

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

Educational Planning & Policy Committee

November 11, 2004

A meeting of the Educational Planning and Policy Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, November 11, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. in the East Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Maureen Reed, presiding, Anthony Baraga, Richard McNamara, and Patricia Simmons.

Staff present: Chancellors Kathryn Martin and Samuel Schuman; Senior Vice President & Provost Thomas Sullivan; Senior Vice President Frank Cerra; Interim Vice President David Hamilton; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; and Provost David Carl.

Student Representatives present: Bobak Ha'Eri and Tom Zearley.

**BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY:
RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS**

Senior Vice President and Provost Sullivan introduced Interim Vice President David Hamilton, who led the discussion. Hamilton indicated that the policy, which was before the committee in September 2004 for review, has been restructured for clarity and consistency with other Board policies; to clarify the authority of the president and the Institutional Review Board; and for consistency with accreditation awarded by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs.

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of proposed amendments to the policy.

**BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY:
ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**

Senior Vice President and Provost Sullivan introduced Interim Vice President David Hamilton, who led the discussion. Hamilton noted that the proposed amendments align the policy with Board of Regents Policy: *Reservation and Delegation of Authority* and acknowledge adherence to the *Federal Policy on Research Misconduct*. Administrative procedures removed from the policy have been updated and retained as a separate administrative document.

The policy will return for action at a future meeting of the committee.

**BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY:
TUITION**

Chair Reed recalled that in preparation for today's review of Board of Regents Policy: *Tuition*, the committee had discussed this policy one year ago, raising questions in a number of areas, including the provisions of reciprocity agreements, the guaranteed tuition plan, and the implementation of a single undergraduate tuition rate for students on the Crookston and Morris campuses.

Senior Vice President and Provost Sullivan introduced Peter Zetterberg, Director, Institutional Research and Reporting, who led the discussion. Zetterberg explained that while the policy has undergone substantial reorganization, there are only two significant changes. The first, elimination of language requiring the use of student tuition advisory committees on each campus, will be accomplished through discussions with existing groups, such as Student Representatives to the Board or representatives of the Minnesota Students Association and the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly. The second, discontinuation of the guaranteed tuition plan, will end a program that involved very few students but very high administrative costs.

In response to a number of questions from committee members, Zetterberg reported that:

- the State of Minnesota negotiates reciprocity agreements in which the Board subsequently decides whether or not to participate;
- current reciprocity agreements result in higher University tuition for Minnesota students than students from Wisconsin;
- the administration has proposed to the governor's office a number of changes to current reciprocity agreements that now financially disadvantage the University; and
- future interest in a guaranteed tuition plan could be addressed through the University's budget process.

In response to a question from Student Representative Zearley and Regent Hogan, Zetterberg advised that course and technology fees are targeted for specific purposes, but that the University fee is collected and redistributed centrally.

In response to questions from Reed, Zetterberg confirmed that the proposed policy does not reference the Access, Choice, and Quality Need-Based Grant Fund. This fund continues to be an important part of the University's financial aid offerings, but it seemed inappropriate to name just one of the thousands of available scholarship and grant programs the University administers. He also agreed to propose amendments addressing her concerns about the relationship between tuition and full instructional costs (Section II, subd. 5).

The policy will return for action at a future meeting of the committee.

**BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY:
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**

Senior Vice President and Provost Sullivan introduced Peter Zetterberg, Director, Institutional Research and Reporting, who led the discussion. Zetterberg stated that the proposed policy incorporates salient features of three separate Board of Regents Policies: *Student Financial Aid*, *Student Loans*, and *Student Employment as Financial Aid*, and aligns the policy with Board of Regents Policy: *Reservation and Delegation of*

Authority. The changes are not substantive, but the proposed policy does set broad goals and principles for the University's aid programs; eliminate references to specific offices, funds, and aid programs; and remove language redundant in light of required compliance with federal and state aid policies.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the removal of language relating to equitable disbursement of aid to students with demonstrated financial need. Zetterberg remarked that it would be very difficult to describe in the policy the wide variety of programs the University administers and the wide variety of students who qualify for different types of financial aid. Rather, the main purpose of the policy is to state that the University will properly administer student financial aid funds.

Reed and Zearley expressed a preference for reinstating language relating to demonstrated financial need, while Regent Simmons and Student Representative Ha'Eri supported the proposed amendments because they appear to provide the flexibility needed to address changes that will occur over time and across campuses.

The policy will return for action at a future meeting of the committee.

CONSENT REPORT

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the following, as detailed in the Consent Report and the docket materials:

Request for Approval of New Academic Program:

- Carlson School of Management, Bachelor of Science in Business (B.S.B.) Degree, Addition of Major and Minor in Operations

Request for Approval of Change to Existing Academic Program:

- Graduate School, Doctorate of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) Degree, Addition of Transitional Program

Request for Approval of Department Name Change:

- University of Minnesota, Duluth, Change Name from Department of Chemistry to Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Requests for Approval of Program Discontinuation:

- College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Agricultural Business Management
- College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Animal/Plant Systems
- College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Natural Resources/Environmental Studies
- College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Science in Agriculture
- College of Liberal Arts, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree in Ancient Near Eastern Studies
- University of Minnesota, Duluth, Master of Education (M.Ed.) Degree at Rainy River Community College and White Earth Reservation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items this month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary