

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF REGENTS

September 7, 2007

The meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota was held on Friday, September 7, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Patricia Simmons, presiding; Clyde Allen, Anthony Baraga, Dallas Bohnsack, Maureen Cisneros, Linda Cohen, John Frobenius, Steven Hunter, Dean Johnson, David Larson, and David Metzen.

Staff Present: President Robert Bruininks; Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson; Senior Vice President and Provost Thomas Sullivan; Senior Vice President Frank Cerra; Vice Presidents Kathryn Brown, Timothy Mulcahy, Charles Muscoplat and Richard Pfitzenreuter; General Counsel Mark Rotenberg; Executive Director Ann Cieslak; Provost David Carl; and Associate Vice President Donna Peterson.

RECOGNITIONS

Provost, University of Minnesota Rochester

Recognition was given to David Carl for his service as provost of the University of Minnesota Rochester. The Board of Regents expressed appreciation for his leadership and accomplishments during his tenure at the University of Minnesota Rochester.

Regents Professors

Recognition was giving to newly-appointed Regents Professors Frank S. Bates, Chemical Engineering; Richard Lepert, Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature; Matt McQuire, Psychology; Elaine Tyler May, American Studies; and Peter B. Reich, Forest Resources. Regent Professorships are the highest honor that the University of Minnesota bestows on its faculty. The individual holds the title as long as the individual retains a full-time, tenured appointment as a faculty member of the University.

McKnight Presidential Awards

Recognition was giving to John Bryson, McKnight Presidential Professor in Planning and Public Affairs, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs; and to John Wagner, McKnight Presidential Chair in Hematology and Oncology in the Division of Hematology-Oncology and Blood and Marrow Transplantation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Audit Committee – July 11, 2007
Educational Planning & Policy Committee – July 11, 2007
Facilities Committee – July 11, 2007
Faculty, Staff & Student Affairs Committee – July 11, 2007
Finance & Operations Committee – July 11, 2007
Board of Regents – July 11, 2007

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Bruininks spoke briefly regarding the events following the collapse of the I-35W bridge on August 1, 2007. The President thanked a number of people from the University community for their courage and quick response in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy. He announced a special reception at Eastcliff on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 to recognize University responders.

President Bruininks reported availability of a recently-published comprehensive strategic positioning report. The report compiles the ongoing priorities of the University of Minnesota and highlights a number of areas of focus important to revitalize the future of the University and ensure the long-term excellence.

He also noted that he is recommending the appointment of College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Dean Steven Rosenstone as Vice President for Scholarly and Cultural Affairs. CLA Associate Dean James Parente will serve as interim dean until a search has been completed.

A copy of the Report of the President is on file in the Board Office.

Due to a disruption in the audience relating to support for striking University AFSCME employees, Chair Simmons requested that order be restored and that public comments be held. After several attempts to call the meeting to order, Simmons read the following statement:

It is essential that the disruptive behavior cease so that the Regents can conduct their business. All those who fail to comply will be in violation of Minnesota Statute 624.72 Sub. 3, interference with the use of public property and will be placed under arrest by the University police. All disruptive parties are asked to vacate the room within two minutes or be subject to arrest.

Chair Simmons recessed the meeting at 9:35 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

Chair Simmons recognized Regent Hunter, who briefly addressed the Board.

Hunter, who holds the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the AFL/CIO, indicated that he is in a difficult position. He provided his history as a member of the

union and expressed support and understanding for the AFSCME employees. He also stressed the importance of the collective bargaining process. He stated that he understands the process can be difficult and does not always run smoothly, but he would urge the union and administration to go back to the bargaining table to reach a fair offer and settlement as soon as possible.

REPORT OF THE ALL-UNIVERSITY HONORS COMMITTEE

Chair Simmons noted that the Report of the All-University Honors Committee was forwarded to the Board from President Bruininks on August 22, 2007.

A motion was made and seconded, and the Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the Report of the All-University Honors Committee. A copy of the report is on file in the Board Office.

Due to disruptive behavior, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary