009**

The minutes of the Study Session were approved as written.

**b. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting of May 20, 2009**

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting were approved as written.

**c. FY 2010 Board Operating Budget**

*Trustee Rice moved that the Board of Trustees approves its FY 2010 Board Operating Budget of \$212,500. Trustee Grendahl seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**d. Report of Closed Session on the Chancellor's Evaluation**

Chair Olson reported that the Board met on June 17, 2009, on Chancellor McCormick's annual performance evaluation. A summary of the evaluation will be reported at the July meeting. Chair Olson remarked that the system is fortunate to have Chancellor McCormick's leadership.

**e. Other**

Chair Olson thanked Trustees Clarence Hightower, Thomas Renier and Scott Thiss for their counsel to staff during the legislative session. He thanked Trustees Christine Rice and Scott Thiss for their counsel to staff on 2020 planning.

Chair Olson announced that he, Vice Chair Grendahl and Treasurer Thiss will run for re-election at the annual meeting in July with the intention of maintaining leadership continuity.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**a. Winona State University Construction Contract Approval**

**b. Facilities Cleaning Assessment Contract Approval**

*Trustee Duane Benson moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Clarence Hightower seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**4. Board Policy Decisions**

**a. Metropolitan Area Planning**

Chair Olson reported that the action on Metropolitan Area Planning was deferred to the July meeting.

**b. FY 2010-2015 Capital Budget Request**

*Trustee Cheryl Dickson moved that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2010-2015 Capital Budget as presented in Attachment A on pages 23-24 of the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee ([http://www.mnscu.edu/board/materials/2009/june18/fft-04-cap\\_budget.pdf](http://www.mnscu.edu/board/materials/2009/june18/fft-04-cap_budget.pdf)) specifically the projects and priorities for FY2010-11. The Chancellor is authorized to make cost and related adjustments to the budget as required, and to forward the Capital Budget to the Governor for consideration in the FY2010–2015 State Capital Budget. The Chancellor shall advise the Board of any subsequent changes in the Capital Budget prior to the 2010 legislative session. Trustee Jacob Englund seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

**5. Board Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Human Resources Committee, Ruth Grendahl, Chair**

- (1) Proposed Board Policy 4.11 Board Early Separation Incentive Program (First Reading)  
Trustee Grendahl reported that the committee heard a presentation on the Proposed Board Policy 4.11 Board Early Separation Incentive Program. This item will be presented for a second reading and action at the July meeting.
- (2) Public Hearing on the Proposed Board Policy 4.11 Board Early Separation Incentive Program  
Trustee Grendahl reported that the Human Resources Committee held a public hearing on the Proposed Board Policy 4.11 Board Early Separation Incentive Program.

**b. Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dan McElroy, Chair**

- (1) Academic and Student Affairs Update  
Committee Chair Dan McElroy reported that the committee heard an update from Senior Vice Chancellor Linda Baer on the activities of the Academic and Student Affairs division.

**c. Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee, Thomas Renier, Chair**

- (1) Finance, Facilities and Technology Update  
Committee Vice Chair Hightower reported that the committee heard an update from Vice Chancellor Laura King on the activities of the Finance, Facilities and Technology divisions.

- (2) Collaborative Sourcing Initiative  
Committee Vice Chair Hightower reported that the committee heard a report on the Collaborative Sourcing Initiative. The report detailed purchasing programs for systemwide use that would potentially save significant dollars.
- (3) FY 2010-2011 Operating Budget Including Tuition and Fees (First Reading)  
Committee Vice Chair Hightower reported that the committee heard a presentation on the FY 2010-2011 Operating Budget Including Tuition and Fees. This item will be presented for a second reading and action at the July meeting.
- (4) Public Hearing on the FY 2010-2011 Operating Budget Including Tuition and Fees  
Committee Vice Chair Hightower reported that the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee held a public hearing on the FY 2010-2011 Operating Budget Including Tuition and Fees.

**6. Joint Council of Student Associations**

**a. Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA)**

Mr. Jacob Littler, President, addressed the Board of Trustees.

**b. Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA)**

Mr. Kelly Asche, Executive Director, addressed the Board of Trustees.

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

**a. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees**

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

**b. Administrative and Service Faculty (ASF)**

Mr. Shahzad Ahmad, President, addressed the Board of Trustees.

**8. Trustees' Reports**

Trustee McElroy reported that he visited the mobile science lab at St. Cloud State University where the funding was provided by Medtronic Inc.

Trustee Thiss reported that he and Trustee Benson attended a meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers sponsored by the Joyce and Lumina Foundations. Chair Olson thanked Trustees Benson and Thiss for representing the system.

**9. Chancellor's Comments**

Chancellor McCormick thanked the unions' leadership for their positive and focused approach in moving forward despite the budget challenges. Chancellor McCormick thanked the presidents and staff for their support and teamwork with the difficult budget situation. Chancellor McCormick stated that the legislators and Governor Pawlenty have been supportive of the system's capital investments. The legislators will be reviewing the capital projects throughout the summer.

Chancellor McCormick thanked the outgoing Leadership Council co-chair President Pat Johns, and past co-chair Jon Quistgaard. Presidents Richard Davenport and Kevin Kopischke will be the incoming co-chair and vice chair for fiscal year 2010, respectively. Chancellor McCormick stated that evaluations of the presidents and staff will take place in July.

Chancellor McCormick commented that the system remains healthy and is well respected nationally. Chancellor McCormick noted that the system has dealt well with the budget issues and new actions will be taken. Chair Olson and Chancellor McCormick will work on the system's goals for the coming year and into the future.

Chancellor McCormick stated that he and Senior Vice Chancellor Baer have met with the each of the constituent groups on 2020 Planning. Chancellor McCormick noted that the system requested the audit by the Office of the Legislative Auditor. Chancellor McCormick noted that he looks forward to their report.

Chancellor McCormick thanked the Board for their time. Trustee Hightower thanked Chancellor McCormick for his leadership and keeping the system strong through these difficult times.

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

There were no requests to address the Board.

**11. Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

**12. Other**

Chair Olson announced that the next Board of Trustees meetings will be on July 21-22, 2009. Chair Olson reviewed the committees' work plans for July. Each committee will present their work plan for the coming year to the Chair.

**13. Adjournment**

Chair Olson adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

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Ingeborg K. Chapin  
Secretary to the Board