

**Absent:** Trustees Basil Ajuo, Roger Moe, and

**Call to Order**

Chair Michael Vekich called the meeting to order.

**Chair's Report**

Chair Vekich welcomed George Soule to the Board of Trustees and he has served on the board of the Minnesota State Foundation. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the American Society of Barristers, and a member of the American Bar Association. He is also a mentor at the University of Saint Thomas Law School and a member of the Minnesota Judicial Selection. Trustee Soule also chaired the

Gov. Mark Dayton appointed Trustee Soule to the Board of Trustees on February 27, 2017, to fill a vacancy. His term ends on June 30, 2018.

**Chancellor Transition Team Update**

Associate Vice Chancellor Phil Davis, who is the convener of the transition team, reported that the team was well along in its work. In addition to himself, the other members are Presidents Connie Gores and Barbara McDonald, Vice Chancellors Ron Anderson, Mark Carlson, and Laura King, and Chief of Staff Nancy Joyer. Executive Assistant Vicki Tschida is supporting the team.

The charge of the team is to facilitate

external communications about the transition.

The first meeting of the transition team was on March 20, 2017. The team reviewed the charge, examined t

who have been working together on the campus climate task force; and Interim Chief Diversity Officer Nickyia Cogshell and Interim Assistant Chief Diversity Officer Josefina Landrieu for their leadership and service in their interim roles.

Scholarship Campaign Update

Phase one of the Access to Excellence Scholarship Campaign was incredibly successful, virtually doubling our \$20 million goal by raising \$39 million and awarding 28,000 scholarships. Phase Two was launched last June with a goal of raising \$50 million in new scholarship dollars. At the Board of Trustees meeting in May, the chancellor will report on the progress toward the goal.

Chancellor Rosenstone summarized three innovative scholarships and the difference they will make for our students.

Summer Scholars Academy

With nearly a \$1 million gift, Beverly and Richard Fink have created the "Summer Scholars Academy." This summer bridge program will provide full scholarships to students to participate in a summer program in partnership with nine Minnesota State colleges in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Summer Scholars Academy is aimed at assisting students who are not yet ready for college-level coursework by enabling students to complete their developmental education courses in the summer before freshman year, so they can move right into college-level courses in the fall. The program will reduce student costs and debt and increase student persistence and degree completion.

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president for 23 years, and a graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato. His family, friends, businesses associates, Minnesota State colleagues, and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce partnered with the School of Business at Minnesota State University, Mankato to build a nearly \$300,000 endowment to enable an annual \$7,500 scholarship to a student in the MBA program at MSU, Mankato with an interest in business, community, and public affairs leadership as well as an annual paid internship with a local Minnesota Chamber, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, or the national office of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The first scholarship and internship were awarded last December to MBA student Ellie James, who earned a bachelor's degree in management from MSU, Mankato in 2011 and will complete her MBA next year. Chancellor Rosenstone thanked all who contributed to this collaborative effort to honor David Olson's legacy:

- David's family, with leadership from Mary Claire Olson Potter;
- The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, with leadership from Doug Loon and Bill Blazer;
- MSU, Mankato, with leadership from President Richard Davenport, College of Business Dean Brenda Flannery, and the MSU, Mankato Foundation; and
- Members of this board, as well as the presidents and cabinet members who contributed to the scholarship.

#### Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship Program

The Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship Program is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Nellie Stone Johnson was a remarkable leader throughout a long career that began at a time



