

Regent Candidate Advisory Council  
September 16, 2016  
Basement, State Office Building

Meeting Minutes

Present

Ardell Brede, Chair  
Chuck Armstrong  
Sen. Terri Bonoff  
Bill Brady  
Margaret Carlson  
Lois Josefson  
Kathy Madson  
Bert McKasy  
Theo Menon  
Sen. Eric Pratt  
Paul Taylor  
Dan Wolter

Excused

Shelley Buck  
Corey Miltimore  
Rep. Bud Nornes  
Rep. Gene Pelowski  
Harriett Porter  
Darrell Thompson

Ardell Brede, Chair, called the meeting of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) to order at 9:08 AM in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office Building.

A quorum was present.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Brede welcomed members. Council members introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dan Wolter moved approval of the meeting minutes from the January 5-8, 2015 meetings and the minutes from the December 12, 2014 meeting as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

### **Election of Officers**

Paul Taylor moved to elect Ardell Brede as RCAC Chair and Lois Josefson and Dan Wolter as Vice Chairs for 2016-2017. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

### **Presentation from the Board of Regents**

Regent Dean Johnson addressed the Council. He spoke to the characteristic to look for in candidates for the Board of Regents, which included an ability to collaborate, an understanding of the public role of the position, an ability to build relationships, and experience with governance.

Brian Steeves, Executive Director of the Office of the Board of Regents, presented on the challenges of higher education governance, the role of a governing board in higher education and how a governing board in higher education can be effective.

### **Review RCAC Objectives**

Sally Olson, RCAC Staff, 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, 2017.

### **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.

### **Review/Adopt RCAC Policy, Guidelines for Member Conduct**

Kathy Madson presented revisions to the Guidelines for Member Conduct pointing out the addition of language related to data practices act and the role of the RCAC after recommendations had submitted. Discussion ensued. A Subcommittee was formed to review and update the RCAC guidelines for approval at the December RCAC meeting.

### **Selection Committee Report/Revised Application**

Kathy Madson, Selection Criteria Committee Chair, presented the Committee report from the Selection Criteria Committee pointing out the changes that had been incorporated. It was requested that language be added related to subject expertise.

Kathy Madson presented the revisions to the Application for the University of Minnesota Board of Regents speaking particularly to changes in the essay questions. In regards to the essay questions, it was decided to specifically ask applicants to address the issue of higher tuition and student debt.

### **Review and discuss recruitment efforts**

Paul Taylor, Recruitment Committee Chair, presented on the upcoming 2016 recruitment efforts, which included a review of the seats coming open in 2017, an update on outreach efforts, and an update on the participation of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association in the recruitment process.

### **Review Committee Assignments**

Chair Brede reviewed the duties of the RCAC Committees and requested members volunteer to serve on

the committees.

Dan Wolter was appointed chair of the Interview Process Committee and Bill Brady was appointed chair of the Candidate Orientation Committee.

**Adoption of Selection Committee Report**

Kathy Madson incorporated the requested changes to the Selection Criteria and presented the revised language. Chuck Armstrong moved approval of the revised RCAC Selection Criteria for Members of the University of Board of Regents. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**Discuss 2016-2017 RCAC schedule and timelines**

Sally Olson, RCAC Staff, reviewed the proposed 2016-17 schedule and timeline.

Jim Erickson provided testimony related to the proposed application deadline.

Paul Taylor moved approval of the proposed 2016-17 timeline. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**Adjournment**

There be no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.