





wide range of topics in his field, including global economics and manufacturing in the United States.

He received his Ph.D. in economics from Kansas State University.

When the board appointed Dr. Malhotra as interim president of Metropolitan State, we had high expectations for his leadership. We asked him not to be a placeholder, but rather to

the systemwide Academic Affairs Council.

Dr. Malhotra has a thoughtful understanding of what it means to lead and how to do so in a collaborative fashion. He believes that a higher education leader should set a tone for the system, and that tone should emanate from a shared understanding of our strategic framework. He believes that leading means empowering students, faculty and staff; engaging external stakeholders; and focusing on student success. And he is a savvy pragmatist who will work in collaboration with our presidents and with the chancellor's cabinet to help lead Minnesota State over this interim period.

Dr. Malhotra has the well-earned reputation of leading with calm, warmth, wit, humor, and heart.

As interim president, he used these qualities to inspire calm in others, bring people together, encourage them to move past previous challenges to see what's possible, and solve problems.

Dr. Malhotra performed brilliantly as interim president. He clearly understands the chancellor's role. And has a proven track record of leadership, which makes him the ideal person to lead as interim chancellor.

There is much that we expect him to help us accomplish in the coming year, which includes completing the priorities this board has set, most notably implementation of Charting the Future, and moving forward on ways to ensure the long term financial sustainability of our colleges and universities.

We are fortunate to be able to tap into the deep reservoir of gifts that Devinder Malhotra will bring to this work. He is a member of our family

my pleasure, and one of the best parts of my job, to work with many of these new people over the past two years."

Although Dr. Malhotra made it clear early in the search process that he would not be a candidate for the permanent position as chancellor, when I contacted him about an interim role, he did not hesitate to say yes.

This board has vetted Dr. Malhotra for a tremendously important leadership role once before, so he is no stranger to us. His record of accomplishment within our system gives me great confidence in recommending his appointment as interim chancellor of Minnesota State. We can expect nothing less from him than inspired leadership.

Therefore, I move that we appoint Dr. Devinder Malhotra as interim chancellor of Minnesota State.