

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

October 7, 2004

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota was held on Thursday, October 7, 2004, at 1:45 p.m. in Ballroom B, Kirby Student Center, on the University of Minnesota Duluth campus.

Regents present: David Metzen, presiding; Clyde Allen, Anthony Baraga, Peter Bell, Frank Berman, Dallas Bohnsack, John Frobenius, William Hogan, Richard McNamara, Lakeesha Ransom, Maureen Reed, and Patricia Simmons.

Staff present: President Robert Bruininks; Chancellor Kathryn Martin; Senior Vice President and Provost Thomas Sullivan; Senior Vice President Robert Jones; Vice Presidents Kathryn Brown, Carol Carrier, and Kathleen O'Brien; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; Provost David Carl; Executive Associate Vice President Al Sullivan; and Associate Vice President Donna Peterson.

REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR

Chancellor Martin presented a report on the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD). The report focused on planning at UMD and the campus goals regarding growth, advising, American Indian education, undergraduate research, and capital improvements. She provided information on the long-range plan for UMD under development that reiterates past priorities and refocuses on the years 2004 to 2010. Overarching issues that will be addressed in the planning document include international programs, service and productivity, interdisciplinary initiatives, economic development, and freshwater research and outreach. She briefly described progress that is underway in each of these areas.

Martin reviewed progress on a number of capital projects, provided information on enrollment and student profiles, and reviewed data pertaining to growth in faculty. She noted that access to UMD will be a major policy question that will need to be addressed in the future. Currently, UMD's admissions policy accepts students on a "first come, first serve" basis. Should UMD remain an access point for the university or should greater selectivity be considered?

In conclusion, Martin indicated that UMD is one of Minnesota's higher education success stories. It has an outstanding research track record, has raised over \$50 million in private support over the past nine years, and has had a major impact on the community. Faculty, staff, and students are approaching the future with great confidence.

Regent Simmons applauded the increased focus on undergraduate research and stated that this is an area where the campus can continue to distinguish itself.

Chair Metzen thanked Martin for the excellent presentation and stated that the Board will continue this session with a tour of the UMD campus.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

ANN D. CIESLAK
Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary