

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

Educational Planning & Policy Committee

June 9, 2005

A meeting of the Educational Planning and Policy Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, June 9, 2005, at 3:45 p.m. in the East Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Peter Bell, presiding, Anthony Baraga, Steven Hunter, David Larson, Richard McNamara, and Patricia Simmons.

Staff present: Senior Vice President & Provost Thomas Sullivan; Senior Vice President Robert Jones; Vice President R. Timothy Mulcahy; General Counsel Mark Rotenberg; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; and Provost David Carl.

Student Representatives present: Sarah Black (alternate) and Joshua Colburn.

**BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY:
INSTITUTIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Senior Vice President and Provost Sullivan introduced Richard Bianco, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, and Vice President Mulcahy, who led the discussion of proposed Board of Regents Policy: *Institutional Conflict of Interest*. Bianco noted that the new policy:

- encompasses any institutional conflict that could compromise any aspect of the University's mission;
- will supersede Board of Regents Policy: *Financial Disclosure for Senior University Officials*; and
- includes new language in response to the committee's request that the oversight process reduce and eliminate as well as manage institutional conflict of interest.

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of Board of Regents Policy: *Institutional Conflict of Interest*.

**BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY:
INDIVIDUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Senior Vice President and Provost Sullivan introduced Richard Bianco, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, and Vice President Mulcahy, who led the discussion of proposed amendments to Board of Regents Policy: *Individual Conflict of Interest*. Bianco explained that the University's current individual conflict of interest policy was adopted about ten years ago and has been very successfully implemented. The proposed revisions:

- modify the name of the policy;
- remove a substantial portion of the current policy to administrative procedures;
- update disclosure requirements;
- eliminate the Public Private Partnership Committee as recommended by the Board's Audit Committee; and
- include mechanisms for handling individual conflicts of interest that parallel language used in previously discussed Board of Regents Policy: *Institutional Conflict of Interest*.

In response to questions, Bianco assured the committee that compliance with disclosure requirements is monitored, and that conflicts of interest involving purchases are governed by Board of Regents Policy: *Purchasing* and other administrative policies and procedures. Mulcahy added that the primary goal of the policy is to ensure that University-sponsored research is independent of potential personal gain, directly or indirectly, through an immediate family member.

Regent Bell requested that the definition of *immediate family member* be reassessed and that future discussions of major policy revisions include additional detail explaining the changes proposed.

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

**BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY:
ANIMAL CARE AND USAGE**

Senior Vice President and Provost Sullivan observed that much of the content of Board of Regents Policy: *Animal Care and Usage* is dictated by federal law and accreditation standards of the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care. He introduced Richard Bianco, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, and Vice President Mulcahy, who led the discussion. Bianco reported that the policy covers all animals used by the University, whether they are used in connection with displays, research, or employee work responsibilities. He also described existing institutional mechanisms that ensure compliance with requirements of the federal government and accrediting bodies.

Bianco indicated that the policy has been revised for consistency with Board of Regents Policy: *Reservation and Delegation of Authority* and standard Board policy formats. Language additions include an affirmation of the University's commitment to the appropriate use of animals in research, teaching, and service activities and mandatory occupational health training for members of the University community involved in the care and use of animals. Proposed revisions also include changing references to *animal care and usage* to *animal care and use* throughout the policy.

In response to questions from the committee, Bianco stated that:

- Most of the changes proposed are not substantive, but will better align the policy with current practice.
- The federal government places responsibility and accountability with the president and the president's designated institutional official rather than with the University's governing body.

Regent Simmons proposed that institutional conflict of interest and public membership on the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and the Institutional Review Board (IRB) suggest the need for oversight by the Board and institutional

reporting, not only for this area, but also for the IRB and in the area of human subjects research.

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

CONSENT REPORT

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee unanimously recommended approval of the following academic program changes, as described in the docket materials:

New Academic Programs:

- College of Continuing Education (Twin Cities Campus) – Certificate, Computer Science
- College of Human Ecology (Twin Cities Campus) – Minor in Social Justice
- Labovitz School of Business and Economics (Duluth Campus) – Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) Degree, Major in Health Care Management

Academic Program Change:

- School of Public Health (Twin Cities Campus) – Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) Degree, new Interdisciplinary Concentration in Public Health Policy

Academic Program Name Change:

- College of Liberal Arts (Duluth Campus) – Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree, Women's Studies, change name of concentration from Global Feminism to Transnational Feminism

Academic Program Restructuring:

- College of Science and Engineering and College of Liberal Arts (Duluth Campus) – Undergraduate Mathematics Program:
New Programs: 1) Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree, Statistics and Actuarial Science, 2) Minor in Mathematics
Program Changes: Restructured areas of emphasis: applied analysis, applied discrete mathematics, computational mathematics, mathematics education, and pre-graduate studies.
Program Discontinuations: 1) Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, Mathematics, 2) Minor in Traditional Mathematics, 3) Minor in Applied Mathematics

INFORMATION ITEMS

Senior Vice President and Provost Sullivan introduced John Ziegenhagen, Director, Office of Planning and Academic Affairs, who updated the committee on the status of preparations currently under way for this fall's evaluation of the Twin Cities campus by the University's regional accrediting agency, the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges. He also noted that the accrediting team will meet with faculty, staff, students, senior administrators, and Regents during their October 31 – November 2, 2005 visit to campus.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Corporate Secretary