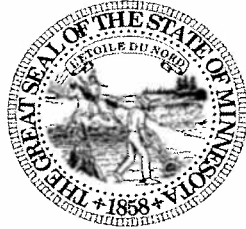


STATE OF MINNESOTA



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Elise Ristau

301 Cole Court
Mankato, MN 56001
County of Blue Earth
Congressional District 1

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT MEMBER

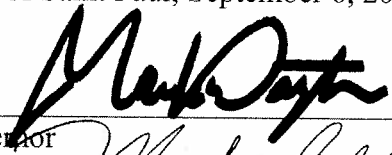

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Effective: September 11, 2013
Term Expires: June 30, 2015

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, September 6, 2013.




Governor

Secretary of State

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Replacing: Brett Anderson

President of the Senate

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON
STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS or TASK FORCES**

All information on this form is available to the public upon request.

Part I - Tell us about the Position to which you are applying

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Agency Name: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees
(Name of board, council, commission or task force.)

Position Sought: Student Member
(Membership position sought or enter "member".)

By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)

Part II - Tell us about Yourself

Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Applicant Name: Elise Ristau
(First Name) (Last Name)

Preferred Phone: (320) 583-3925

Preferred Mailing Address: 710 Lakewood Drive SW
(Preferred Mailing Address)

E-MAIL: erristau@gmail.com

County: McCloud County

Hutchinson MN 55350
(City) (State) (Zip)

MN House of Rep Dist: 18B **US House of Rep Dist:** 7

Find your districts by using the Poll Finder at:
<http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Have you ever been convicted of a felony:
Yes No

Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? Yes No

Please attach a cover letter, current resume, or other information that you feel would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.

Part III: OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following information is optional and voluntary (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.).

Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 7.

Sex: Female Male
Age: _____
Disability: Yes No
Political Party: _____
Democratic-Farmer-Labor
Independence
Republican
No Party Preference
Other _____
Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes No

Race: _____ African American or Black
(Pick as many as apply) _____ American Indian or Alaska Native
_____ Asian or Pacific Islander
_____ White or Caucasian
_____ Other Race _____

Part IV: Signature and Submittal Instructions

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought. (*If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.)

Elise Ristau
(Signature of Applicant)

2/5/14
(Date)

MAIL OR SUBMIT IN PERSON:
Office of Secretary of State
Open Appointments
180 State Office Building
100 Rev Dr Martin Luther
King Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Phone: (651) 297-5845
Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us
Online application:
<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=5>

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.

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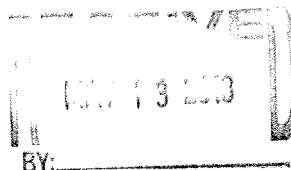
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President of the Senate

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St. Paul, MN 55155



May 9, 2013

It is with great pleasure and much excitement that I submit this letter to you for the University Student Trustee position. Through my experiences during my undergraduate career, I have learned how the university interacts with MnSCU and the state. Specifically, I have taken note on the issues involved with the universities and much of what students need. I am very eager to be a voice for the students I represent on this board. There is great value in MnSCU's proposal this year, which focuses on internships, keeping tuition low, and funding leveraged equipment. It is creative proposals such as this and ideas like the Co-Op that make me excited to apply for this role.

I understand the important role that the Board plays for MnSCU, and through discussions with Board of Trustee members and state leadership, I began to understand that I could play a more involved part in our system. This opportunity is very exciting to me and I would be thrilled to be able to participate on such a dedicated Board of Trustees. I am anxious to grow and be challenged as a leader, and if I were able to serve as a Trustee for MnSCU, I believe I would represent the students fairly and would work extremely hard on their behalf.

I have a history of experience working within a nonprofit organization and have learned important aspects of how they function and what their role is in our state. This experience can carry through to my understanding and work on the Board of Trustees because I can prioritize and understand where the investment needs to be focused. The investment of this Board needs to be in students and their futures, as well as in the quality of education they are receiving and their quality of life. The students of our system are the future leaders of our state. We need to make sure we are properly investing in them, as they are the backbone of our future economy. In addition to my non-profit experience I am coming from a non-student government background. With that, I feel that I have a new and fresh perspective, which would be valuable to the Board. I have also worked in various offices throughout my campus and have learned what is needed to succeed and where we need to focus.

I am very excited about this opportunity and would be honored to serve the 75,000 university students of the Minnesota State College and University system. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Elise Ristau

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SUMMARY

- Develop and maintain strong relationships with supervisors and customers
- Exceptional organization skills
- Strong communication skills - both oral and written
- Highly self-motivated

EDUCATION

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

GRADUATING DECEMBER 2013

Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies
• Honors: Deans List

WORK EXPERIENCE

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

RESIDENTIAL LIFE COMMUNITY ADVISOR

AUGUST 2012 - PRESENT

- Provide leadership for the development of a positive residential life community that supports academic and personal success
- Manage a state budget for planning and organizing events for up to 500 residents
- Enforce university policies and mediate conflicts among peers
- Conduct interviews for future Community Advisors and graduate positions

REGISTRATION SPECIALIST FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

AUGUST 2011 - MAY 2012

- Managed registration for continuing education courses
- Prepared all course materials for workshops including; Disney Institute, Healthcare, and Financial Planning
- Performed administrative duties including managing a large volume of phone calls

STUDENT ASSISTANT

JANUARY 2010 - MAY 2011

- Reported to the Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Strategic Partnerships
- Assisted with event planning
- Managed and organized files and databases
- Defined projects and brought them to completion

CINEMAGIC THEATRES, HUTCHINSON MINNESOTA

ASSISTANT MANAGER

MAY 2007 - PRESENT

- Manage ticket and concession sales and ensure proper deposit of daily profits
- Supervise up to five employees
- Attend to customer complaints, conflicts and misunderstandings
- Train new employees

SPECTRALYTICS, DASSEL MINNESOTA

CLEAN ROOM QUALITY SPECIALIST

SUMMERS: JUNE 2009 - AUGUST 2011

- Sterilized vital medical materials and orthopedic tools
- Conducted first line quality assurance of products
- Assured quality in welded materials with microscope

SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION, HUTCHINSON MINNESOTA

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

JUNE 2008 - AUGUST 2012

- Answered and directed phone calls in addition to other receptionist duties
- Prioritized and managed multiple projects on a daily basis
- Assisted with confidential assignments

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Participated in a community celebration as a royal queen candidate
- Directed a worship team for campus ministry
- Delegate for the Midwest Psychology Conference 2010-2013

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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