

Regent Candidate Advisory Council

October 7, 2020

Remote Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Dan Wolter, Chair

Barb Farrell, Vice Chair

Kathy Madson, Vice Chair

Sen. Paul Anderson

Rep. Connie Bernardy

Drew Christensen

Sen. Greg Clausen

Rep. Brian Daniels

Debiyoti Dwivedy

John Engelen

Jim Erickson

Tim Huebsch

Charles Krause

Corey Miltimore

Kowsar Mohammed

Wendy Ojala

Bill Otto

Lauren Peterson

Alex Provan

Jerry Rogers

Paul Taylor

Stacia Wakefield

Excused:

Theo Menon

Quentin Moore

Call to Order

Dan Wolter called the remote meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) to order at 10:00 AM. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Tim Huebsch moved approval of the minutes of the meetings from January 7 – January 11, 2019. Seconded. Motion prevailed.

Nominating Committee Recommendations/Election of Officers

Corey Miltimore, RCAC Nominating Committee Chair, presented the October 6, 2020 Nominating Committee report, which recommends the following slate of officers for 2020-21: Dan Wolter for the position of Chair; Barb Farrell and Kathy Madson for the position of Vice Chairs; and Jim Erickson, Tim Huebsch, and Paul Taylor to serve as the three at-large members of the Executive Committee.

Rep. Bernardy moved to amend the Nominating Committee report with the following slate of officers for 2020-2021: Barb Farrell for the position of Chair, Jim Erickson and Kathy Madson for the position of Vice Chairs; and Tim Huebsch, Paul Taylor and Dan Wolter to serve as the three at-large members of the Executive Committee. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken on the Bernardy amendment. The results were as follows:

Aye: Rep. Bernardy, Sen. Clausen, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Rogers

Nay: Sen. Anderson, Christensen, Rep. Daniels, Dwivedy, Huebsch, Krause, Madson, Miltimore, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Taylor, Wakefield

Abstain: Mohammed, Provan, Wolter

Absent: Menon, Moore

6 Ayes, 13 Nays, 3 Abstentions and 2 Absent. Motion did not prevail.

A roll call vote was taken on the slate of officers as originally presented by the Nominating Committee. The results were as follows:

Aye: Sen. Anderson, Christensen, Sen. Clausen, Rep. Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Huebsch, Krause, Madson, Miltimore, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Rogers, Taylor, Wakefield

Nay: Rep. Bernardy

Abstain: Mohammed, Provan, Wolter

Absent: Menon, Moore

18 Ayes, 1 Nay, 3 Abstentions and 2 Absent. The slate of officers was approved.

Review RCAC Objectives

Chair Wolter reviewed the objectives of the RCAC noting that the role of the RCAC is to identify, recruit, and recommend two to four candidates to the Joint Higher Education Legislative Committee for each open seat on the Board of Regents by January 15, 2021.

Presentation from Board of Regents Office

Kendall Powell, Chair, Board of Regents, presented on the qualities to look for in Regent candidates which included the ability take on leadership roles, an understanding of the public nature of the Board, the ability to collaborate and an understanding of the time commitment required.

Brian Steeves, Executive Director, Office of the Board of Regents, spoke to the work of the Office of Board of Regents and presented on how governing boards in higher education can be effective.

Review/Approve Changes to the Procedural Rules and Member Code of Conduct

Kathy Madson presented the proposed changes to the Procedural Rules and Guidelines Concerning the Regent Candidate Advisory Council and the RCAC Member Code of Conduct for 2020-21.

Kathy Madson moved approval of the proposed changes to the Procedural Rules and Guidelines and the RCAC Member Code of Conduct. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Sen. Anderson, Rep. Bernardy, Christensen, Sen. Clausen, Rep. Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Huebsch, Krause, Madson, Miltimore, Mohamed, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Provan, Rogers, Taylor, Wakefield, Wolter

Absent: Menon, Moore

22 Ayes, 0 Nays and 2 Absent. Motion prevailed.

Review of RCAC Selection Criteria and Application for the Board of Regents

Kathy Madson presented the Selection Criteria Committee Report, pointing out the proposed changes that have been incorporated for the 2020-21 Selection Criteria for Members of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

Kathy Madson moved to adopt the 2020-21 Selection Criteria Report. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Sen. Anderson, Rep. Bernardy, Christensen, Sen. Clausen, Rep. Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Erickson, Farrell, Huebsch, Krause, Madson, Miltimore, Mohamed, Ojala, Otto, Peterson, Provan, Rogers, Taylor, Wakefield, Wolter

Absent: Menon, Moore

22 Ayes, 0 Nays and 2 Absent. Motion prevailed.

Kathy Madson presented the proposed changes to the Application for the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. Ms. Madson also pointed out that the application process would now be facilitated via an on-line format.

Committee Review and Assignments

Chair Wolter spoke to the RCAC Committees and requested members volunteer to serve on the committees.

Paul Taylor provided a brief overview of the work of the Recruitment Committee. Tim Huebsch then provided a brief overview of the work of the Reference Check/Interview Process Committee. Finally, Jim Erickson provided a brief overview of the work of the Candidate Orientation Committee.

Discuss 2020-2021 RCAC schedule and timelines

Chair Wolter reviewed the proposed 2020-21 schedule and timeline. It was determined to reserve the full week of January 4 – 8, 2021 for the candidate interviews.

Tim Huebsch moved approval of the proposed 2020-21 timeline. Seconded. Motion prevailed.

Review of Data Practices Acts and Open Meeting Law

Chair Wolter and Sally Olson, RCAC Staff, presented on the Open Meeting Law and the Data Practices Act as it impacts the work of the RCAC and the applicants for the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 AM.