

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

Educational Planning & Policy Committee

July 11, 2002

A meeting of the Educational Planning and Policy Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, July 11, 2002, at 3:15 p.m. in the East Committee Room of the McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: William Hogan, presiding; Jean Keffeler, Richard McNamara, and Maureen Reed.

Staff present: Executive Vice President and Provost Robert Bruininks; Chancellors Donald Sargeant, Kathryn Martin, and Samuel Schuman; Vice Presidents Robert Jones and Christine Maziar; and Associate Vice President Robert Kvavik.

Student Representatives present: Jacob Elo and Alternate Nicholas Cecconi.

CONSENT REPORT

The Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the following:

Program Name Change:

- University of Minnesota Crookston Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Aviation to Bachelor of Science in Aviation with areas of concentration in Agricultural, Law Enforcement, Natural Resources, and Business Aviation.

The committee also approved a tuition correction for the Graduate School Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Housing Studies as described in the docket materials.

PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL REVIEW:

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MORRIS

Executive Vice President and Provost Robert Bruininks introduced Chancellor Samuel Schuman, who led the discussion. Schuman reviewed the current status of the University of Minnesota Morris and future academic, financial, and programmatic directions as described in the docket materials and on file in the Board Office.

Schuman indicated the importance to Morris of a focus on mission, a uniform tuition rate, and improved financial stability.

Future challenges for Morris include the following:

- attracting additional private support;
- matching internal reallocations to internal priorities;
- increasing five-year graduation rates to that for comparable private liberal arts colleges; and
- incorporating a high tuition/high financial aid model into its competitive strategy.

In response to a question from Hogan, Schuman indicated that the high tuition/high financial aid model is a concern since Morris competes with private liberal arts universities. He also noted that one core budget problem has now been addressed with central administration providing funding for American Indian students who are entitled to tuition waivers at Morris.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Executive Vice President and Provost Bruininks referred committee members to the docket materials and reviewed the status of items on the committee's workplan. Regarding the University's relationship with MnSCU, he reported that the Rochester agreement has been signed, ensuring for the University a strong leadership role in higher education in Rochester, and that two initiatives of the metropolitan higher education strategy are about to be launched.

Discussion of the item *Distributed & Distance Education - Strategies, Workplan, and Policy Issues* was deferred for consideration at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary

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