

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD ACTION**

**APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM PRESIDENT OF
METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

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3 **BACKGROUND**

4 Dr. Wilson G. Bradshaw, president of Metropolitan State University, submitted his
5 resignation on September 28, 2007, to become the next president of Florida Gulf Coast
6 University in Fort Myers, Florida. His last day of employment with Minnesota State
7 Colleges and Universities will be November 9, 2007. In accordance with board policy,
8 Chancellor James H. McCormick is recommending Dr. William J. Lowe as interim president
9 of Metropolitan State University.

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11 Dr. Lowe has been a part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system since July
12 2003, serving as Metropolitan State's provost and vice president for academic affairs. He also
13 holds faculty rank as professor of history. As the chief academic officer, Dr. Lowe guides the
14 business of five colleges and the Center for Online Learning for the university. Prior to joining
15 the Metropolitan State University community, Dr. Lowe was vice president for academic
16 affairs at The College of Saint Rose in New York; dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the
17 University of Detroit Mercy; and dean of graduate studies at Chicago State University. He has
18 held appointments at the State University of New York, Cortland and Lake Erie College in
19 Ohio as well. Active in systemwide matters, Dr. Lowe also has been active on the national
20 scene with the Association of State Colleges and Universities, among other organizations, and
21 in the community. He is widely published with writing and research emphases in the field of
22 modern Irish history.

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24 Dr. Lowe is a graduate of Michigan State University. His Ph.D. was completed at Trinity
25 College in Dublin.

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27 **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

28 The Board of Trustees approves the recommendation of Chancellor McCormick to appoint
29 Dr. William J. Lowe as interim president of Metropolitan State University effective
30 November 10, 2007, and authorizes the Chancellor to negotiate an employment agreement in
31 consultation with the Chair of the Board and Chair of the Human Resources Policy
32 Committee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Personnel Plan for Minnesota
33 State Colleges and Universities Administrators.

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37 *Date of Approval:* *October 31, 2007*
38 *Date of Implementation:* *November 10, 2007*