

Regent Candidate Advisory Council
December 7, 2012
Room 5, State Office Building

Present

Pat Duncanson, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Harriett Porter, Vice Chair
Bill Brady
Shelley Buck
Sonia Cairns
Margaret Carlson
Jim Erickson
Jennifer Godinez
Lois Josefson
Kathy Madson
Jerry Rogers
Jo-Anne Stately
George Sundstrom
Bert Swanson
Paul Taylor
Dan Wolter

Excused

Rima Kawas
Brad Slawson Jr.

The meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) was called to order by Pat Duncanson, RCAC Chair, at 9:59 am in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

A quorum was present.

Regent Rick Beeson addressed the Council. Regent Beeson gave an overview of the current needs on the Board of Regents and qualities to look for in regent candidates.

Regent Beeson stood for questions.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Erickson moved approval of the meeting minutes from December 11, 2011. Motion prevailed.

Sonia Cairns moved approval of the meeting minutes from August 10, 2012 meeting. Motion prevailed.

Review/Adopt proposed changes to Procedural Rules

Chair Duncanson reviewed proposed changes to the RCAC Procedural Rules. Dave Fisher moved approval of the amended RCAC procedural rules. Motion prevailed.

Committee Reports

Recruitment: Dave Fisher presented the 2012 report on recruiting. He noted that two press releases were sent out to media, a letter to the editor was published in the Star Tribune, a recruitment letter was sent to all legislators, and notifications were sent to different organizations throughout the state.

Selection Criteria: Harriett Porter presented the proposed selection criteria for candidates for the Board of Regents. Member discussion ensued. In light of the presentation by Regent Beeson, members discussed revising the criteria to include mention of the University within a global context.

Ms. Josefson moved the Selection Criteria Committee meet over the lunch break to incorporate the changes. Motion prevailed.

Interview Process and Questions: Ms. Josefson reviewed a letter included in members' packets that outlines the interview process. She also spoke to changes to the opening statement guidelines. It was decided the Interview Process and Questions committee would meet over the lunch break to finalize the language for the opening statement guidelines.

Candidate Orientation: Jim Erickson stated the Committee will be meeting in the upcoming weeks to set the agenda for the candidate orientation.

Chair Duncanson called a recess at 11:30 am.

Chair Duncanson called the meeting back to order at 11:40 am.

Harriett Porter explained the Selection Criteria Committee met over the recess. She then reviewed the updated language to the selection criteria for candidates for the Board of Regents.

Lois Josefson stated the Interview Process and Question Committee met over the recess as well. She then presented the revised language for the opening statement guidelines.

Members then discussed whether to accept an application that was received after the deadline.

Jo-Anne Stately moved to deny the application submitted after the application deadline. Jim Erickson requested a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken. There being 7 ayes, 9 nays and 1 pass, the motion did not prevail.

Ayes: Shelley Buck, Jennifer Godinez, Lois Josefson, Harriett Porter, Jo-Anne Stately, George Sundstrom
Bert Swanson

Nayes: Bill Brady, Sonia Cairns, Margaret Carlson, Jim Erickson, Dave Fisher, Kathy Madson, Jerry Rogers, Paul Taylor, Dan Wolter

Pass: Pat Duncanson

Dave Fisher moved to accept the application received after the application deadline. The motion prevailed.

Senator Bonoff addressed the Council and spoke of her new role as chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee. She also spoke to characteristics to look for in Regent candidates. Senator Bonoff stood for questions.

Chair Duncanson called a recess at 12:20 pm.

Chair Duncanson called the meeting back to order at 1:10 pm.

Review procedures for selection of interviewees

Mr. Duncanson reviewed the process for selecting candidates to be interviewed. He then invited members to provide comments on the applicants. Discussion ensued.

Selection of finalists

Voting commenced with the 17 members present and voting. By actions of the council, the following candidates were selected as finalists:

Student At-Large: Drew Coveyou, Laura Dorle, Ryan Kennedy, Abdul Omari, Christopher Tastad and Courtney West

Fifth Congressional District: Jessica Hayssen, Peggy Lucas, Dennis Nguyen and Ertugrul Tuzcu

At-Large: Linda Cohen, Dean Johnson, Kelly Smith and Al Zdon

Reference Checks: Procedures and Assignments

Mr. Taylor reviewed changes to the RCAC reference checking guidelines. He pointed out that the results of reference checking must now be submitted in written form. Each written reference will then be provided a code which members will use in the open meeting discussion.

Members then volunteered make the initial calls congratulating candidates who were selected for interviews and to conduct that candidate's reference checks.

Interviews: procedural details:

It was decided the candidate interviews would be held January 8 through January 10, 2013.

Other Business

Ms. Porter moved approval of the Selection Criteria Report. Motion prevailed.

Members then discussed RCAC voting procedures for determining which candidates will be recommended to the joint legislative committee. Mr. Fisher presented an overview on ranked choice voting. Discussion ensued. It was decided not to change the RCAC voting procedures at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.