

REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, August 20, 2008 Room 5, State Office Building

Present:

Joe Aitken
Ken Albrecht
Jane Belau
Anthony Bianco
Bill Brady
Sonia Cairns
Sylvia Chessen Kaplan
Paul Dovre
David Fisher
Richard Ista
Lois Josefson
Daniel Kauppi
Kerstin Larson
Harriett Porter
Jo-Anne Stately
Bert Swanson

Excused:

Ardell Brede
Shelley Buck
Steve Claypatch
Patrick Duncanson
John Hyduke
Paul Rexford Thatcher, Sr.
Billie Young

The Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) meeting was called to order by convener David Fisher at 1:07 pm in Room 5 of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Welcome new members

Mr. Fisher welcomed new House and Senate appointments to the RCAC. All members and staff introduced themselves and shared how long they have served on the RCAC.

At the request of Jane Beleau, members took a moment to recognize the passing of John Brandl and acknowledged his service to the University of Minnesota and the state of Minnesota.

Approval of Minutes

Ken Albrecht moved approval of the January 8, 9 and 10, 2007 meeting minutes. Seconded and **APPROVED**.

Nominations Committee Report

Sylvia Kaplan presented the Nominations committee report, which nominated David Fisher as Chair and Jane Belau and Harriett Porter as Vice Chairs. Paul Dovre moved approval of the nominations. Seconded and **APPROVED**.

Announcements

Mr. Fisher briefly reviewed the RCAC process. Mr. Fisher then reviewed the committee assignments. He explained that due to the turnover in staff and officers, it was decided to keep the committee chairs the same as in the 2006-07 cycle.

Ms. Kidd reviewed documents in the member packets including member biographies and the private and public contact list. Ms. Kidd requested new members send her a short biography and all other members to update their biographies if necessary.

Panel to discuss the attributes of a good, participating Regent

Dr. Maureen Reed, former Regent and former Chair of the Board, and Dr. David Metzen, current Regent and former Chair of the Board, addressed the council regarding the attributes of an effective regent. Dr. Reed reviewed four qualities she believes a good regent will possess. They are: an understanding of the difference between management and governance; strong teamwork capabilities; preparedness; and personal courage.

Dr. Metzen stated a good regent will support the president and the board chair; understand that they represent the entire state and not just their congressional district; understand boundaries and be able to make one of the most important decisions a regent makes, selecting a new president. Dr. Reed and Dr. Metzen stood for questions. Discussion ensued.

Review new legislation passed during the 2007 session

Kathy Novak, House Research, reviewed new language passed in the 2007 legislative session changing the RCAC process. Ms. Novak explained the 2007 language removes the governor from the RCAC process. The RCAC will now submit their recommendations and the selection criteria report to a joint legislative committee who will then submit the recommendations to the joint convention of the legislature. Ms. Novak stood for questions. Discussion ensued.

Discuss 2008-09 RCAC schedule and timelines

Mr. Fisher reviewed the proposed 2008-09 schedule. Mr. Fisher explained the RCAC process was a three stage process from recruiting candidates to interviewing candidates to finally recommending candidates to the legislature. Mr. Fisher stated that the next meeting had been scheduled for December 11th at 10:00 am. Mr. Fisher then highlighted the week of January 5-9, when the council will be conducting interviews which typically takes three days. Member discussion in regards to the proposed schedule ensued.

Identify vacancies of expiring terms on the U of M Board of Regents

Mr. Fisher informed members that the four vacancies for which the Council would be recruiting this year would be one from the 1st congressional district; one from the 4th congressional district; one from the 6th congressional district; and one from the 7th congressional district. He noted that those seats are currently held by Patricia Simmons, David Metzen, John Frobenius and Clyde Allen Jr. respectively. Mr. Fisher stated he spoke with each of the four regents with expiring terms and three have indicated they will

seek reappointment. David Metzen, however, has informed Mr. Fisher that he will not be seeking to serve another term.

Committee Reports, updates and/or recommendations for actions

Selection Criteria Report: A report will be given at the December 11th meeting.

Interview Process and Questions: It was decided that Lois Josefson will co-chair this committee with Joe Aitken. A report will be given at the December 11th meeting.

Candidate Orientation: A report will be given at the December 11th meeting.

Recruitment: Ms. Kaplan encouraged all members to pursue contacts in their district to promote and bring attention to the RCAC process. A press release will be distributed to approximately 300 media outlets throughout the state and approximately 750 letters will be sent to individuals and organizations throughout the state.

Document Review: Due to the turnover in staff and officers, no report was given this cycle.

References: A report will be given at the December 11th meeting.

Review and Discuss recruitment materials and assignments

Mr. Fisher pointed out the friends of the RCAC letter, press release and applications packet were included in member's folders. Mr. Fisher requested members review the documents and e-mail any changes or suggestions to Ms. Kidd.

Request volunteers to attend upcoming board meeting

Mr. Fisher asked for volunteers to attend the upcoming Board meetings. Lois Josefson will attend the September 11 & 12 meeting, November 13 & 14 meeting, and December 11 & 12 meeting. It was also pointed out the members can view the meetings via the Board of Regents web site.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

David Fisher, Chair