

REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2003

300 Morrill Hall, University of Minnesota Campus

Present:

Rondi Erickson, Chair
Jane Belau
Anthony Bianco
Humphrey Doermann
Paul Dovre
Frances Gardeski
Chris Georgacas
Elizabeth Morrison
Dave Naumann
Colman O'Connell
Paul Rexford Thatcher
Bob Vanasek
Billie Young

Absent:

Joe Aitken
Ken Albrecht
Carol Batsell Benner
Sylvia Chesson Kaplan
Corey Elmer
Samuel Garst
Richard Ista
Jo-Anne Stately
Gary Willhite

The Regent Candidate Advisory (RCAC) was called to order by Rondi Erickson, RCAC Chair, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 300 of Morrill Hall, University of Minnesota campus.

Minutes

Liz Morrison requested a correction to the minutes be made on page 3, the last full paragraph, second line. Members of the Nominations Committee should read, "Humphrey Doermann, Carol Batsell Benner, Elizabeth Morrison, and herself." The correction being Elizabeth Morrison being a member instead of Mary McLeod. Humphrey Doermann moved approval of the minutes from the meetings on January 27, 28, and 29, 2003. Seconded and **APPROVED**.

Announcements

Ms. Erickson announced the resignations of Nedra Wicks and Mary McLeod from the Regent Candidate Advisory Council. Ms. Erickson reminded everyone they were invited to the reception she was hosting after the meeting at the Four Points Sheraton. Past members and staff of the council would also be there.

Ms. Erickson discussed the new legislation, Minnesota Laws 2003, Chapter 133, Article 3, Section 25, regarding the membership of the council. After consulting with Peter Wattson of Senate Counsel, the language is interpreted to mean that the membership of the council shall be a total of 24 members and 2 of them must be students enrolled in a degree program at the University of Minnesota at the time of appointment. The students would join in the even-numbered years and have two-year terms.

A handout was distributed from Ann Cieslak, Executive Director of the Office of the Board of Regents, depicting the changes proposed to the Board of Regents Policy: *Board and Individual Regent Responsibilities*. It will go before the Board of Regents for action on October 10, 2003.

In the absence of Ms. Wicks, Nominations Committee Chair, Ms. Erickson submitted the committee report on her behalf. The following nominations were made:

Paul Dovre – Chair

Jo-Anne Stately and Dave Naumann – Vice Chairs

Bob Vanasek moved nominations be closed and a vote be taken to approve the nominations of the committee.

Seconded and **APPROVED**.

A proposed change to Procedural Rules was discussed. Due to budget cuts after the 2003 legislative session, the RCAC would need to consolidate their spring and fall meetings. It was agreed that the council would meet in the fall in the future. On page 2 of the Procedural Rules, Section III - *Meetings*, paragraph 1, the “month of June” was stricken and “fall” was inserted. Mr. Dovre moved approval of the change. Chris Georgacas seconded the motion. The motion was **APPROVED**.

The council reviewed and discussed the Candidate Evaluations. Out of the 18 applicants interviewed in January, five returned evaluations. Mr. Dovre stated that he would refer the comments from the evaluations to the appropriate committees for feedback. He will be taking volunteers to form the committees in the near future.

Guest Speaker (1:30 – 2:35 p.m.)

University of Minnesota President Robert H. Bruininks agreed to speak to the council regarding the principal goals, strategies, and challenges of the University in the current climate and the RCAC’s impact on the work of the Board of Regents. President Bruininks thanked the council for their service, time, and dedication and commended them on a job well done. He stated that the current Board of Regents is deeply committed and that he looks forward to the meetings. He admitted that dealing with the largest budget cuts in history has been difficult, but assured the council that the University is still incredibly strong and moving in the right direction.

President Bruininks stood for questions. He indicated the council should look for candidates who are deeply rooted individuals with highly complimentary skills. Individuals who know what the University means, what it does, and what its culture is. He also indicated that candidates should possess strong and diverse skill sets and have knowledge of financial issues.

The council continued with their agenda, reviewing the 2003 – 2005 cycle of activities. It was agreed that the council would work off the 2001-2003 schedule. Staff would make the appropriate changes in dates and send out a draft.

Ms. Erickson asked for volunteers to attend upcoming Board of Regents Meetings.

October 9 – 10, 2003	
November 13 – 14, 2003	Billie Young
December 11 – 12, 2003	Chris Georgacas
February 12 – 13, 2004	Humphrey Doermann
March 11 – 12, 2004	Jane Belau
April 15 – 16, 2004 (tentative)	Elizabeth Morrison
May 13 – 14, 2004	
June 10 – 11, 2004	

Chad Thuet asked council members to review the contact list and update any information that is incorrect.

At her final meeting as chair, Ms. Erickson thanked the council for their hard work and service on committees. She gave special thanks to Humphrey Doermann, Mary McLeod, Paul Thatcher, and Paul Dovre who have been very helpful to her during her term as Chair. She also announced that she will be resigning from the RCAC at the end of her term.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Paul Dovre, Chair