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and Committee Meetings

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You are viewing the text from a natural language document. The document is a set of minutes from the Board of Regents meeting held on July 11, 2007. The minutes include reports from various committees, recognitions, and decisions made during the meeting.

The document begins with an opening statement and moves on to list the minutes of the meeting, starting with the opening of the session, followed by recognitions, and then the reports from various committees. Each report is numbered and referenced, providing a structured overview of the topics discussed.

In summary, the minutes provide a detailed account of the discussions and decisions made at the Board of Regents meeting, offering insight into the university's administrative processes and strategic planning.
A meeting of the Audit Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the East Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Linda Cohen, presiding; Clyde Allen, Dallas Bohnsack, John Frobenius, Venora Hung, and Dean Johnson.

Staff present: Chancellor Charles Casey; Senior Vice President and Provost Thomas Sullivan; Vice Presidents Steve Cawley, Kathleen O’Brien, and Richard Pfutzenreuter; Acting Executive Director Carol Kraus; and Associate Vice Presidents Gail Klatt and Michael Volna.

Student Representatives present: Meghan Keil and Nathan Swanson.

INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

Associate Vice President Klatt presented the 2007-08 Internal Audit Plan (Plan), as detailed in the docket and associated materials distributed at the meeting and on file in the Board Office.

Klatt reported that the Department of Audits operates in three primary service areas: scheduled audit work, audit work requested by the administration, and investigations related to allegations of misconduct. The majority of staff time is spent on scheduled audit work, which provides assurance to the Board of Regents and offers assessment and educational value to the units receiving audit results.

Klatt stated that development of the Plan is based on information gathered through broad consultation across the University and a formal assessment of existing and emerging risks, both internal and external, and operational risk. A number of areas were identified, including: information technology and data security; declining sponsored funding; sponsored account management; regulatory compliance issues; athletics; expansion of international activities; implementation of the Enterprise Financial System (EFS); competition for resources; acclimation to the financial management implications of the new budget model; and changes in key leadership positions. The Plan for the coming year will focus on information technology and data security, EFS, and newly-created colleges.

Klatt also reported that the Plan is aligned with the Institutional Risk Profile “Heat Map,” which classifies areas based on their level of risk and significance to the institution. She summarized planned audit coverage by components, allocation of resources, and strategic priority.

In response to a question, Klatt indicated that other Big 10 universities have significantly increased previously underfunded internal audit functions. At a future meeting of the committee, she will provide information on the share of the University’s operating budget allocated to the audit function compared to the share allocated by peer institutions.
Klatt provided an update on the completion of the FY2007 Audit Plan and the metrics used to assess the internal audit activity.

FOLLOW-UP: UNIVERSITY PREPAREDNESS FOR ALL-HAZARD EMERGENCIES

Vice President O'Brien indicated that the committee received an overview of University preparedness for all-hazard emergencies at its May 2007 meeting. Emergency preparedness is the systematic approach to preparing for, responding to, and recovering from major emergencies. The purpose of the discussion today is to follow up on questions raised at the May meeting that were not addressed due to time constraints. She introduced Assistant Vice President Greg Hestness and Director of Emergency Preparedness Terry Cook, who joined the discussion.

In response to a number of questions, O'Brien reported that the incident commander and the officer of the day lead a defined chain of command to those who are trained and experienced in emergency response, and that appropriate, essential personnel are available should an emergency arise. Hestness described the extensive preparedness training University police and management staff have received and their responsibilities in an emergency event.

In response to questions, O'Brien reported that agreements are in place with state responders and aid providers so that in an emergency a unified command structure is established. She stressed that consistent staff training and certification in state and federal emergency management systems helps to ensure that staff are well prepared to respond appropriately. She added that during an emergency, redundancy in communications is critical. Staff have assessed campus communication systems and are moving toward an implementation plan to enhance current redundancy.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

CAROL E. KRAUS
Acting Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary
A meeting of the Educational Planning and Policy Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 10:15 a.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present:  David Larson, presiding; Anthony Baraga, Maureen Cisneros, Linda Cohen, Steven Hunter, and Patricia Simmons.

