

# TRUSTEES CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 5, 2010

12:30 p.m.

Room 10, State Office Building

### **Present:**

Kent Eklund, Chair  
Nimco Ahmed  
Nancy Black  
Marilyn Cathcart  
Carl Crimmins  
John Dorn  
Zainab Hassan  
Sonia Mayo Hohnadel  
Timothy Huebsch  
Del Jenkins  
Janet Lekson  
Lisa Peilen  
Earl Rasmussen  
Carolyn Williams  
Billie Young

### **Absent:**

Joe Aitken  
Donavan Bailey  
Yvonne Condell  
Dean Doyscher  
Kelley Koemptgen  
Liz Kuoppala  
David Larkin  
Bruce Watkins

The Trustee Candidate Advisory Council (TCAC) was called to order by Kent Eklund, TCAC Chair, at 12:34 pm. A quorum was present.

### **Guest Speaker**

Mr. Eklund welcomed and introduced James McCormick, Chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System. Chancellor McCormick gave an overview of characteristics to look for in an effective trustee. Those characteristics include: a passion for higher education and public education; an understanding that an investment in higher education is an investment in the people of Minnesota; unquestionable integrity; and an understanding of large complex organizations. Chancellor McCormick stood for questions. Discussion ensued.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Nimco Ahmed moved approval of the minutes from December 3, 2009 meeting. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

### **Chair's Comments**

Mr. Eklund updated the council on the meeting the chair and staff had with legislative counsel regarding Minnesota Statute 136F.0045, which states that the AFL-CIO is to recommend two to four candidates to the governor for an open seat in 2010 and every six years thereafter.

Mr. Eklund explained legal counsel pointed out that exception language was added to Minnesota Statutes 136F.03 (Recommendations of the TCAC), which removes one seat from the TCAC process in 2010 and every six years thereafter. Therefore, the TCAC will be recruiting and recommending candidates for three seats on the Board of Trustees instead of four and the AFL-CIO will recruit for one seat. Mr. Eklund also noted that legal counsel confirmed that the AFL-CIO process was independent from the TCAC process.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Policy/Procedures – Lisa Peilen gave an update on the December 22, 2009 subcommittee meeting. She stated the subcommittee reviewed both the application and screening process and made minor changes to the documents to reflect the 2009-10 TCAC schedule as well as new statutory language.

Ms. Peilen then reviewed a proposed change to the “Responsibilities for Individual Board Members of the Board of Trustees” adding language related to fiscal management. Ms. Peilen moved approval of the “Responsibilities for Individual Board Members of the Board of Trustees” as amended. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

### **Review Selection Criteria**

Mr. Eklund reviewed a proposed change to the “Criteria for Members of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities” adding language related to diversity. Carl Crimmins moved approval of the “Criteria for Members of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities” as amended. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

### **TCAC Budget**

Mr. Eklund reviewed the TCAC budget and expenditures. He pointed out expenditures include per diem and expenses for Council members.

### **Recruitment Update**

Sally Kidd, TCAC staff, stated the Publicity/Recruitment subcommittee would be meeting immediately following the TCAC meeting. She also noted that staff is planning to send out a press release announcing the recruitment effort to 475 media outlets and will send the friends letter to 750 contacts. Mr. Eklund asked Council members to inform their media contacts as well of the TCAC recruitment effort. He also noted that personal recruitment is very important to the recruitment effort.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

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Kent Eklund, Chair