

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2015

Present: Chair Thomas Renier, Trustees Ann Anaya, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Duane Benson, Kelly Charpentier-Berg, John Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Robert Hoffman, Maleah Otterson, Elise Ristau, Louise Sundin, Erma Vizenor, Michael Vekich, and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

Absent: Trustees Alexander Cirillo and Philip Krinkie

1. Call to Order

Chair Renier called the meeting to order at 1:50 PM and announced that a quorum was present. Trustee Anaya participated by phone.

2. *Thomas Renier*

(1) Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on November 19, 2014

The minutes were approved as written.

(2) Other

Chair Renier made the following statement:

I would like to thank the trustees who attended or participated in a number of events in recent weeks on behalf of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

Several of us attended the Minnesota Chamber Annual Dinner on January 7. Thank you to the trustees who attended and special thanks to our presidents and communities that hosted us. As someone who has attended the annual dinner for many years, it was another reminder how special our friend and colleague David Olson was to the State of Minnesota.

Scholarship Gala on January 9. From all accounts, it sounds like it was a very successful event, honoring student scholarship winners and raising funds for future scholarships. Thank you to the trustees who attended.

Chancellor Rosenstone and Associate Vice Chancellor Brian Yolitz in a presentation on

Anderson Kelliher and Otterson who attended the hearing.

On Wednesday of last week, the House Higher Education Policy and Finance Committee had the opportunity to see and hear an overview of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The hearing was held in the carpentry lab at Saint Paul College(Unive15004t)-3.

positive reception of our overview at the House Higher Education Policy and Finance Committee. I am confident that the representatives left the Saint Paul College carpentry lab with a much deeper understanding of who we are, the students we serve, the

and new ways in which we are working together to be more affordable, efficient, and effective.

Representatives heard that we are ready to work together with them to solve two puzzles.

After defeating their rivals, Bemidji State and MSU, Mankato, faced off. Bemidji State took first place and MSU, Mankato, took second. Congratulations to the students, faculty, and staff of both universities.

4. Consent Agenda

- (1) **Minnesota State University, Mankato Approval for Guaranteed Energy Savings Program Contract Exceeding \$1 Million**
- (2) **St. Cloud Technical and Community College Approval for Building Renovation Contract Exceeding \$1 Million**
- (3) **Minnesota State College Moorhead Approval for Athletic Field Improvement Contract Exceeding \$1 Million**

Chair Renier moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

5. Board Policy Decisions

- (1) **Proposed Amendment to Policy 1B.1 Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination in Employment and Education (Second Reading)**

Chair Renier called the question on the following motion that was approved by the Diversity and Equity Committee.

The Board of Trustees approve the proposed amendments to Board Policy 1B.1 Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination in Employment and Education. The motion carried.

- (2) **Proposed Amendments to Policy 7.3 Financial Administration (Second Reading)**

Chair Renier called the question on the following motion that was approved by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

The Board of Trustees approve the proposed amendments to Board Policy 7.3 Financial Administration. The motion carried.

- (3) **Proposed Amendments to Policy 7.5 Financial Institutions and Investments (Second Reading)**

Chair Renier called the question on the following motion that was approved by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

The Board of Trustees approve the proposed amendments to Board Policy 7.5 Financial Institutions and Investments. The motion carried.

6. Board Standing Committee Reports

a. Audit Committee, Philip Krinkie, Chair

Committee Vice Chair Benson reported on the Audit Committee Meeting in the absence of Committee Chair Krinkie.

- (1) **CliftonLarsonAllen Engagement Partner Transition**

Committee Vice Chair Benson reported that the Audit Committee heard from Don Loberg, CliftonLarsonAllen. He is the new system engagement partner following the retirement of Tom Koop, who served in that capacity for many years.

- (2) Review Results of Metropolitan State University Special Review of Employee Payroll

Committee Vice Chair Benson reported that the committee heard a presentation on the results of Metropolitan State University review of employee payroll.

b. Diversity and Equity Committee, Ann Anaya, Chair

Committee Vice Chair Ristau reported on the Diversity and Equity Committee meeting in the absence of Committee Chair Anaya.

c. Finance and Facilities Committee, Michael Vekich, Chair

- (1) Proposed Amendment to Policy 7.1 Finance and Administrative Authority of Board, Chancellor and Presidents (First Reading)

Committee Chair Vekich reported that the committee heard a first reading of the Proposed Amendment to Policy 7.1 Finance and Administrative Authority of Board, Chancellor and Presidents. This will be presented for a second reading and approval at the March meeting.

- (2) 2013 and 2014 Audited Financial Statements Review

Committee Chair Vekich reported that the committee heard a presentation on the 2013 and 2014 Audited Financial Statements Review.

- (3) System Financial Resiliency Framework

Committee Chair Vekich reported that the committee heard a presentation on the System Financial Resiliency Framework.

d. Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Chair

- (1) Transfer Degree Pathways for Baccalaureate Completion

Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher reported that the committee heard a presentation on Transfer Degree Pathways for Baccalaureate Completion.

- (2) Student Spotlight, Minnesota State University Mankato

Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher introduced Minnesota State University, Mankato student Abrar Zawed. Mr. Zawed was recently awarded a RISE (Research Internships in Science and Engineering) Fellowship to the Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry in Germany. He was nominated by President Richard Davenport and the College of Science, Engineering and Technology Interim Dean Brian Martensen of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. Mr. Zawed has participated in undergraduate research at MSU, Mankato under the supervision of David Sharlin, assistant professor in the the Department of Biological Sciences.

A junior from Chittagong, Bangladesh, Mr. Zawed is enrolled in the Honors Program at MSU, Mankato. He is majoring in biomedical sciences and minoring in chemistry. He will spend ten weeks in Martinsried, a suburb of Munich, assisting the doctoral research of Neysan Donnelly, who is studying the effects of chromosome abnormalities on human cells.

