

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Board of Trustees Minutes
March 19, 2014

Present: Chair Clarence Hightower, Trustees Ann Anaya, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Alexander Cirillo, Cheryl Dickson, Dawn Erlandson, Philip Krinkie, Alfredo Oliveira, David Paskach, Maria Peluso, Thomas Renier, Elise Ristau, Louise Sundin, Michael Veach, Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

Absent: Trustee Duane Benson

1. Call to Order

Chair Clarence Hightower called the meeting to order at 2 PM and announced that a quorum was present. Trustees Ann Anaya, Alexander Cirillo, Alfredo Oliveira, David Paskach and Maria Peluso participated by telephone.

2. Chair's Report: Clarence Hightower

a. Minutes of Board of Trustees Study Session, Board of Trustees Accountability Dashboard, January 21, 2014

b. Minutes of Board of Trustees Study Session, Charting the Future for a Prosperous Minnesota, January 22, 2014

c. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting, January 22, 2014

The minutes listed above were approved as written.

3. Chancellor's Report: Steven Rosenstone

MnSCU Selected by Gates Foundation

Chancellor Steven Rosenstone announced that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation selected Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to join the State Postsecondary Education Systems Partnership. Last October, the Gates Foundation invited MnSCU to express its interest in joining a subset of state systems of

Third: The six recommendations for transforming the colleges and universities – recommendations that students, faculty, and staff articulated in *Charting the Future* – recommendations for changing how we work together in new ways to significantly increase collaboration to improve access, increase affordability and better serve students and communities across Minnesota. Forty higher education systems around the nation compete

Chancellor Rosenstone stated that under this initiative, he will work collaboratively with Gates Foundation experts and other leading postsecondary systems to develop long strategies to provide more students the opportunity to complete an excellent affordable education, tailored to their needs and designed to lead to successful lives and careers. Participation in the Gates Foundation initiative will help increase student success, especially for our state's fastest growing populations – communities of color, first generation Minnesotans, and families of modest financial means. The system benefit from this partnership in a number of ways: funding; engagement with Gates Foundation and other national expertise; the opportunity to work with other state systems of higher education; as well as the potential of a long term partnership with the Foundation. Chancellor Rosenstone said he looks forward to sharing the knowledge gained through the system's own efforts as well as learning about the strategies that other higher education systems have taken to address the challenges that we all face.

Chancellor Rosenstone expressed pride in the fact that Minnesota State Colleges and Universities was selected as one of twelve systems by the Gates Foundation to participate in this vital national endeavor. It is a powerful affirmation of the work undertaken and the vision that students, faculty, and staff have set in *Charting the Future* for a Prosperous Minnesota

Charting the Future Update

Chancellor Rosenstone briefly shared the *Charting the Future* progress stating that he will provide a full report to the board at a study session in June. The process to create the Organizational Capability team, the eight implementation teams, and the Steering Committee is well underway. Presidents have each expressed their preferences for the teams on which they would like to serve and have identified campus colleagues who can assist with

She supported a network of colleges and universities that applied for a \$5.5 million grant to support research in renewable energy – a grant that will be awarded later this spring. Most recently, she has h

Chancellor Rosenstone, Cynthia Bauerly, Deputy Commissioner Department of
Employment and Economic Development (DEED), and

Ridgewater College Wins ACT Award

Chancellor Rosenstone announced that Ridgewater College will receive the Minnesota Community College Career Preparedness Award for success rates greater than predicted, including one-year retention or transfer to a four-year institution and three-year graduation rates. The award is part of ACT's work with Commissioner Brenda Cassellius to celebrate achievement and create awareness around the goal of career and college readiness for all. In addition to Ridgewater, four other colleges were nominated for the award: Alexandria Technical and Community College, Itasca Community College; Northland Community and Technical College and Riverland Community College. The award comes with an invitation to attend a recognition gala in Washington, D.C., in June where the national winner will be announced. Chancellor Rosenstone congratulated President Allen and the Ridgewater faculty and staff on their great work on behalf of our students.

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- c. Proposed New Policy 3.40 Recognition of Veteran Status (Second Reading)
Trustee Anderson Kelliher moved that Board of Trustees approve the proposed new Policy 3.40 Recognition of Veteran Status. Chair Hightower called the question and the motion carried.
6. Board Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Human Resources Committee
Thomas Renier, Chair
 - (1) Appointment of President of Alexandria Technical & Community College
Trustee Thomas Renier moved that the

