

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-2  
PROVIDING FOR RELIEF  
TO MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
FROM CERTAIN STATE REGULATORY MANDATES**

I, ARNE H. CARLSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the implementation of the higher education systems merger proceed efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, state legislative or executive mandates that unnecessarily impede the operations of state colleges and universities be mitigated or removed; and


WHEREAS, students and other citizens expect that higher education system operations and management become more performance-based and be held to high standards of productivity, accountability, and achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that the commissioners of the departments of administration, employee relations, and finance immediately implement the following actions, with cooperation and assistance from the Minnesota state colleges and universities (MnSCU), to ensure that the administration of colleges and universities is not hindered by overly burdensome mandates.

1. The department of employee relations shall continue its collaboration with MnSCU on the delegation of authority for job classification issues, including the authority for technical colleges to conduct some classification activities locally. The department shall also provide additional training to campuses to assist them in making complete and effective classification requests.
2. The departments of administration and finance shall increase the level of reporting for the state fixed asset inventory from \$500 to \$10,000.
3. The department of finance shall work with MnSCU to modify the level of detail required in the accounts receivable report.
4. The department of administration shall work with MnSCU to assure appropriate training for MnSCU purchasing agents. Subject to completion of this training, the commissioner will negotiate an increased delegation of purchase authority to campuses.
5. The department of administration shall work with MnSCU to develop policies and delegate local authority for construction projects of up to \$50,000.
6. The departments of employee relations and finance shall work cooperatively with MnSCU to design, conduct, and evaluate a pilot project of negative time reporting. The three agencies shall cooperatively determine the parameters of the pilot to ensure that it addresses mutual concerns including, but not limited to, compliance with audit and federal record keeping requirements, internal controls, and timing in relation to MnSCU's conversion to SEMA4.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this nineteenth day of January, 1996.

  
ARNE H. CARLSON  
Governor

Filed According to Law:

  
JOAN ANDERSON GROWE  
Secretary of State