Staff present: Chancellor Kathryn Martin; Senior Vice President & Provost Thomas Sullivan; Senior Vice President Frank Cerra; Vice President R. Timothy Mulcahy; Acting Executive Director Carol Kraus; and Provost David Carl.

Student Representatives present:  Meghan Keil and Nathan Olson.

TEACHING & LEARNING

Senior Vice President & Provost Sullivan recalled that over the last year the committee's discussions have emphasized a number of themes related to the strategic planning process. Today, through discussions of teaching, student learning, postsecondary teaching/learning initiatives, and lifelong learning, presenters will describe the ways in which teaching and learning capacities are being leveraged to achieve the University's strategic goals and to provide a continuum from first-year students through adult learners.

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Arlene Carney and Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education Craig Swan discussed efforts to enhance and showcase teaching, including rewards for teaching excellence, which are available at the departmental, college, and all-University level; the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), which supports teaching at all career stages; and the Academy of Distinguished Teachers, whose members serve as mentors, advisers, and spokespersons for the University's teaching mission.

Another teaching and learning tool is student evaluations, which provide valuable feedback to faculty and inform departments and colleges about faculty teaching for purposes of merit pay, tenure, and promotion. Faculty Senate policy requires that every course be evaluated by students, and aggregate data for the last several years show statistically significant upward trends in all areas, including overall teaching ability, learning outcomes, critical thinking, and the use of a variety of teaching and learning strategies. These evaluations also indicate that students value the University's
substantial investments in upgrading the quality of classrooms and expanding the availability of state-of-the-art equipment in support of teaching and learning.

In response to questions from the committee, Swan commented that some students may not take course evaluations seriously, but faculty members consider them very seriously.

In response to a question from Student Representative Keil, Swan noted that the evaluations are not the only consideration in assessing faculty, but they are important since the award of tenure requires excellence in both teaching and research. Sullivan added that teaching is a very important component of decisions regarding tenure or promotion. Department heads are instructed to read all student evaluations, the evaluations are included in the faculty member’s portfolio, and the University has denied tenure because of comments by students on course evaluations.

Carney and Gerald Rinehart, Vice Provost for Student Affairs, summarized the recently adopted student learning and student development outcomes. These outcomes, drafted by faculty, administrators, and staff, provide a framework for the undergraduate educational experience, defining what students will be able to do and the skills they will develop and be able to demonstrate upon completion of an undergraduate degree on the Twin Cities campus (materials in the docket and on file in the Board Office). Carney emphasized that commitment to these outcomes makes the University more intentional about them and equips students with the language needed to discuss their learning and development experiences.

In response to a number of questions from the committee, Carney noted that the CTL is located on the Twin Cities campus, but its resources are available online and a similar center has been established on each coordinate campus. The learning and development outcomes also were developed on the Twin Cities campus, but the Senate Committee on Educational Policy has endorsed them and recommended that the coordinate campuses consider adopting the same types of outcomes.

Implementation of the learning and development outcomes is already under way. The outcomes will be presented during freshman orientation and a number of departments are developing pilot projects that will assess curricula to determine where learning outcomes will be realized. Not every major or course offered will meet the learning outcomes, but faculty are making explicit connections so students understand what each class has to offer. Also under development are a faculty toolkit to facilitate assessments of student learning in the classroom and advising initiatives to help assess the progress of individual students over their four years as an undergraduate.

Darlyne Bailey, dean, College of Education and Human Development (CEHD), highlighted the development of a number of postsecondary teaching and learning initiatives that will position incoming CEHD students for undergraduate success by creating a model for collaboration between disciplines and departments, developing cross-college partnerships, facilitating faculty collaboration, and heightening student engagement.

In response to questions from the committee, Bailey explained that learning communities are a key component of the First Year Experience because they restructure the curriculum to incorporate collaborative and active approaches to learning, team
teaching, interdisciplinary themes, and increased interaction with faculty and fellow students. The First Year Experience is based on valuable lessons learned through the General College, but it also is the beginning of a multi-year effort that will involve bold student outcomes and expectations and programming that will benefit not only CEHD, but also the entire University.

