

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
St. Paul, MN
Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Present: Chair Michael Vekich, Vice Chair Dawn Erlandson, Treasurer Jay Cowles, and Trustees AbdulRahmane Abdul-Aziz, Basil Ajuo, Ann Anaya, Alex Cirillo, Amanda Fredlund, Bob Hoffman, Jerry Janezich, Rudy Rodriguez, Louise Sundin, Cheryl Tefer, and Chancellor Devinder Malhotra

Absent: Trustees Roger Moe and George Soule

Call to Order

Chair Michael Vekich called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. He welcomed everyone and acknowledged Trustees Ann Anaya and AbdulRahmane Abdul-Aziz who participated by phone.

Chair's Report, Michael Vekich

We have a wonderful ceremony later today. There are a number of things we do as trustees, but today we will honor our outstanding educators at the Board of Trustees Awards Luncheon.

Chancellor's Report, Devinder Malhotra

Chair Vekich, Vice Chair Erlandson, and members of the board:

Today I want to bring attention to the work going on at our colleges and universities to create a vibrant, innovative landscape of learning. One example of that work will be on display later this morning at the award ceremony. Another example is the Shark Tank Open, Minnesota State's premier event showcasing the innovative work of faculty and staff to reimagine higher education.

Led by Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Kim Lynch and her Academic and Student Affairs team, this year's Shark Tank Open was held at the DoubleTree in Bloomington on April 12. Over 180 people from across our 37 colleges and universities – including Trustee Fredlund – gathered for an evening that was both a joyful celebration and lively competition. Faculty, staff, and student innovators pitched their ideas to expert panels – the “sharks” of the event's name. At stake was up to \$25,000 in funding for innovation.

Shark Tank Open also featured a series of TED-like talks by Minnesota leaders in government, business, and education, including former Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak. Attendees could visit numerous innovation rooms that were dedicated to scalable solutions, interactive technologies, and open educational resources. Past and future innovators shared successes and identified potential collaborators in activities such as virtual reality, robotics, flex-pace learning, and open textbooks and software.

In addition to the \$25,000 funding for innovation, up to \$10,000 is also available in what the team is calling “Pay It Forward” funding to help innovators who want to replicate others’ successes at their own campuses.

To give you a glimpse of the powerful innovations Shark Tank Open has inspired, I would like to share with you two videos that were created to showcase Shark Tank winners from the program’s past years.

The first one is an open educational resource innovation at Southwest Minnesota State University. The second is an additional open educational resource that students at MCTC are themselves helping to create – and in so doing are pushing the limits of cultural fluency of both students and faculty members. (*Videos are shown*)

It is always inspiring to learn of the passionate work our faculty and staff engage in throughout the state. Thank you to Senior Vice Chancellor Ron Anderson and his Academic and Student Affairs team for identifying an effective way through the Shark Tank Open for our educators to find funding for their innovative ideas and to share their ideas so they can be scaled across the system.

Consent Agenda

Chair Vekich called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

The consent agenda carried with one abstention.

- 1. Minutes, Committee of the Whole, March 20, 2018**
- 2. Minutes, Board of Trustees Meeting, March 21, 2018**
- 3. Approval of the Minnesota State College Faculty Bargaining Contract (Note: Trustee Cirillo abstained)**
- 4. Approval of the Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty Bargaining Contract**
- 5. Contract Exceeding \$1 Million: Insight Public Sector – Microsoft Purchases**

Board Standing Committee Reports

1. Human Resources Committee, Dawn Erlandson, Chair

- a. Appointment of President of Ridgewater College**

The following motion was approved unanimously:

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Dr. Craig Johnson as president of Ridgewater College effective July 1, 2018, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the board and chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Personnel Plan for Administrators.

Dr. Johnson addressed the board and the chancellor.

b. Appointment of President of Minnesota State Community and Technical College

The following motion was approved unanimously:

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Dr. Carrie Brimhall as president of Minnesota State Community and Technical College effective July 1, 2018, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the board and chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Personnel Plan for Administrators.

Dr. Brimhall addressed the board and the chancellor.

c. Appointment of Interim President of Dakota County Technical College and Inver Hills Community College

The following motion was approved unanimously:

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Michael Berndt as interim president of Dakota County Technical College and Inver Hills Community College effective July 1, 2018, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the board and chair of the Human Resources Committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Personnel Plan for Administrators.

Mr. Berndt addressed the board and the chancellor.

Student Associations

Students United:

Façal Rayani, state chair and Donovan Lura, Government Relations Intern and St. Cloud State University student, addressed the Board of Trustees.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Bargaining Units

Minnesota State University Association of Administrative Service Faculty:

Tracy Rahim, president, addressed and thanked the Board of Trustees for approval of the contract.

Board Standing Committee Reports (continued)

2. Audit Committee, Michael Vekich, Chair

• Internal Audit Updates

Committee Chair Vekich reported on project updates for the following: Phase 1 on Information Security Consultation, NextGen, HR-TSM, and FY2019 planning approach. Four candidates for the Executive Director for Internal Audit will be interviewed tomorrow, Thursday, April 19. Once a candidate has been selected, a special Audit Committee meeting will be held to act on the appointment and will later be ratified by the board.

3. Finance and Facilities Committee, Jay Cowles, Chair

- Framework for FY2020-2021 Legislative Operating Request Development
Committee Chair Cowles reported on the organizing principles that will shape the proposal for FY2020-2021 Legislative Operating Request. Chair Cowles emphasized three points: 1) we need to recognize that we are going to enter the FY2020-2021 with a significant deficit of \$33M; 2) we need to be sure to tell the story of Minnesota State as forcefully and clearly as possible; and 3) clarify the role of innovation, specifically what outcomes centered around student success will result from these innovations.

Trustee Rudy Rodriguez thanked Vice Chancellor Laura King for her leadership on the discussions.

Trustee Reports

Chair Vekich announced that trustee confirmations are tomorrow, Thursday, April 19 at the capitol.

So far, we have trustees signed up for 31 commencement ceremonies.

Other Business and Adjournment

Chancellor Devinder Malhotra was wished a happy birthday.

The Executive Committee will meet on May 2, and the next board meeting is May 15-16, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.

Ingeborg K. Chapin, Secretary to the Board