

We are extremely pleased to announce that Tim Flakoll has agreed to become the NPEI's Advisory Board chair!

Tim Flakoll serves as Provost for Tri-College University, the partnership between NDSU, MSUM, Concordia College, North Dakota State College of Science and M State. The five campuses have a combined enrollment of approximately 35,000 students. He is also the Director of Operations for NDSU Downtown.

Tim is an alumnus of NDSU, the Harvard Kennedy School of Executive Education and the University of Oxford Executive Education program.

Tim served in the North Dakota Senate for 18 years. There he chaired the Education and Agriculture committees for 14 years. He was also selected President Pro Tempore of the Senate. In the Senate, he authored a constitutional amendment to require statements of fiscal impact on initiated measures to improve transparency. He also authored transparency legislation to identify legislators who make open records. He was chief author of legislation to provide funding for all day kindergarten, funding for early childhood education, laws for humane treatment of animals and legacy legislation for new funding formulas for K-12 and higher education.

His work has been recognized in a number of ways including with the NDSU Doctor of Service Award, COVS ND Volunteer of the Year Award, Student Advocate of the Year Award from the ND Student's Association, Children's Champion Award from the ND Assoc. for Education of Young Children, 2x NDSU Outstanding Organization Advisor of the Year and 3x Preferred Professor Award.

Flakoll served as VP and General Manager of the FM RedHawks and during his tenure they were named "Team of the Decade" by Baseball America.

Tim has been active in public service and has held more than 40 offices with various community, regional or national organizations. He recently served as the Chair of Fargo's Downtown Community Partnership and Chair of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, a 12 state partnership with more than 4.2 million students. He recently chaired the Council of State Governments MLC representing 11 states, four Canadian Provinces and 82 million people. Flakoll currently is Chair of the FMWF Chamber's Public Policy Committee. He served as a Missionary to the Country of Slovakia to help rebuild a church school.

Welcome!

And it is with heavy heart that we announce that Professor John Helgeland will be stepping down as the NPEI's Advisory Board chair.

John is the founding NPEI director. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and specializes in The Early Christian Church in the Roman Empire, History of Christianity, History of Culture, and the Philosophy of History. John was instrumental in the formation of the Northern Plains Ethics Institute at NDSU as well as the Group Decision Center (GDC), an electronic consensus-forming laboratory at NDSU.

John will remain on the board, of which we are grateful.