

**Year 2002-03**

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Educational Planning & Policy Committee**

**November 7, 2002**

A meeting of the Educational Planning and Policy Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, November 7, 2002, at 1:15 p.m. in the East Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

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

Staff present: Chancellors Donald Sargeant and Samuel Schuman; Executive Vice President and Provost Christine Maziar; Senior Vice President Frank Cerra; Interim Vice Presidents Kathryn Brown and David Hamilton; and Executive Director Ann Cieslak.

Student Representatives present: Jacob Elo and Danielle Stuard.

**CONSENT REPORT**

A motion was made and seconded and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Consent Report, which included the following:

**New Academic Programs:**

- College of Continuing Education - Certificate Program in Construction Management
- College of Continuing Education - Certificate Program in Paper Science and Engineering

**Academic Program Additions:**

- School of Public Health and College of Veterinary Medicine - Dual D.V.M./M.P.H. in Public Health Practice- Veterinary Public Health

The committee also approved correction of a degree designation approved in June 2002. The new five-year integrated degree program, originally approved as M.S.Comp.E., is correctly designated M.S. degree with a major in Computer Engineering, which may be pursued with the B.Comp.E. degree in the Graduate School's five-year integrated degree program in computer engineering, effective Fall 2002.

In response to a number of questions from Regent Bell regarding the relationship between state licensure requirements and the Certificate Program in Construction Management, Executive Vice President & Provost Maziar agreed to provide some additional information.

### **COMMITTEE WORKPLAN, 2002-03**

Regent Hogan and Executive Vice President and Provost Maziar led the discussion of the committee's workplan for 2002-03. Regents expressed particular interest in a number of topics, including continued dialogue at various appropriate levels between the University and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) System; joint discussion of the *Commission on Excellence Report* and the *University Plan, Performance, and Accountability Report*; and periodic updates on the Metro Ed Strategy in anticipation of future joint meetings with MnSCU's Educational Policy Committee.

### **ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT, PART I: STRATEGIES AND ISSUES**

Executive Vice President and Provost Maziar introduced Vice Provost Craig Swan and Director Peter Zetterberg, who led the discussion. Zetterberg detailed by campus and level selected student characteristics, 2002 enrollment data, and degrees granted. He also reviewed longer-term trends in enrollment by campus, the expected number of Minnesota high school graduates, applications for undergraduate admission, and average credit loads for undergraduates on the Twin Cities campus (materials in the docket and on file in the Board Office).

Swan noted that the increase in average credit loads for undergraduates on the Twin Cities campus is a very positive outcome of the Board's approval in June 2002 of tuition banding in conjunction with a 13-credit minimum. Maziar emphasized that success in this area also is the result of efforts by the deans, the colleges, and vice provosts, who devoted additional resources to advising to ensure that students understand the benefits of a timely graduation and how to achieve that goal.

In response to a question from Regent Bell, Swan reported that regular monitoring of the University's enrollment data indicates that the University performs well relative to peer institutions and that the academic profile of incoming students continues to improve. Maziar added that it is not the University's goal to increase enrollments. Rather, these data are intended to provide a better understanding of where the University is experiencing positive or negative effects of enrollment pressures.

In response to questions from Regents Reed and Keffeler, Maziar explained that administrative recommendations regarding enrollment issues and the rationale for those recommendations will be brought to the committee at a later date. Among the policy issues to be addressed at that time will be the following:

- What enrollment levels are optimal for the University's undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels? For each coordinate campus?
- To what extent should institutional capacity, instructional loads, current resources, student demand, state needs, and high school graduation rates drive enrollment goals?

### **IMPACT OF POST-SEPTEMBER 11 FEDERAL GUIDELINES ON RESEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Executive Vice President and Provost Maziar remarked that the purpose of this discussion is to explore the policy questions and practical implications resulting from post-September 11 changes in federal legislation and regulations. She introduced David Hamilton, Interim Vice President for Research, Eugene Allen, Director, Office of International Programs, and Mark Bohnhorst, Office of the General Counsel, who led the discussion. Hamilton highlighted provisions of recently enacted federal laws and

regulations and pending legislation as well as steps the University has taken to ensure compliance (materials in the docket and on file in the Board Office).

Allen profiled international students, faculty, scholars, and staff at the University, noting the impact of post-September 11 federal mandates on new international student enrollments for Fall 2002, which are 18% below enrollments for Fall 2001 primarily because of new visa security clearance requirements. Allen also observed that there are extensive recordkeeping, tracking, and reporting requirements associated with the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) through which the University must demonstrate compliance by January 30, 2003. Similarly, additional regulations also have been imposed on U. S. students wishing to study abroad.

Maziar stressed the potential risks of a continued decline in the number of newly matriculated international students, especially in some of the University's most prestigious graduate programs. She assured the committee, however, that the University currently is in compliance and playing a leadership role with other major research universities in addressing the technical issues associated with integrating SEVIS with PeopleSoft.

Among the policy issues discussed were the impact of post-September 11 federal mandates on current University research policies and practices, longstanding commitments to a strong international presence on campus, and opportunities to expand international experiences for students and faculty.

In response to a question from Student Representative Elo, Hamilton confirmed that the federal government will have expanded access to student records, but such access requires a warrant.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

There were no Information Items this month.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

**ANN D. CIESLAK**  
**Executive Director and**  
**Corporate Secretary**

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