

**Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2014**

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

Absent: Trustees Duane Benson and Erma Vizenor

1. Call to Order

Chair Thomas Renier called the meeting to order at 2:37 PM and announced that a quorum was present. Trustee Dawn Erlandson participated by phone.

2. Chair's Report: *Thomas Renier*

A. Approval of Minutes

Chair Renier stated that items 2, 3, and 8 of the following minutes are postponed to the November meeting.

- (1) **Board of Trustees Study Session on First Impressions and Priorities on June 17, 2014 (Handout)**
- (2) **Board of Trustees Study Session on Positioning Assessment and Brand Strategy Update on June 17, 2014 (Postponed)**
- (3) **Board of Trustees Study Session on Charting the Course for Diversity on June 18, 2014 (Postponed)**
- (4) **Board of Trustees Study Session on Update on Implementation of Charting the Future for a Prosperous Minnesota on June 18, 2014**
- (5) **Annual Board of Trustees Meeting on June 18, 2014**
- (6) **Special Board of Trustees Meeting on July 23, 2014**
- (7) **Special Board of Trustees Meeting on September 16, 2014**
- (8) **Notes of Board of Trustees Retreat on September 16-17, 2014 (Postponed)**

Trustee Anderson Kelliher moved approval of the remaining minutes, items 1,4,5,6, and 7. The minutes were seconded and approved as written.

B. Proposed Amendments to Board Policies (First Readings)

- (1) Policy 1A.1 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Organization and Administration

Chair Renier stated that board policies and system procedures are reviewed on a five-year rotating cycle. They may also be reviewed as the need arises. As the board works to strengthen its governance of the system, some board policies within Chapter 1, System Organization and Administration, were recently reviewed. In addition, one policy in Chapter 5, Administration, was reviewed.

1. Review current board policy and practice concerning contract approval levels
2. Review the current reporting and monitoring methods
3. Provide available national best practice insights concerning board governance standards and practices
4. Recommend any changes to policy or reporting practices in order to assure the

Now we are at a very exciting juncture in our work on *Charting the Future*. At the board's retreat, they heard about the 39 gallery walks being held at all of our colleges and universities this month and next as part of our commitment to engage deeply with students, faculty, and staff from across the state. Gallery walks are an opportunity for the four spring implementation teams to share their initial ideas and test them with their colleagues. And they are an opportunity for all voices and all ideas to be heard. This level of engagement is unprecedented in the nearly 20-year history of MnSCU.

Chancellor Rosenstone stressed that the gallery walks are sharing initial ideas, not final ideas. Implementation teams expect their ideas to inspire constructive criticism. The feedback each team receives will ultimately make their ideas stronger. Initial reports from the first two gallery walks – one at Pine Technical and Community College last week; the other at Saint Paul College just yesterday – confirmed the strong interest on the campuses. Both were very well attended by students, faculty, and staff. The ideas presented got people talking, sometimes sparking lengthy conversations and raising excellent questions, including something a staff member at Saint Paul College asked: “We have to do this work. How are we going to get it done?” The gallery walks inspired loads of additional ideas from visitors and they represent a springboard for the next phase, when the implementation begins. And they are going to be a wealth of information for the teams that began their work this fall. At the next board meeting, a gallery walk will be here for the board to see. He encouraged

Another said, "If you need help, there will always be someone there for you." Students at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls said, "Here you are part of something. We love our teachers. They care. The education is hands on, one-on-one, and we have small classes. Faculty push you to success and they help you succeed." At Mesabi Range College, a student told of how faculty open their homes each year to over 100 students to connect with them on a personal level and make them feel at home. At Vermillion Community College, students reported on faculty fundraising to help students pay for their textbooks.

Chancellor Rosenstone said that this was small sample of his visits with faculty, which gives the board a flavor for the inspiring work our faculty do every day, as well as a sense of their excellence and their dedication. He thanked all faculty for the extraordinary education they provide our students and for truly caring about teaching and learning and the success of our students.

Chancellor Rosenstone commented that Trustee Anderson Kelliher has often said that in the board room we can sometimes lose touch with the real work of education on our campuses across the state and the faculty and staff who make that magic happen. He urged the new trustees to spend a few days over the next few months learning about the remarkable teaching that goes on every day on every college and university campus.

Chancellor Rosenstone concluded his remarks by thanking the students at our colleges and universities for their involvement in our statewide get out the vote drive. He co-signed letters with MSCSA president Kaylee Schoonmaker in support of the Get Out The Vote efforts on our college campuses. He thanked the presidents, faculty, and staff for all that they are doing to support this student-led initiative. Chancellor Rosenstone congratulated

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6. Board Standing Committee Reports

a. Human Resources Committee, Alex Cirillo, Chair

(1) Appointment of General Counsel Kris Kaplan interim effective December 1

Committee Chair Cirillo moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoint Kristine Kaplan as interim general counsel for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities effective December 1, 2014.

Chair Renier called the question and the motion carried.

(2) Emeriti Recognition

Committee Chair Cirillo moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Steven Rosenstone, and in recognition that they have served with great distinction, the Board of Trustees hereby confers the honorary title of President Emeritus upon Phillip Davis, Minneapolis Community and Technical College; James Johnson, Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical; Kevin Kopischke, Alexandria Technical and Community College; Joseph Opatz, Normandale Community College; and Edna Mora Szymanski, Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Chair Renier called the question and the motion carried.

(3) Authorization of Leadership Employment Agreements

Committee Chair Cirillo moved that the Board of Trustees authorize the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the Board of Trustees and chair of the Human Resources Committee, to enter into employment agreements with presidents and vice chancellors during FY2015-FY2016.

Chair Renier called the question and the motion carried.

(4) Executive Search Process and Onboarding

Committee Chair Cirillo reported that the committee heard a report on the executisti Aic0(c)60(e)-

Anthony Sawyer

Trustee Anderson Kelliher stated that Anthony, a former homeless drug addict with few financial resources, is now sober and chair of the Saint Paul College President's Group. Anthony has taken the lead on starting Students in Recovery, a student group to provide anonymous, closed session support meetings for students on the campus who are struggling with drug and alcohol addiction.

Leena Jamaledin

Trustee Anderson Kelliher stated that Leena started her college career two months after arriving in the United States from Palestine. She immediately worked to redefine what "student involvement" meant.

Not only did she serve as a math and writing tutor, she was treasurer of the student senate and the El Futuro Club, as well as the marketing and events coordinator for the Muslim Student Association. With those groups, she helped organize Islam Awareness Week and the Cinco de Mayo festival. At her graduation, she received the President's Scholarship.

Mr. Sawyer and Ms. Jamaledin addressed the board. Trustee Anderson Kelliher thanked Mr. Sawyer and Ms. Jamaledin for sharing their stories and their contributions.

8. Trustee Reports

Trustee Jay Cowles reported that he attended the groundbreaking of Metropolitan State University's Science Center.

Trustee Louise Sundin reported that the late former Trustee Nellie Stone Johnson, civil rights and labor leader who died in 2002, will be honored with a bust displayed in the Minnesota State Capitol. Trustee Robert Hoffman added that Former Trustee Johnson was a key player in higher education.

Trustee Hoffman reported that he attended the South Central College Faribault Campus . Tr,m -0.004 Tc

- b. Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty
Adam Klepetar, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.
- c. Minnesota Associate of Professional Employees
Jerry Jeffries, regional director, addressed the Board of Trustees.
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