

**REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 25, 26, 29, 30 and 31, 2001  
State Office Building**

Present:

Nedra Wicks, Chair  
Joe Aitken  
Ken Albrecht  
Carol Batsell Benner  
Jane Belau  
Humphrey Doermann  
Paul Dovre  
Rondi Erickson  
Frances Gardeski  
Chris Georgacas  
Richard Ista  
Dave Kanatz  
Mary McLeod  
Elizabeth Morrison  
Dave Nauman  
Colman O'Connell  
Jo-Anne Stately  
Paul Rexford Thatcher  
Jane Tschida  
Bob Vanasek  
Gary Willhite  
Billie Young

Absent\*:

Bernie Steffen

\* The council received a notice of resignation from Jona Turner on January 29, 2001.

Thursday, January 25, 2001

Nedra Wicks, council chair, called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Billie Young moved approval of the minutes from the meeting on January 5, 2001. Seconded and APPROVED.

Jennifer Ridgeway, council staff, explained a letter sent to council members from the Office of the Attorney General. The letter informed members that they should not request a per diem if they are employees of a political subdivision, and if the meeting in question occurred during "normal working hours." If a member is an employee of a political subdivision, and if the meeting took place outside of normal working hours, the member should attest to that fact on their Request for Reimbursement form.

Ms. Wicks reminded council members that they must be present at the interviews or must listen to the interview tapes in order to vote for all candidates. This policy is outlined in the council Selection Procedures. Members needing copies of meeting tapes should contact council staff.

The council then addressed selection criteria for regents. Rondi Erickson and Humphrey Doermann initiated the discussion. Their comments included: a summary of the themes which had emerged from a University task force study on regent selection; key characteristics offered by President Mark Yudof when speaking to the council in October of 1999; and a summary of the backgrounds of the sitting regents. Ensuing discussion by council members focused on the issues of leadership potential and candidate skills that might be a particular asset to the Board of Regents.

Ms. Wicks reviewed the timeline for interviews; each interview was scheduled for 45 minutes, with a 15-minute break between interviews. Chair designated as time keeper.

The council reviewed the list of interview questions. Individual council members took responsibility for seeing that during the course of each interview specific questions were addressed. Members also volunteered to greet and introduce interviewees.

The interviews began at 9:00 a.m.

Marjorie Anderson  
Richard McNamara  
Franklin

The council took a lunch break from 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m. The council reconvened for the afternoon interviews.

LaKeesha Ransom  
David Johnson  
Pat Spence  
Kristen Berning

Interviews adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 26, 2001

Ms. Wicks called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. She announced a change in the joint convention date, from February 20<sup>th</sup> to February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Council members were assigned interview questions and the responsibility for greeting interviewees.

Interviews began at 10:00 a.m.

William Kamp  
Angela Bos

The council took a lunch break from 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m. The council reconvened for the

afternoon interviews.

Jay Kiedrowski  
Jami Bestgen  
Cheryl Jorgenson  
Nicole Kubista

Interviews adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 29, 2001

Ms. Wicks called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. She announced that Dale LaFrenz had withdrawn his candidacy. Mr. LaFrenz was scheduled to be interviewed at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Wicks suggested using that time slot to begin the review of reference checks. The council asked if an executive session for the purpose of reviewing reference checks could be audio taped. A previous opinion by Senate Counsel Peter Wattson indicated that if the session was taped, the tapes would need to be made available to the public.

Council members were assigned the responsibility to greet interviewees.

Interviews began at 9:00 a.m.

Michael O'Keefe  
Michael Miller  
Frank Berman

The council took a lunch break from 12:00 noon until 1:15 p.m. The council reconvened for the afternoon interviews.

Sharon Tolbert-Glover  
Michael Scandrett

Ms. Wicks called a brief meeting after the last interview to discuss a contingency plan pending anticipated inclement weather. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

There being no business meeting, interviews began at 9:00 a.m.

Bill Dolan  
Jacqueline Fraedrich  
Mark Phillips

The council took a lunch break from 12:00 noon until 1:15 p.m. The council reconvened for the afternoon interview.

John MacFarlane

Following the last interview of the day, Jane Belau moved to close the public meeting and meet in executive session for the purpose of reviewing candidate reference checks. Seconded and

APPROVED.

The council reviewed reference checks for the five student candidates and the four fifth district candidates that had been interviewed up to that point.

Ken Albrecht moved that the council come out of executive session. Seconded and APPROVED. Ms. Wicks summarized the actions of the council.

Ms. Wicks circulated copies of two letters of recommendation, as well as one candidate's application addendum. Council members were assigned the responsibility of greeting interviewees for Wednesday, and Ms. Wicks asked that members review the selection procedures prior to the next day.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31, 2001

There being no business meeting, interviews began at 9:00 a.m.

Warren Larson

Sharon Winslow

Mr. Albrecht moved to close the public meeting and meet in executive session for the purpose of reviewing candidate reference checks. Seconded and APPROVED. The council reviewed reference checks for the remaining 16 candidates.

Ken Albrecht moved that the council come out of executive session. Seconded and APPROVED. Ms. Wicks summarized the actions of the council.

The council took a lunch break from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Ms. Wicks called the business meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The council received a notice of resignation from Jona Turner on January 29<sup>th</sup>. She was not present for any of the interviews. The total membership for voting purposes was then 23 members.

Mary McLeod reviewed the voting procedures for the student and fifth district positions. She then reviewed the procedures for the at-large positions.

Chad Thuet, council staff, gave a report on procedures for balloting. The council has been informed by Senate Counsel that member votes are a matter of public record. Therefore, council members should sign each ballot.

Jo-Anne Stately moved acceptance of the report. Seconded and APPROVED.

Carol Batsell Benner moved that staff request an Attorney General opinion on the matter of whether the Regent Candidate Advisory Council is bound by the opinions of Senate Counsel, prior to the next recruitment cycle. Seconded and APPROVED.

The council began balloting. By actions of the council, the following candidates were recommended to the legislature for their consideration:

Student

Angela Bos  
LaKeesha Ransom

Fifth District

Michael O'Keefe  
Franklin Pass

At-Large

Frank Berman  
Bill Dolan  
Jacqueline Fraedrich  
David Johnson  
Jay Kiedrowski  
Warren Larson  
John McFarlane  
Richard McNamara  
Pat Spence

Chris Georgacas moved to forward the candidates to the legislature in the order in which they were elected. Seconded. Discussion. NOT APPROVED. The candidates will be listed in alphabetical order.

Mr. Georgacas moved that the council commend the chair and staff for their work.

The council discussed a date for the next RCAC meeting. It is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 8, 2001, at 4:00 p.m., the location to be announced at a later date. A dinner at the chair's house will follow the public meeting.

The council formed a committee to review the voting procedures prior to the next recruitment cycle. The committee will be chaired by Ms. McLeod, and members include Paul Thatcher, Bob Vanasek, and Dave Naumann.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Nedra Wicks, Chair