

Regent Candidate Advisory Council  
August 10, 2012  
Room 5, State Office Building

Present

Pat Duncanson, Chair  
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair  
Harriett Porter, Vice Chair  
Sonia Cairns  
Jim Erickson  
Lois Josefson  
Kathy Madson  
Paul Taylor  
Dan Wolter

Excused

Bill Brady  
Shelly Buck  
Margaret Carlson  
Jennifer Godinez  
Rima Kawas  
Jerry Rogers  
Brad Slawson Jr.  
Jo-Anne Stately  
George Sundstrom  
Bert Swanson

The meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) was called to order by Pat Duncanson, RCAC Chair, at 10:09 am in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

A quorum was not present.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Duncanson welcomed the new House appointees to the RCAC. All members and staff introduced themselves.

**Review RCAC Process**

Mr. Duncanson reviewed the RCAC process. He explained that the role of the RCAC is to identify, recruit, and recommend two to four candidates to the Joint Legislative Committee for each open seat on the Board of Regents by January 15, 2013.

**Update on Data Practices Act and Open Meeting Law**

Sally Olson, RCAC Staff, reviewed a memo prepared by the House Research Department regarding RCAC procedures as related to the Open Meeting Law and the Minnesota Data Practices Act. Mark Shepard, House Research, and Matt Gehring, House Research, addressed questions regarding the Open Meeting Law and discussing applicant reference checks within an open meeting.

**Review/Adopt proposed changes to Procedural Rules**

Mr. Duncanson reviewed proposed changes to the RCAC Procedural Rules. No action was taken as a quorum was not present.

**Discuss 2012-2013 RCAC schedule and timelines**

Mr. Duncanson reviewed the 2012-2013 RCAC schedule. He explained that recruitment of candidates will occur from September through November 2012. Mr. Duncanson pointed out that the application deadline is November 26, 2012. He also noted the next meeting of the RCAC will be held on December 7, 2012, and the candidate interviews will be held the week of January 7, 2013.

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

Dave Fisher, Recruitment Committee Chair, reviewed the four vacancies for which the Council would be recruiting this year. They are: one student at-large position, one 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District position, and two at-large positions. The four regents in those positions are, respectively, Maureen Ramirez, Venora Hung, Linda Cohen and Dean Johnson.

Mr. Fisher stated that he had spoken with each of the four incumbents and that Regent Cohen and Regent Johnson have both indicated they are interested in seeking re-election to the Board. He added that neither Regent Hung nor Regent Ramirez are seeking re-election to the Board.

**Review and discuss recruitment efforts**

Mr. Fisher gave an overview of recruitment efforts. He noted that a press release will be sent to media, including newspapers, online newsletters, and minority publications; a recruitment letter will be sent to all legislators; and notification of the openings will be sent to different organizations throughout the state. Mr. Fisher requested all RCAC members get the word out about the RCAC recruitment effort.

**Committee review, discussion and assignments**

Each of the committee chairs briefly reviewed the charge of their committee. Members then volunteered to serve on each of the committees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.