Dean Mary Nichols, College of Continuing Education (CCE), and Dean Beverly Durgan, University of Minnesota Extension (Extension), described LearningLife, a new CCE initiative that will be a vehicle for public programming offered through such entities as Extension and the Center for Spirituality and Healing. LearningLife will leverage technology, marketing expertise, and the University's long history of serving lifetime learning needs by creating new connections, in person and online, to a large public audience of citizen-learners statewide.

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:**

- Carlson School of Management (Twin Cities Campus) – Create B.S.B. degree in Public/Nonprofit Management
- College of Science and Engineering (Duluth Campus) – Create B.S. degree in Civil Engineering
- Graduate School – Create dual degree in law (J.D.) and Master of Urban and Regional Planning (M.U.R.P.)

**Changed Academic Programs:**

- College of Continuing Education (Twin Cities Campus) – Discontinue B.A.Sc., Emergency Health Services degree
- College of Education and Human Development (Twin Cities Campus) – Change name of B.S. degree in Sport Studies to B.S. degree in Sport Management
- College of Education and Human Development (Twin Cities Campus) – Discontinue track in Therapeutic Recreation in B.S., M.Ed., and Ph.D. degrees in Recreation, Park and Leisure Studies
- Graduate School – Add two tracks to Ph.D., Epidemiology degree
- Graduate School – Discontinue minor in Conflict Management
- Graduate School – Add Plan A option to M.A., Educational Policy and Administration degree
- Graduate School – Add Plan C option to M.S., Civil Engineering degree
- Graduate School – Add Plan C option to M.S., Geological Engineering degree
INFORMATION ITEMS

Senior Vice President & Provost Sullivan directed the committee's attention to the Information Items, which include a reminder that a discussion of academic issues related to the *University Plan, Performance, and Accountability Report* has been moved permanently to September, consistent with prior agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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CAROL E. KRAUS
Acting Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary
A meeting of the Faculty, Staff & Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the East Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: John Frobenius, presiding; Clyde Allen, Dallas Bohnsack, Venora Hung, and Dean Johnson.

Staff present: Chancellor Charles Casey; Senior Vice President and Provost Thomas Sullivan; Senior Vice President Robert Jones; Vice Presidents Carol Carrier and Timothy Mulcahy; and Acting Executive Director Carol Kraus.

Student Representatives present: Adam Engelman and Ben McKibben.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, DULUTH AND CROOKSTON FACULTY

Vice President Carrier presented the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the University and the University Education Association (UEA) which provides terms and conditions of employment from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 for faculty at the Duluth and Crookston campuses. She noted that the single contract contains a number of different provisions for faculty at the two campuses.

Carrier explained that although UEA agreements have been in place for Duluth faculty for 20 years, this is the first agreement for faculty at both Duluth and Crookston. The agreement has been ratified by a majority of faculty at both campuses.

Director of Employee Relations, Patti Dion, noted an interim agreement for Crookston faculty was in effect from spring of 2005 until this three-year umbrella contract was ratified. Duluth faculty agreed to the current contract in June 2006, and the Crookston faculty voted to approve the agreement and contract in May 2007. Dion reviewed the distribution of salary increases for the two campuses and the non-economic highlights of the agreement.

In response to questions from the committee, Dion reviewed the process for determining percentage or dollar increases allocated to individual faculty based on merit and reported that more than 90 percent of faculty received an allocation.

A motion was made and seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Resolution Related to the Proposed Labor Agreement with University Education Association for Faculty on the Duluth and Crookston Campuses (Outstate Instructional Unit 9).

STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE UNDERGRADUATE CAREER SERVICES

Vice President Carrier invited Vice Provost Gerald Rinehart to lead the discussion of strategies to enhance undergraduate career services. Rinehart reviewed
student access to career services on all University campuses, the need for enhanced career services for graduate and professional schools, and the unit’s strategic goals. He reported that the baseline employer satisfaction survey indicates University graduates are well prepared and demonstrate strength in skill areas identified as important to employers.

