

Regent Candidate Advisory Council

October 24, 2022

Room 120, State Capitol

Meeting Minutes

Present

Rep. Connie Bernardy

Drew Christensen

Sen. Greg Clausen

Rep. Brian Daniels

Debjyoti Dwivedy

John Engelen

Barb Farrell

Matt Hill

Tim Huebsch

Mark Jessen

Kathy Madson

Kowsar Mohamed

Quentin Moore

Wendy Ojala

Bill Otto

Shivangi Pandey

Morgan Peterson

Edward Reynoso

Megan Thielholdt

Stacia Wakefield

Rep. Ryan Winkler

Dan Wolter

Excused

Paul Anderson

Charles Krause

Dan Wolter called the meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) to order at 3:05 PM in Room 120 of the State Capitol.

A quorum was present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Drew Christensen moved approval of the minutes of the meetings from January 4 - January 8, 2021. Seconded. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

### **Review RCAC Objectives**

Dan 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 Legislative Committee for each open seat on the Board of Regents by January 15, 2022.

### **Election of Officers**

Dan Wolter moved to elect Sen. Clausen for the position of RCAC chair. A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Aye: Bernardy, Christensen, Clausen, Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Farrell, Hill, Huebsch, Jessen, Madson, Mohamed, Moore, Ojala, Otto, Pandey, Peterson, Reynoso, Thielfoldt, Wakefield, Winkler, Wolter

Absent: Anderson, Krause

22 Ayes and 2 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Dan Wolter moved to elect Barb Farrell and Stacia Wakefield for the position of RCAC vice chairs. A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Aye: Bernardy, Christensen, Clausen, Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Farrell, Hill, Huebsch, Jessen, Madson, Mohamed, Moore, Ojala, Otto, Pandey, Peterson, Reynoso, Thielfoldt, Wakefield, Winkler, Wolter

Absent: Anderson, Krause

22 Ayes and 2 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

### **Presentation from Board of Regents Office on Candidate Criteria**

Regent Janie Mayeron, Board of Regents, spoke to the discussion that occurred at the October 14, 2022 Board of Regents Governance and Policy Committee meeting regarding the RCAC Selection Criteria for Members of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents and presented on the characteristics to look for in Regent Candidates.

Brian Steeves, Executive Director, Office of the Board of Regents, spoke to the work of the Office of the Board of Regents, the role of the governing Board and the Board's current priorities.

### **Review/Approve Changes to Procedural Rules**

Kathy Madson presented the proposed changes to the RCAC Procedural Rules.

Barb Farrell moved approval of the proposed changes to the RCAC Procedural Rules. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Aye: Bernardy, Christensen, Clausen, Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Farrell, Hill, Huebsch, Jessen, Madson, Mohamed, Moore, Ojala, Otto, Pandey, Peterson, Reynoso, Thielfoldt, Wakefield, Winkler, Wolter

Absent: Anderson, Krause

22 Ayes and 2 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

### **Selection Criteria/Document Review Committee Report**

Kathy Madson, Chair, Selection Criteria and Document Review Committee, presented the RCAC University of Minnesota Board of Regents Selection Criteria for 2022-23.

Tim Huebsch moved approval of the RCAC University of Minnesota Board of Regents Selection Criteria for 2022-23. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Aye: Bernardy, Christensen, Clausen, Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Farrell, Hill, Huebsch, Jessen, Madson, Mohamed, Moore, Ojala, Otto, Pandey, Peterson, Reynoso, Thielfoldt, Wakefield, Winkler, Wolter

Absent: Anderson, Krause

22 Ayes and 2 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Ms. Madson reviewed the Application for the University of Minnesota Board of Regents and spoke to proposed changes to the RCAC University of Minnesota Board of Regents. Members discussed and provided input on the proposed changes, which included revising essay question 3 to read as follows: How would you address the topics of student finances; campus safety; diversity, equity and inclusion; and up to three (3) additional important topics currently confronting the University of Minnesota?

Barb Farrell moved approval of the proposed changes to the RCAC University of Minnesota Board of Regents Application. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Aye: Bernardy, Christensen, Clausen, Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Farrell, Hill, Huebsch, Jessen, Madson, Mohamed, Moore, Ojala, Otto, Pandey, Peterson, Reynoso, Thielfoldt, Wakefield, Winkler, Wolter

Absent: Anderson, Krause

22 Ayes and 2 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

### **Committee Review and Assignments**

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

Tim Huebsch provided a brief overview of the work of the Reference Check/Interview Process Committee.

Dan Wolter provided a brief overview of the work of the Candidate Orientation Committee. Edward Reynoso volunteered to Chair the Candidate Orientation Committee for 2022-23.

Barb Farrell, Recruitment Committee Chair, provided an overview of the work the Recruitment Committee.

Samuel Rosemark, Director of Advocacy, University of Minnesota Alumni Association (UMAA), presented on the UMAA outreach efforts to potential Regent candidates and spoke to the Regent Candidate Forum.

#### **Discuss 2022-2023 RCAC schedule and timelines**

Dan Wolter reviewed the proposed 2022-23 schedule and timeline.

Barb Farrell moved approval of the proposed 2022-23 timeline. Seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Aye: Christensen, Clausen, Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Farrell, Hill, Huebsch, Jessen, Madson, Mohamed, Moore, Ojala, Otto, Pandey, Peterson, Reynoso, Thielfoldt, Wakefield, Winkler, Wolter

Absent: Anderson, Bernardy, Krause

21 Ayes and 3 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

#### **Review of Data Practices Acts and Open Meeting Law**

Sally Olson, RCAC Staff, presented a review of 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.

#### **Election of At-Large Members to the Executive Committee**

Dan Wolter moved to elect Kathy Madson, Selection Criteria/Document Review Committee Chair; Edward Reynoso, Candidate Orientation Committee Chair and Dan Wolter, Reference Check/Interview Process Committee Chair as the At-Large Members of the Executive Committee.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Aye: Christensen, Clausen, Daniels, Dwivedy, Engelen, Farrell, Hill, Huebsch, Jessen, Madson, Mohamed, Moore, Ojala, Pandey, Peterson, Reynoso, Thielfoldt, Wakefield, Winkler, Wolter

Absent: Anderson, Bernardy, Krause, Otto

20 Ayes and 4 Absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

#### **Adjournment**

There be no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM.