

Minutes*

**Special Meeting
Senate Committee on Finance and Planning
September 22, 1992**

Present: Irwin Rubenstein (chair), Michael Hoey, Fred Morrison, Jeff von Munkwitz-Smith, Doris Rubenstein, Jason Schmidt, Mary Sue Simmons, Paul Tschida

Guests: Senior Vice President Robert Erickson, Assistant Vice President Susan Markham, Richard Pfutzenreuter

Professor Rubenstein convened the meeting at 3:30 and thanked Committee members who were able to show up on short notice to interview the candidate to become Associate Vice President for Budget and Finance. He welcomed Ms. Markham and Messrs. Erickson and Pfutzenreuter to the meeting.

Ms. Markham explained the search procedure and introduced Mr. Pfutzenreuter to the Committee.

Among the topics touched on during the conversation were Mr. Pfutzenreuter's training and experience and how it might be used to the benefit of the University, his administrative style, and the problems that he will confront when he takes office (e.g., CUFS). Committee members also discussed with him the political and financial situation of the State and the University. Mr. Erickson identified a number of issues which will need to be addressed. Emphasis was placed, in the exchanges, on the importance of ensuring that the operating systems on the finance side of the institution are in place and working.

Professor Rubenstein told Mr. Pfutzenreuter that he would, if confirmed in his appointment by the Board of Regents, be invited to attend meetings of the Committee and to help guide it on the hard choices that will have to be made. The Committee, he told Mr. Pfutzenreuter, is aware that choices between alternatives will have to be made.

The Committee expressed itself as satisfied with the candidacy of Mr. Pfutzenreuter.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40.

-- Gary Engstrand

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