Rinehart described the new web-based program, GoldPASS, which provides an on-line, single access point for students and employers. The website will offer system wide access for all University students to job postings, promotion and registration for seminars and job fairs, resume listing, and interview scheduling beginning in Fall 2007.

In response to questions from the committee, Rinehart stated skills identified by employers as “important” are taught directly and indirectly through classroom and non-classroom experiences. Tracking students’ development can be a challenge, but he noted that their skills are assessed several times during their time as a student. He explained that the Duluth, Crookston, and Morris campuses have centralized career services offices that offer support proportional to what is available for Twin Cities students.

REPORT ON SURVEY OF PROBATIONARY FACULTY

Vice President Carrier invited Vice Provost Arlene Carney to present the Report on Survey of Probationary Faculty. Carney described the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus (UMTC) participation since 2005 in a national research study through the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE). She noted that eighty colleges and universities are participating in COACHE, which provides rich peer data for benchmarking.

Carney reviewed the results of the survey of UMTC probationary faculty and noted the following:

- Probationary faculty are highly satisfied, and UMTC compares favorably to other COACHE institutions.
- UMTC faculty believe that tenure is based on performance, and the criteria for tenure are fairly clear.
- Probationary faculty reported significantly lower satisfaction than faculty at peer institutions and other COACHE institutions in work-life balance, and women faculty reported less satisfaction with work-life balance than male faculty.
- UMTC faculty reported more satisfaction than faculty at peer institutions regarding their interactions with junior faculty, but they are less satisfied with opportunities to interact with senior faculty.
- Areas for improvement include professional assistance in obtaining externally funded grants, a formal mentoring program for junior faculty, childcare issues, and financial assistance with housing.
- The best aspects for probationary faculty include the quality of colleagues, geographic location, support of colleagues, and “fitting in.”

Carney described the response of the Provost’s Office to address concerns cited in the survey, including: a) an expanded and enhanced new faculty orientation that facilitates year-long connections with new faculty; b) revision of Board of Regents Policy: Faculty Tenure and departmental criteria and standards for tenure; and c) new programs within the Office of the Vice President for Research to facilitate grant submissions.

In response to questions from the committee, Carney reported that probationary faculty leave the UMTC campus for a variety of reasons including a lack of employment
opportunities for a spouse, living in an urban area, geographic location, or childcare issues. In response to a question from Regent Frobenius, Carney reported that several members of the University's Academy of Distinguished Teachers and other faculty will be convened to review and clarify the role of peer and student evaluations of probationary faculty, and they will be asked to identify ways to enhance mentoring by senior faculty.

CONSENT REPORT

Vice President Carrier presented the Consent Report, which contained the following items, as detailed in the docket materials:

Governing Board Appointments

Appointment of the following members of the Board of Directors of the Hormel Institute:

• Allen S. Levine, Ph.D.
• R. Timothy Mulcahy, Ph.D.
• Andre Terzic, M.D., Ph.D.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the consent report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Vice President Carrier referred the committee to the Information Items contained in the docket materials, including:

• Personnel highlights;
• University highlights;
• Faculty and staff activities and awards; and
• Student activities and awards.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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CAROL E. KRAUS
Acting Executive Director and Corporate Secretary
A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the West Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: David Metzen, presiding; Anthony Baraga, Dallas Bohnsack, Maureen Cisneros, David Larson, and Patricia Simmons.

Staff present: Vice Presidents Kathleen O'Brien and Richard Pfutzenreuter; General Counsel Mark Rotenberg; Acting Executive Director Carol Kraus; and Associate Vice President Michael Perkins.

Student Representatives present: Nathan Olson and Jim Irrgang.

**SCHEMATIC PLANS**

A. **Renewable Hydrogen & Ammonia Production Project, West Central Research and Outreach Center, Morris**

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the following action:

The schematic plans for the Renewable Hydrogen and Ammonia Production Project, West Central Research and Outreach Center, Morris, are approved and the appropriate administrative officers are authorized to proceed with the award of contracts, the development of construction documents, and construction.

