

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

June 7, 2002

An emergency meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota was held on Friday, June 7, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Maureen Reed, presiding; Frank Berman, Dallas Bohnsack, Richard McNamara, David Metzen, Michael O'Keefe, and Lakeesha Ransom. Anthony Baraga, Robert Bergland, William Hogan, and H. Bryan Neel participated via telephone.

Staff present: Executive Vice President and Provost Robert Bruininks; Vice Presidents Carol Carrier, Christine Maziar, and Robert Jones; Interim Vice President Greg Fox; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; Associate Vice President Richard Pfitzenreuter. President Yudof participated via telephone.

RESOLUTION TO HOLD AN EMERGENCY MEETING

A motion was made and seconded, and the Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Regents that circumstances require immediate consideration by the Board of Regents:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this emergency meeting of the Board of Regents is held on June 7, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 600 McNamara alumni Center, for the purpose of selecting an interim president.

SELECTION OF INTERIM PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following resolution relating to the selection of an interim president for the University of Minnesota:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert H. Bruininks be selected as the interim President of the University of Minnesota, effective when the current president leaves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents authorizes the Board chair to execute a contract with the interim president.

Board members expressed appreciation to President Yudof for his work as President of the University of Minnesota during the past five years and their support for Robert Bruininks to serve as interim President.

Chair Reed called on Secretary Cieslak for a roll call vote. The votes were cast as follows:

Regent Baraga Yes

Regent Bergland Yes

Regent Berman Yes

Regent Bohnsack Yes

Regent Hogan Yes

Regent McNamara Yes

Regent Metzen Yes

Regent Neel Yes

Regent O'Keefe Yes

Regent Ransom Yes

Regent Reed Yes

Secretary Cieslak announced there were 11 votes in favor of the motion and no votes against the motion. Cieslak added that Regent Keffeler was not present but requested that the record reflect that she was in support of Robert Bruininks as Interim President. Bruininks briefly addressed the Board.

Chair Reed then made the following statement:

"We are a governing board and we like to think that we do it well. If we tried to be a management board, I assure you we would do it very poorly. Our job as a governing board is to select the president who will do the management of this great institution. We expect you, President Yudof, to continue to make appropriate decisions and discharge all the responsibilities of the presidency until the day that you hand over the reins to Provost Bruininks. And on that day, President Bruininks, we will expect you to make all appropriate decisions for the University and discharge those responsibilities until such time as you hand over the reins to the permanent president of the University.

"And specifically, I would say that we expect to see the work of the University such as the searches for deans, for the athletic director, for the vice president of University Services to proceed apace. We want the new budget, which we will be acting on next week, to be implemented. We want to make sure that the legislative agenda and the preparation for the next legislative session continues in a very vigorous fashion. We do not want there to be one day of delay, one day of breakdown, or tardiness, or slowness, as we move ahead.

"This University of Minnesota belongs to the people of Minnesota, and they have a right to expect that the University will serve them every day of the year. They have a right to expect that the University will not go on sabbatical because we have a changeover in leadership. They should not expect that we will go on sabbatical for six weeks, or six months, or any period of time because of a leadership change. The Board has every expectation that we can deliver to the people of Minnesota what they expect, which is that this University will be operating on six cylinders all of the time. We have a great president in President Yudof and we have an eminently qualified incoming Interim President in Provost Bruininks. I am absolutely positive that we will have a magnificent president coming in as the permanent president some months from now. The people of Minnesota will be well served and we on the Board guarantee it."

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary

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