

## **REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, August 6, 2010**

**Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building**

#### **Present:**

Jane Belau, Chair  
Bill Brady  
Ardell Brede  
Margaret Carlson  
Sonia Cairns  
Sylvia Canelon  
Rebecca Covington  
Jim Erickson  
Pat Duncanson  
David Fisher  
Jennifer Godinez  
Richard Ista  
Lois Josefson  
Richard Newell  
Harriet Porter  
Jerry Rogers  
George Sundstrom  
Paul Taylor  
Paul Thatcher  
Billie Young

#### **Excused:**

Shelley Buck  
Sonia Cairns  
Jo-Anne Stately

The Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) meeting was called to order by chair Jane Belau at 10:08 am. A quorum was present.

#### **Welcome new members**

Ms. Belau welcomed new House and Senate appointees to the RCAC. All members introduced themselves and shared their expectations for the RCAC this year.

#### **Regent Patricia Simmons**

Regent Patricia Simmons addressed the Council. She gave an update on the presidential search and explained the new president would be selected this winter. She pointed out the selection of the new president will be made prior to the election of the new regents.

Regent Simmons then spoke to qualities to look for in Regent candidates. Those qualities include: an appreciation for the mission of the university and the role it plays within the state; an understanding of what the Board of Regents is and what it is not; an ability to adapt to how to work on this particular board; and an ability to look at the good of the

whole. Regent Simmons also suggested the Council consider individuals that may emerge as leaders of the board. Regent Simmons stood for questions. Discussion ensued.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ardell Brede moved approval of the December 11, 2009 meeting minutes. Seconded.  
**APPROVED.**

### **Announcements**

Ms. Belau reviewed the duties of the executive committee. She stated if RCAC members wanted to discuss the possibility of adding an additional vice chair to the Council, it could be discussed at the December meeting.

### **Review RCAC Process**

Sally Olson gave an overview of the RCAC process and the election of the Regents. Ms. Olson pointed out that the role of the RCAC is to recommend two to four candidates to the Joint Legislative Committee for each open seat on the Board of Regents by January 15, 2011.

### **Discuss 2010-11 RCAC schedule and timelines**

Ms. Belau briefly reviewed the 2010-11 RCAC schedule and pointed out that the next meeting of the RCAC will be held on December 10, 2010. She also noted the candidate interviews have been scheduled for the week of January 10, 2011.

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

Ms. Belau then reviewed the terms expiring on the Board of Regents. The four regents with terms expiring are: Anthony Baraga (District 8), Dallas Bohnsack (District 2), Steven Hunter (At-large), and David Larson (At-large).

Dave Fisher, Chair of the Recruitment Committee, explained that he had contacted each of the four regents with terms expiring in 2011 and inquired whether they would be re-applying. He explained that he had spoken to three of the incumbents. He noted that Regents Hunter and Larson informed him that they will be re-applying for their second term and Regent Baraga will not be re-applying. Mr. Fisher noted that he had not heard back from Regent Bohnsack yet.

### **Committee Reports, updates and/or recommendations for actions**

Ms. Belau briefly reviewed the charge of each committee. Members then volunteered to serve on each of the committees.

### **Review and Discuss recruitment materials and assignments**

Mr. Fisher gave the recruitment committee update. He stated the recruitment process will begin after Labor Day. He pointed out that copies of a draft press release and recruitment letter were included in member's packets. He requested all RCAC members review the documents and send him or Ms. Olson any suggested changes to the documents. He then explained the recruitment committee has planned a multi-media effort going forward. The committee will be contacting editorial boards; sending recruitment letters

to all legislators and congressional offices; and sending notification of openings to different organizations. Mr. Fisher also requested all RCAC members get the word out about the RCAC recruitment effort.

**Request volunteers to attend upcoming board meeting**

Ms. Belau asked for volunteers to attend the upcoming Board meetings. Harriett Porter, Lois Josefson, Pat Duncanson and George Sundstrom will attend the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting; Lois Josefson and Jim Erickson will attend the October 7-8 meeting; Jim Erickson and Paul Taylor will attend November 11-12 meeting, and Jennifer Godinez, Ardell Brede and Jerry Rogers will attend the December 11-12 meeting.

It was also pointed out that members can view the Board meetings via the Board of Regents website at <http://www1.umn.edu/regents/meetings.html>.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.

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Jane Belau, Chair