In response to questions from several Regents, Michael Reese, Renewable Energy Coordinator at the West Central Research and Outreach Center, explained that the project is intended to yield long-term economic and environmental benefits, though the profit margins in the short-term will be narrow. In response to a question from Regent Larson, Reese stated that there is limited explosion potential when the raw materials are converted to anhydrous ammonia.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of schematic plans for the Renewable Hydrogen and Ammonia Production Project, Morris.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS**

A. **Termination of Spur Track, Driveway, and Blanket Easements Held by Union Pacific Railroad and Acquisition of Access and Construction Easements from Union Pacific Railroad, East Gateway District, Twin Cities Campus**

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the following action:
On the recommendation of the President and the Vice President for University Services, the appropriate administrative officers are authorized to execute the appropriate documents providing for the following real estate transaction:

Termination of spur track, driveway, and blanket easements held by Union Pacific Railroad and acquisition of access and construction easements from Union Pacific Railroad, East Gateway District, Twin Cities Campus.
Details of transaction: The University will pay Union Pacific Railroad $1.5 million to extinguish the spur track, driveway, and blanket easements and to acquire the permanent non-exclusive access and temporary construction easements.
Source of funds: University debt.

Vice President O’Brien announced that the transaction was being presented for review and action to allow for the completion of construction as soon as possible of a surface parking lot on the former ConAgra and Reichold properties and driveway access for that parking lot from 25th Avenue. In response to a question from Regent Baraga, Director of Real Estate Susan Weinberg reported that although a purchase agreement has not been finalized with Union Pacific, she anticipates that the contract will be finalized soon.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the termination and acquisition of easements held by Union Pacific Railroad.

RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED NOvA FAR DETECTOR LABORATORY NEAR ASH RIVER, MINNESOTA

Vice President O’Brien introduced General Counsel Rotenberg to present information on the environmental review of the proposed NOvA Far Detector Laboratory near Ash River, Minnesota. Rotenberg explained that while Minnesota law mandates an environmental review for certain projects, it is not deemed necessary for the Far Detector Laboratory Project. However, he is recommending that the University prepare a discretionary Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the following reasons:

- The proximity of the project to Voyageurs National Park;
- The intense amount of excavation needed for the project; and
- The significant amount of mineral oil that will be used in the detector.

Rotenberg recommended that the Board of Regents serve as the Responsible Government Unit (RGU) for the environmental review because the University will have jurisdiction over the construction and operation of the project and because of the Board’s experience in serving as the RGU for the environmental review for TCF Bank Stadium.

In response to a question from Regent Simmons, Rotenberg explained that the University will not be responsible for any construction-related costs of the project and that a memorandum of understanding is being developed with the Department of Energy regarding the project funding. He added that approval of the resolution does not allow for any expenditure of construction funds.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the resolution to conduct an environmental review of the proposed NOvA Far Detector Laboratory.
REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

A. Purchase of 22.68 Acres from the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources, Lot 2, Sec. 18, Township 68 N, Range 19 West, St. Louis County

The committee reviewed a proposal for the purchase of 22.68 acres from the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources, Lot 2, Section 18, Township 68 N, Range 19 West, St. Louis County. Director of Real Estate Susan Weinberg reported that the land is being acquired for the construction of the NOvA Far Detector Laboratory. She summarized the location and description of the property and the source of funds, as detailed in the docket materials.

The item will return for action at a future meeting of the committee.

B. Purchase of 23.22 Acres from La Minora Properties, Inc., Lot 3, Sec. 18, Township 68 N, Range 19 West, St. Louis County

The committee reviewed a proposal for the purchase of 23.22 acres from La Minora Properties, Inc., Lot 3, Section 18, Township 68 N, Range 19 West, St. Louis County. Director of Real Estate Susan Weinberg reported that the land is being acquired for the construction of the NOvA Far Detector Laboratory. She summarized the location and description of the property and the source of funds, as detailed in the docket materials.

