

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

July 11, 2007

The meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Patricia Simmons, presiding; Clyde Allen, Anthony Baraga, Dallas Bohnsack, Maureen Cisneros, Linda Cohen, John Frobenius, Venora Hung, Steven Hunter, Dean Johnson, David Larson, and David Metzen.

Staff Present: President Robert Bruininks; Chancellor Charles Casey; Senior Vice President Frank Cerra; Vice Presidents Carol Carrier, Kathleen O'Brien, and Richard Pfitzenreuter; Acting Executive Director Carol Kraus; and Associate Vice President Donna Peterson.

RECOGNITIONS

Civil Service Committee Chair

Vice President Carrier recognized the work of outgoing Civil Service Committee chair Peg Wolff. Wolff served as chair for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Council of Academic & Professional Administrators

Vice President Carrier recognized the work of Jaki Cottingham-Zierdt, chair of the Council of Academic and Professional Administrators (CAPA) for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded, and the Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

Educational Planning & Policy Committee – June 7, 2007
Facilities Committee – June 7, 2007
Faculty, Staff & Student Affairs Committee – June 7, 2007
Finance & Operations Committee – June 7, 2007
Board of Regents – June 7, 2007
Board of Regents – June 8, 2007
Board of Regents – June 13, 2007
Board of Regents – June 27, 2007

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Bruininks stated that he had no report this month.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Simmons presented Regent Baraga with a gavel in recognition of his service as Chair of the Board for 2005-07. She thanked him for his leadership and service in chairing the Board of Regents.

Simmons recognized Regent Bohnsack for hosting, with President Bruininks and Susan Hagstrum, a reception for Friends of Eastcliff, which celebrates contributions to maintain the President's official residence.

Simmons reported that Board members would be participating in a retreat at the Gainey Conference Center on July 12-13, 2007, and that the next scheduled meeting of the Board would be September 6-7, 2007. She noted that the Board would meet at the University of Minnesota Morris campus October 11-12, 2007.

RECEIVE AND FILE REPORTS

Chair Simmons noted the receipt and filing of the Civil Service Committee Report and the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators Report.

REPORT OF THE ALL-UNIVERSITY HONORS COMMITTEE

Chair Simmons noted that the Report of the All-University Honors Committee was forwarded to the Board from President Bruininks on June 27, 2007.

A motion was made and seconded, and the Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the Report of the All-University Honors Committee. A copy of the report is on file in the Board Office.

GIFTS

President Bruininks presented the list of gifts to the University of Minnesota, the University of Minnesota Foundation, the Arboretum Foundation, and the Minnesota Medical Foundation through May 31, 2007, as included in the docket materials.

A motion was made, seconded, and the Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the receipt of gifts as presented.

BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY REPORT

Chair Simmons reported that 94 percent of all Board policies have been reviewed. She recognized administrators who led the activity from their areas and the staff of the Board Office for their efforts in achieving this successful outcome.

STATE AND FEDERAL RELATIONS UPDATE

President Bruininks stated his belief that this was a very successful legislative season for the University of Minnesota. He recognized the leadership of Associate Vice President Peterson and her staff for their extraordinary efforts. He also thanked Board members and members of the legislative network for their participation and efforts on behalf of the University.

Associate Vice President Peterson discussed how the University's relationships with legislators at the state and federal levels impacted the outcome of the 2007 legislative session. She stated that changes in leadership have resulted in a renewed focus on higher education and the cost of attending college. She indicated that concerns have been raised regarding how to contain tuition costs without compromising the quality of the University of Minnesota as a competitive research institution.

Peterson noted that this legislative session offered opportunities to convey to legislators the benefits of the University to the State of Minnesota in strengthening the economy.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY, STAFF, & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Regent Frobenius, Chair of the committee, reported that the committee voted unanimously to recommend:

- a) Approval of the Consent Report for the Faculty, Staff & Student Affairs Committee as presented to the committee and described in the July 11, 2007 minutes.
- b) Approval of a resolution related to the proposed labor agreement with the University Education Association for faculty on the Duluth & Crookston campuses (Outstate Instructional Unit 9), as follows:

WHEREAS, the parties have met and negotiated over the course of the past year and have reached agreement regarding terms and conditions of employment regarding the employees of this bargaining unit (a complete copy of which is available in the Board of Regents Office); and

WHEREAS, UEA has ratified acceptance of the agreement;
and

WHEREAS, according to Board of Regents Policy: *Board Operations and Agenda Guidelines*, approval of labor agreements by the Board of Regents is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the recommendation of the President, the Board of Regents approves this labor agreement as outlined in the docket for July 11, 2007.

Regent Hunter recused himself and left the room for the discussion and action on the above item due to a possible conflict of interest.

The Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Faculty, Staff & Student Affairs Committee.

Regent Hunter returned to the meeting.

Frobenius reported that the committee also received a presentation on strategies to enhance undergraduate career services, received a Report on Survey of Probationary Faculty (COACHE), and reviewed a number of information items contained in the docket materials.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Regent Hunter, Chair of the committee, reported that the committee voted unanimously to recommend:

- a) Approval of the Consent Report for the Finance & Operations Committee as presented to the committee and described in the July 11, 2007 minutes.

The Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Finance & Operations Committee.

Hunter also reported that the committee discussed issues related to Morris Energy Initiatives/CREB Bonds.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE

Regent Larson, Chair of the committee, reported that the committee voted unanimously to recommend:

- a) Approval of the Consent Report for the Educational Planning & Policy Committee as presented to the committee and described in the July 11, 2007 minutes.

The Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Educational Planning & Policy Committee.

Larson reported that the committee received a presentation on teaching and learning, and reviewed information items contained in the docket materials.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Regent Metzen, Chair of the committee, reported that the committee voted unanimously to recommend:

- a) Schematic Plans for the Renewable Hydrogen & Ammonia Production Project, West Central Research & Outreach Center, Morris;
- b) The following real estate transaction:
 1. Termination of Spur track, driveway & blanket easements held by Union Pacific Railroad and acquisition of access & construction easements from University Pacific Railroad, East Gateway District Area, Twin Cities campus;
- c) Resolution to Conduct an Environmental Review of the Proposed NOvA Far Detector Laboratory New Ash River, Minnesota, as follows:

WHEREAS, the University has proposed and is seeking funding from the United States Department of Energy for the construction and operation of the NOvA Far Detector Laboratory near the unincorporated settlement of Ash River, St. Louis County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, because of its nature and location, the proposed project may have the potential for significant environmental effects; and

