

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
Board of Trustees Minutes  
May 21, 2014

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

Absent: Maria Peluso

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1. Call to Order

Chair Clarence Hightower led the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and announced that a quorum was present.

2. Chair's Report: Clarence Hightower

(1) Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting, April 23 2014  
The minutes were approved as written.

(2) Chancellor's Evaluation Timeline

Chair Hightower announced that the Performance Review Committee will meet in closed session on June 10 with the chancellor to discuss progress on meeting performance goals. The committee members are Chair Hightower and Trustees Ann Anaya, Alex Cirillo and Tom Renier.

On June 16, the Chancellor Performance Review Committee will provide an evaluation to Chancellor Rosenstone. On June 17, the committee will meet in closed session with Chancellor Rosenstone to discuss the results of the Chancellor's performance evaluation. Chair Hightower will provide a summary of Chancellor Rosenstone's evaluation during the board meeting on June 18.

(3) Proposed FY2015-2016 Meeting Calendar (First Reading)

Chair Hightower reported that the Executive Committee reviewed the proposed FY2015 and FY2016 meeting calendar on May 7. The meeting calendar will be presented for a second reading and approval on June 18.

Chancellor's Report: Steven Rosenstone

Chancellor Steven Rosenstone began by congratulating Chair Hightower, who received the President's Award during Southwest Minnesota State University's commencement on May 10. The President's Award is bestowed upon "a person who has contributed meritorious service to the university and to higher education in Southwest Minnesota."

Commencements

Chancellor Rosenstone thanked the trustees for their participation in this spring's 53 commencements across Minnesota.



### Next Biennial Budget

Consultation is underway on the FY2017 biennial legislative request. The presidents have convened conversations on their campuses with students, faculty, and staff for several months. Chancellor Rosenstone has been consulting with statewide bargaining units and student associations. Chancellor Rosenstone, the presidents, and cabinet members will begin discussions this summer and consultation with students, faculty, and staff will continue.

Chancellor Rosenstone introduced Otto Bremer Foundation Trustee Charlotte Johnson and Foundation Executive Director Randi Roth. Chancellor Rosenstone emphasized that the \$4 million gift by the Otto Bremer Foundation is historic. It will provide a monumental impact in serving students with financial need to ensure their success.

Trustee Johnson stated that she and Executive Director Roth were pleased to attend the meeting. She expressed their excitement for the launch of the "Finish Line Scholarship Program" in partnership with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The program was developed through a series of conversations between the Otto Bremer Foundation and Chancellor Rosenstone. The program fits the Foundation's mission to provide opportunities for all to participate fully in their communities.

4. Consent Agenda

(1) Riverland Community College Approval of College Mission Statement

Trustee Margaret Anderson Kelliher 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) Appointment of President of Normandale Community College

Trustee Thomas Renier moved that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Steven Rosenstone, appoint Joyce Ester as president of Normandale Community College effective August 2, 2014, subject to the completion of employment agreement. The board authorized the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the board and the chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MnSCU Personnel Plan for Administrators.

Chair Hightower called the question and the motion carried unanimously.

b. Audit Committee

Ann Anaya, Chair

(1) Review Results of the Internal Control and Compliance Audit of Minnesota State University Moorhead

- (3) Review Results of Audit Risk Assessment  
Committee Chair Anaya reported that the committee reviewed the results of the audit risk assessment.
  - c. Finance and Facilities Committee  
Michael Vekich, Chair
    - (1) FY 2015 Operating Budget (First Reading)  
Committee Chair Michael Vekich reported that the committee heard a first reading of the FY 2015 Operating Budget. This will be presented for a second reading and approval on June 18.
    - (2) Legislative Results Including 2014-2019 Capital Budget  
Committee Chair Vekich reported that the committee heard a presentation on the legislative results including the 2014-2019 Capital Budget.
  - d. Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Chair
    - (1) Annual Report on Program Inventory  
Committee Chair Anderson Kelliher reported that the committee heard a presentation on the annual report on program inventory.
8. Trustees Reports
- Chair Hightower congratulated Trustee Alfredo Oliveira, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from St. Cloud State University. Chair Hightower also welcomed Trustee Oliveira's family who were visiting from Brazil.
- Trustee Anderson Kelliher highlighted Anoka Ramsey Community College student Ms. Bukola Oriola. Ms. Oriola is an award winning journalist who started her journalism career in 2000 in her home country, Nigeria. She became a victim of human trafficking as a result of fraud. She was isolated for two years, endured all forms of torture, hunger, physical, psychological and emotional abuse. She was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. In 2009, she wrote a memoir, "Imprisoned: The Travails of a Trafficked Victim."
- Ms. Oriola joined Anoka Ramsey Community College to pursue an associate degree in Liberal Arts, and is currently working on her transfer to Bethel University for Organizational Leadership. Her current career focus was informed by a non-profit organization that she founded in August 2013, The Enitan Story, to advocate for victims and empower survivors of human trafficking. Trustee Anderson Kelliher thanked Ms. Oriola for sharing her story.
- Trustees Cirillo, Dickson, Erlandson, Oliveira, Paskach and Sundin reported their participation at the spring commencements.

9. Joint Council of Student Associations

a. Minnesota State University Student Association

Alexandra Griffin, state chair, addressed the Board of Trustees. She introduced state chair-elect, Kari Cooper, a student at Bemidji State University.

10. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

a. Inter Faculty Organization

Nancy Black, president, addressed the Board of Trustees.

b. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

June Clark, president, AFSCME MnSCU Policy Committee, addressed the Board of Trustees.

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Adjournment

Chair Hightower addressed the Board of Trustees.