

TRUSTEE CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

April 3 – 5, 2006

Monday, Room 300 North, State Office Building, at 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Room 300 South, State Office Building, at 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, Room 400 South, State Office Building, at 8:15 a.m.

Present:

Kent Eklund, Chair
Joe Aitken
Greg Anderson (April 5)
Nancy Black
George Cassell
Judy Christianson
Yvonne Condell
Brenda Elmer
Susan Hankner
Buck Humphrey
Del Jenkins
Kelley Koemptgen
Lisa Peilen
Earl Rasmussen
Don Sudor
Ben Vander Kooi
Chris Wachtler
Billie Young

Absent:

Greg Anderson (April 3 & 4)
Carl Crimmins
Jody Olson
Ruth Orrick
David Sturrock
Pam Wolf

Monday, April 3rd – Business Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

The Trustee Candidate Advisory (TCAC) was called to order by Kent Eklund, TCAC Chair, at 8:00 a.m. in Room 300 North of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Mr. Eklund reviewed the agenda and the interview process. Members would greet and introduce the interviewees for which they were assigned to do reference checks. The candidate would be allowed up to five minutes for an opening statement, the council would then ask questions, and end with the candidate's two-minute closing statement. Mr. Eklund pointed out to members that their packets included a list of possible questions to ask interviewees and questions the RCAC asks its candidates.

Announcements

Joe Aitken announced that John Day was ill and would not be able to make it to his interview today. Staff was instructed to try to reschedule Mr. Day for Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. and to try to move the last interview of the day, Tim McManimon, to Mr. Day's 2:00 p.m. appointment.

Executive Session – Reference Check Reports

Billie Young moved to close the public meeting and meet in executive session for the purpose of reviewing candidate reference checks. Seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.** The council reviewed reference checks. Members expressed that the reference checks were helpful and should be continued in the future.

Earl Rasmussen moved to close executive session and reopen the meeting. Seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Interviews started at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, April 3rd

Louise Sundin
Robert Brown
Joan Barrett-Volkmuth
Jack Geller
Tim McManimon (conference call)
Leigh Lenzmeier

Upon conclusion of the interviews, Yvonne Condell moved to meet in executive session for purposes of discussing candidates interviewed today. Seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Ben Vander Kooi moved to adjourn at 3:35 p.m. Seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Tuesday, April 4th – Business Meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Mr. Eklund reviewed the interview schedule for the day. Staff announced that they had rescheduled Mr. Day for 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Mr. Eklund briefly reviewed the voting procedures and discussed the current makeup of the MnSCU Board of Trustees.

Ms. Young moved approval of the minutes from the March 3, 2005, meeting. Seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Interviews started at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 4th

Carl Cummins
Jim Van Houten
Charles “Scott” Thiss
Lois Josefson
Nathan Johnson
Mary Hershberger Thun
Obie Kipper, Jr.

Interviews concluded at 4:17 p.m. Mr. Eklund reviewed the agenda for Wednesday, taking a short lunch and adding Mr. Day’s interview at 1:00 p.m. The council adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5th – Business Meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Mr. Eklund called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. He reviewed the interview schedule for the day and indicated that voting would commence following the interviews. Mr. Eklund reminded members that they must have heard an interview to vote for a candidate on the first ballot.

Interviews started at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 5th

Frederick Tyler
Lee Antell
Maureen Steinwall
David Larkin
John Day

Interviews concluded at 1:50 p.m. Members took a short break before voting.

At 1:55 p.m., Mr. Eklund and Chad Thuet reviewed the voting procedures. George Cassell moved to close discussion and begin voting. Seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

The following names would be recommended to Governor Pawlenty:

<u>At-Large</u>	<u>5th Congressional District</u>	<u>6th Congressional District</u>
Lee Antell	Obie Kipper, Jr. (5 th)	Joan Barrett-Volkmuth (6 th)
Robert Brown	Louise Sundin (5 th)	
Carl Cummins	Frederick Tyler (5 th)	
Jack Geller	James Van Houten (5 th)	
Mary Hershberger Thun		
Maureen Steinwall		
Scott Thiss		

Members were asked to contact the interviewee for whom they conducted reference checks to inform them of the council's recommendations.

Mr. Vander Kooi discussed positive feedback from conducting reference checks and brought up the issue regarding the small pool of candidates recruited from the 6th Congressional District. Discussion ensued. Mr. Rasmussen moved to notify the Governor that the council stands willing and ready to serve and will, at the Governor's request, conduct further recruiting or reconvene for purposes of interviewing any possible candidates he might suggest from the 6th Congressional District. Seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.** Mr. Eklund would personally contact John Berns in the Governor's Office immediately after the meeting adjourns.

Brenda Elmer requested the council be better informed of the MnSCU Board of Trustees activities and notices. Staff volunteered to make sure all council members are added to MnSCU's email distribution list for board notices and meeting minutes.

Mr. Vander Kooi moved to adjourn. Seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. on April 5th.



Kent Eklund, Chair