

TRUSTEES CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 3, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Room 5, State Office Building

Present:

Kent Eklund, Chair
Nancy Black
Carl Crimmins
John Dorn
Kathleen Enz Finken
Zainab Hassan
Del Jenkins
Kelley Koemptgen
Elizabeth Kuoppala
David Larkin
John Poupart
Earl Rasmussen
Bruce Watkins
Billie Young

Absent:

Joe Aitken
George Cassell
Yvonne Condell
Dean Doyscher
Brenda Elmer
Buck Humphrey
Ruth Orrick
Lisa Peilen
Don Sudor
Chris Wachtler

The Trustee Candidate Advisory Council (TCAC) was called to order by Kent Eklund, TCAC Chair, at 2:15 p.m. in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

Mr. Eklund welcomed all members and introduced Sally Kidd, the new Commissions Assistant for the Legislative Coordinating Commission. There being several newly appointed members to the TCAC, all members introduced themselves.

Overview of the TCAC

Mr. Eklund reviewed MS 136F.03 and gave an overview of the purpose, duties and process for the TCAC. Mr. Eklund explained the duty before the TCAC is to recommend two to four candidates to the governor per open seat on the Board of Trustees by April 15, 2008. Mr. Eklund also reviewed the duties of a Trustee noting the time commitment is approximately 40 hours a month.

Mr. Eklund reviewed Exhibit 5 "Criteria for Members of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities" and Exhibit 6 "Responsibilities for Individual Members of the Board of Trustees".

Mr. Eklund reviewed the history of Board of Trustees Appointments by the Governor and noted in 2006, two of the four Board appointments were selected from the TCAC recommendations.

Mr. Eklund stated that he would like to see all appointments to the Board of Trustees go through one process. He noted Governor Ventura was the only governor to select all appointments from the TCAC recommendations.

Minutes

Billie Young moved to approve the minutes for April 3 - 5, 2006. Seconded. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Election of council chair and vice chair(s)

Billie Young moved to nominate Kent Eklund as chair of the Board of Trustee Candidate Advisory Council. Seconded. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Billie Young moved to nominate Nancy Black as vice chair. Seconded. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Council Member contact information

Mr. Eklund reviewed the private and public contact list. He noted the private list was for Council member use only while the public list could be shared. Mr. Eklund asked members to review their contact information and submit any changes to Sally Kidd.

MnSCU board status and recruitment timeline

Mr. Eklund explained there are four vacancies on the Board that must be filled: two at-large positions, one in Congressional District 4, and one in Congressional District 7. The four members with terms expiring are: Anne Curme Shaw, District 3; Cheryl Dickson, District 4; David Paskach, District 7; and Clarence Hightower, At-Large.

Mr. Eklund explained the Board of Trustees must have at least one member from each congressional district. Since the board does not have any current representation from District 4 or District 7, expiring members' terms notwithstanding, recruitment will be done for those two districts in addition to two at-large positions. Mr. Eklund noted the intentions of the incumbents are not known at this time.

Mr. Eklund then reviewed the 2007-08 TCAC schedule. It was decided the date for the March meeting, whereby, applications would be screened and interviewees would be selected would be scheduled at the next meeting. Mr. Eklund informed members a meeting needs to be held before January 8, 2008 because of the deadline to mail recruitment letters and press releases. Members agreed the next meeting should occur the first week in January. Staff was instructed to conduct a poll of all members regarding possible meeting dates.

It was then decided the best dates to conduct the candidate interviews was either the week of March 24, 2008 or March 31, 2008. The first choice of members present was the week of March 31, with 12 members able to attend. Staff was instructed to conduct a poll of all members to facilitate a final decision. The dates for interviews would be decided at the January meeting.

Program planning for next meeting, e.g. guest speakers

Mr. Eklund informed members they will receive a copy of the MnSCU Board of Trustees application form at the next meeting.

Suggestions for Guest Speakers:

- Board of Trustees Chair David Olson
- Chancellor James McCormick
- A representative from the Governor's Office, if possible Susan Heegaard.

Other items as approved by the chair

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. Subcommittee members met to determine a meeting date.

Kent Eklund, Chair