



## REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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The Honorable Tim Pawlenty  
Governor  
State Of Minnesota  
Room 130, State Capitol  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Pawlenty:

As the Chair of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC), I am pleased to inform you that the Council received a record number of applications this year. After reviewing 145 applications, the Council interviewed 20 finalists, and is recommending the 11 candidates listed below. The breadth of experience and expertise of the applicants made the process of elimination extremely difficult. We are confident that we have selected an exemplary group of candidates for your consideration.

The finalists recommended by the RCAC are (in alphabetical order):

### **Fifth Congressional District**

Peter Bell  
Pat O'Connor  
Jacob Sullivan

### **At-Large**

Linda Cohen  
John Derus  
Rondi Erickson  
Dean Johnson  
Cynthia Leshner

### **Student At-Large**

Stephen Barrows  
Maureen Cisneros  
Venora Hung

The council is indebted to a vast network of people whose cooperation and assistance made possible the recruitment of such a highly qualified number of applicants. Special thanks must be extended to the University of Minnesota Alumni Association staff, as well as the staff of the Office of the Board of Regents.

The members of the council have considered it a privilege to participate in the recruitment and screening of candidates. With every round of activity, the council seeks to build upon past experience in order to continually improve the way it conducts its operations. The number of excellent candidates who submitted applications speaks to the integrity of the system and the commitment of the citizens of Minnesota to the University of Minnesota.

Per Minnesota Statutes 2005, Section 137.0245, the Selection Criteria Report is attached. The criteria listed were utilized by the RCAC for the selection of candidates and are divided into two categories, Personal and Professional/ Experiential.

If you wish, I am available to meet with you and your staff to further discuss the regent selection process and/or candidates we have recommended. Your office has already received copies of the applications for the 11 finalists. The actual interviews were recorded and are available at: <http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/rcac/07interviews.htm>. Please let me know if I can provide any additional assistance to you and your staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Vanasek, Chair  
Regent Candidate Advisory Council

Attachment