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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDS CANDIDATES TO THE GOVERNOR FOR MnSCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees Candidate Advisory Council voted today to recommend 12 candidates to Governor Pawlenty for appointment to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU).

Four seats on the Board of Trustees have terms that expire June 30, 2006; one in the 5<sup>th</sup> congressional district, one in the 6<sup>th</sup> congressional district, and two at-large.

Over the past two months, members of the Trustee Candidate Advisory Council have recruited, screened, and interviewed candidates. Thirty-five applications were received before the February 17<sup>th</sup> deadline. These applications were carefully reviewed and the council selected 18 applicants for interviews. Of those interviewed, council members voted to recommend the following 12 candidates to the Governor for appointment to the MnSCU Board of Trustees:

Lee Antell  
Carl Cummins  
Obie Kipper, Jr.  
Scott Thiss

Joan Barrett-Volkmuth  
Jack Geller  
Maureen Steinwall  
Frederick Tyler

Robert Brown  
Mary Hershberger Thun  
Louise Sundin  
James Van Houten

In 1991, the Legislature merged all Minnesota public higher education institutions, except the University of Minnesota, into what is now known as the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system.

In 1995, the MnSCU Board of Trustees assumed responsibility for the governance of the merged system. The Board of Trustees oversees 32 campuses and 370,000 students. The Governor appoints one trustee from each of Minnesota's eight congressional districts and seven at-large positions, including three student trustees. Trustees are appointed for six-year terms.