

**Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
Board of Trustees Minutes  
October 23, 2013**

Present: Chair Clarence Hightower, Trustees Ann Anaya, Margaret Anderson Kelliher,  
Alexander Cirillo,

Chancellor Rosenstone noted that in addition, many others offered suggestions directly to the workgroups. All the feedback has been collected, collated, and shared with the workgroups who have met twice since the board retreat and will meet again later this month to finalize their draft recommendations.

Chancellor Rosenstone continued that there is strong support among members of the workgroups for the guiding principle of fostering deeper collaboration among colleges and universities to better serve the students and state. The workgroups are refining and revising the recommended strategic directions to build upon the advice from the board, leadership council, as well as students, faculty and staff across our colleges and universities.

Chancellor Rosenstone stated that as President Pottel had made clear to the board in a memo on behalf of Leadership Council, support of greater collaboration among the colleges and universities does not mean support of more centralization or growing the system office. Chancellor Rosenstone emphasized that as the board is aware, he has expressed his conviction against more centralization especially over the past two years, and added that he is confident that the final draft will be another powerful statement of what he considers to be non-negotiable.

Chancellor Rosenstone remarked that he looks forward to sharing the report with the board of trustees at their November meeting. He added that a reception will follow the board meeting to honor the 46 students, faculty, staff, presidents, and trustees who have led the workgroups over the past year.

#### American Indian Higher Education Partnership

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that as part of ongoing efforts to close the achievement gap and ensure student success, he and staff have been working together in partnership with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and tribal leaders and representatives from Minnesota's eleven tribal nations. In August, he traveled to Tower, Minnesota with thirteen presidents and leaders from across colleges and universities for the first MnSCU Tribal Leaders Education Forum. He reported that there was an honest and thoughtful conversation on how to most effectively address the challenges and how to improve the opportunities for educational success for American Indian students.

As a result of the initial session, the system has joined forces with tribal leaders to meet the following goals by the year 2018:

- Eliminate the gap in higher education participation among American Indian students
- Reduce the persistence gap of American Indian students by 50%
- Reduce the completion gap of American Indian students by 25%, and
- Close all gaps by 2023.

To move these priorities forward:

- Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs John O'Brien will lead MnSCU's efforts and co-chair a Native Nations Education Task Force together with Melanie Benjamin, Chair of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.



Chancellor Rosenstone reported that he traveled to Alexandria Technical and Community College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and to Normandale Community College to spend a half day on each campus to discuss the search, meet with, and listen to all stakeholders. He continued that these are invaluable opportunities for understanding the needs of the campus and appreciates the time that hundreds of students, faculty, staff and community have devoted to these discussions. Later this month, he will visit both the Red Wing and Winona campuses of Southeast Technical College to get counsel as they kick-off of their presidential search.

Chancellor Rosenstone reported that the search for the Vice Chancellor for Information Technology is also underway. He met with the CIOs from across the system last month to get their input on the search as well. The search for a Chief Diversity Officer continues and he has personally involved himself by working closely with Vice Chancellor Carlson to recruit a strong pool of semifinalists that he anticipates they will interview next month. Chancellor Rosenstone remarked that he looks forward to the board's counsel on those items.

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Chancellor Rosenstone concluded remarking on the partnership between the Mexican Consulate, the colleges and universities, and communities across the state demonstrates that coming together and working together with focus on what's best for students and the communities, great things will happen. Teachers have the power to change the lives of students and the lives of the thousands of people those students will touch over the course of their lifetimes.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**(1) North Dakota Reciprocity Agreement**

Trustee Dawn Erlandson moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

**5. Board Policy Decisions**

There were no board policy decisions.

**6. Board Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Human Resources Committee**

Thomas Renier, Chair

**(1) Report of Closed Session for Labor Negotiations Strategy**

Committee Chair Thomas Renier reported that committee met in a closed session to discuss labor negotiations strategy for the following bargaining groups:

- (1) Minnesota State College Faculty
- (2) Inter Faculty Organization
- (3) Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty

**(2) Emeriti Recognition**

Pursuant to Board Policy 4.8, Emeritus Status, Chancellor Rosenstone presented his recommendation to confer presidential emeritus status on Keith Stover, who served as president at South Central Technical College from 1999-2013, and Donald Supalla, who served as president at Rochester Community and Technical College from 2000-2013.

Committee Chair Renier moved that upon the recommendation of Chancellor Steven Rosenstone, and in recognition that he served with great distinction, the Board of Trustees hereby confers the honorary title of President Emeritus upon Keith Stover, South Central College. The motion was approved and carried.

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(3) Recognition of Presidential Years of Service  
Committee Chair Renier and Chancellor Rosenstock recognized the following presidents for their years of service. President Doug Allen, Ridgewater College for ten years, President Phillip Davis, Minneapolis Community and Technical College for fifteen years and, President Robert Musgrave, Pine Technical College, for fifteen years

(4) Executive Searches  
Committee Chair Renier reported that the committee has a update on executive searches for the following executive positions: Chief Diversity Officer, Vice Chancellor for Informational Technology/Chief Information Officer and Presidents of Alexandria Technical and Community College, Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Normandale Community College and Chester Community and Technical College.

**b. Audit Committee**

Ann Anaya, Chair

(1) Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 1A.2 Board of Trustees (First Reading)  
Committee Chair Ann Anaya reported ststs33(t)-2(y C)2(olgc4c 3( T)1(t ))j 1.0)-2(l)-2(e.4

- (2) Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 5.23 Security and Privacy of Information Resources (First Reading)  
Committee Vice Chair Erlandson reported ~~that~~ the committee heard a first reading of proposed amendment to

9. **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units**
  - a. Inter Faculty Organization