

REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2007 through Wednesday, January 10, 2007
400 South, State Office Building

Present:

Bob Vanasek, Chair
Joe Aitken
Ken Albrecht
Jane Belau
Anthony Bianco, Jr.
Ardell Brede
Josi Cecchini
Paul Dovre
Patrick Duncanson
Corey Elmer
David Fisher
Frances Gardeski
John Hyduke
Richard Ista
Lois Josefson
Sylvia Kaplan
J. David Naumann
Harriett Porter
Bert Swanson
Paul Thatcher
Gary Willhite
Billie Young

Absent:

Jo-Anne Stately (all 3 days)

The Regent Candidate Advisory (RCAC) was called to order by Bob Vanasek, RCAC Chair, at 7:54 a.m. on Monday, January 8, 2007, in 400 South of the State Office Building.

Announcements:

Mr. Vanasek reviewed the materials in member's packets; highlighting the regent criteria list and the information pertaining to the makeup of the current Board of Regents. He asked members to keep that information in mind throughout interviews and when it came time to vote for candidates to recommend to the Governor.

Mr. Vanasek requested volunteers to greet and introduce each candidate. He briefly reviewed the interview process. All interviews would be recorded. Any council members who were absent or missed a candidate's interview must listen to the recording of the interview in order to fully participate in the voting process. Interviews would have 45-minute timelines, with a 15-minute break between interviews. The interview would consist of an opening statement by the candidate, keeping it under five minutes. Then, the council could ask questions and the interview would conclude with the candidate's closing statement. Mr. Vanasek reminded council members of the list of example questions in their packets.

Mr. Vanasek informed council members that he received verification that all student interviewees are enrolled in a degree program at the University of Minnesota.

The interviews began at 8:04 a.m.

Cynthia Lesher
Rondi Erickson
Jake Sullivan
Allen Anderson

Patrick Duncanson 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. Mr. Vanasek concluded executive session.

The council took a lunch break from 12:15 p.m. until 1:20 p.m. The council reconvened for afternoon interviews.

Lyall Schwarzkopf
John Goldfine
Doug Huebsch

Interviews concluded at 3:50 p.m.

Gary Willhite 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. Mr. Vanasek concluded executive session.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Mr. Vanasek called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Staff addressed questions regarding the availability of audio links for Monday's interviews.

The interviews began at 8:03 a.m.

Maureen Cisneros
Joshua Colburn
Andrea Hjelm
Stephen Barrows

Ken 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. Mr. Vanasek closed executive session.

The council took a lunch break from 12:20 p.m. until 1:20 p.m. The council reconvened for afternoon interviews.

John Derus
Nathan Wanderman
Peter Bell

Interviews concluded at 4:25 p.m.

Corey Elmer 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. Mr. Vanasek concluded executive session and the open meeting resumed.

Billie Young moved approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2006, meeting. Ardell Brede moved for amendment to page three of the minutes to reflect his expected attendance at the February 8-9, 2007, Board of Regents meeting, instead of Billie Young. Ms. Young's motion as amended was seconded and **APPROVED**.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:46 pm.

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

Mr. Vanasek called the meeting to order at 7:55 a.m. There being no new business to discuss, the interviews began at 8:00 a.m.

Gary Cunningham
Pat O'Connor
Dean Johnson
Linda Cohen

Paul Dovre 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. Mr. Vanasek concluded executive session and the open meeting resumed.

Mr. Vanasek presented the press release, finalist evaluation forms, and letters to the finalists as updated by the Document Review Committee. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Vanasek reviewed the selection procedures. The council must select two to four candidates to forward for each of the four open seats, which is four to eight recommendations for the at-large seat since there are two vacant seats. Discussion ensued.

The council took a lunch break from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. The council reconvened for interviews.

Max page
Venora Hung

Interviews concluded at 3:15 p.m.

Richard Ista 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. Mr. Vanasek concluded executive session and the open meeting resumed.

Mr. Vanasek announced that the next meeting will be in September or October. More information will follow at a later date via email from staff. He instructed the Nominations Committee to meet in the next few months and submit their report at the fall meeting.

Ms. Keene reminded members to turn in or update their biographies.

Mr. Vanasek requested volunteers to call all interviewees upon adjournment of the meeting to let them know the results of the voting.

Mr. Vanasek reminded members to consider the criteria list to be a Regent as well as the makeup of the current board when voting on candidates to recommend to the Governor.

Mr. Vanasek briefly reviewed the selection procedures again. The council must select two to four candidates to forward for each of the four open seats. The names will be forwarded to the Governor in alphabetical order. Voting commenced with the 22 members present and voting. By actions of the council, the following candidates were recommended to the Governor for his consideration:

Student At-Large

Steve Barrows
Maureen Cisneros
Venora Hung

Fifth Congressional District

Peter Bell
Pat O'Connor
Jake Sullivan

At Large

Linda Cohen
John Derus
Rondi Erickson
Cynthia Leshner
Dean Johnson

Mr. Vanasek reminded volunteers to make their phone calls to the interviewees with the voting results as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2007.

David Fisher, Chair