In response to a question from Regent Baraga, Weinberg reported that the University will need to acquire permanent easements on the access road. In response to a question from Regent Simmons, Professor Marvin Marshak explained that the experiment will have a life expectancy of 15 to 25 years, after which time the federal government will remove the experimental materials and the University will be able to reuse the building.

The item will return for action at a future meeting of the committee.

CONSENT REPORT

There were no Consent Report items this month.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Vice President O'Brien referred committee members to the Information Items contained in the docket materials, including:

• Final Project Review for TCF Bank Stadium; and
• Final Project Review for the Morris Biomass Heating Plant Addition.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Carol E. Kraus
Acting Executive Director and Corporate Secretary

Facilities Committee
July 11, 2007
A meeting of the Finance and Operations Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the East Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Steven Hunter, presiding; Clyde Allen, Linda Cohen, John Frobenius, Venora Hung, and Dean Johnson.

Staff present: Chancellor Charles Casey; Senior Vice President Frank Cerra; Vice Presidents Steve Cawley, Karen Himle, and Richard Pfutzenreuter; Acting Executive Director Carol Kraus; Provost David Carl; and Associate Vice President Michael Volna.

Student Representatives present: Nathan Swanson and Mark Torma.

**ISSUES RELATED TO: MORRIS ENERGY INITIATIVES/CREB BONDS**

Vice President Pfutzenreuter introduced Lowell Rasmussen, Assistant Vice President from the University of Minnesota Morris (UMM), to present issues related to the Morris Energy Initiatives/Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREB). Rasmussen began by noting the University of Minnesota Morris Energy Initiatives impact both the campus and community by supporting the transition from farming for protein and starch to planting for the development of carbon. Introduction of the study of renewable energy into the curriculum has been a complex undertaking due to the numerous multidisciplinary components, but it has created valuable new organizational partnerships.

Rasmussen reported that UMM applied for five wind turbine projects through the CREB federal program in 2006. The goal of the project was to provide approximately 10 percent of the electric power needed by the Twin Cities campus. The CREB allocation limit for wind turbines was below UMM requests, and the University did not receive any CREB funding in 2006. He indicated that several modest CREB funding requests have been submitted by UMM for 2007.

Rasmussen explained the creation and the goals of the Green Prairie Alliance, which was formed to bring together resources and scientific expertise and includes a diverse group of partners in West Central Minnesota. The vision of the Green Prairie Alliance is to further develop synergies and to continue exploration into renewable energy.

In response to questions from the committee, Rasmussen explained that research on the sustainability of renewable resources is vital to the future of biofuels, and energy conservation also plays a critical role in eliminating energy waste.

Regent Frobenius suggested the University develop a strategy for reviewing capital investment requests to support alternative energy needs and research. Pfutzenreuter agreed the issue should be closely studied, adding that an institutional strategy and a Board policy would be needed in the future to address the growing alternative energy interests.
CONSENT REPORT

Vice President Pfromenreuter presented the Consent Report, as detailed in the docket, including the Purchase of Goods and Services over $250,000 to:

- Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc. for $315,000 for C-13 Glucose needed for the period of October 2007 through December 2009 for Brain Glucose Study, Department of Medicine.

- Carl Zeiss Micro Imaging, Inc. for $476,317.16 for a Laser Scanning Confocal 510 META Microscope for the Histopathology Core Facility associated with the Lillehei Heart Institute and the Mouse Genetics Investigators.

- Center for Academic Programs Abroad for a not to exceed amount of $830,300 for providing study abroad academic credit programs for the Learning Abroad Center during Fall semester 2007 and Spring semester 2008 in Florence, Italy.

- Center for Academic Programs Abroad for a not to exceed amount of $778,172 for providing study abroad academic credit programs for the Learning Abroad Center during Fall semester 2007 and Spring semester 2008 in London, England.

- Fundacion Cimas del Ecuador for a not to exceed amount of $302,375 for providing study abroad academic credit programs for the Learning Abroad Center during Academic Year 2007-2008, Fall semester 2007 term, and Spring semester 2008 term in Quito, Ecuador.

- Fundacion Ortega y Gasset – Argentina for a not to exceed amount of $327,800 for providing study abroad academic credit programs for the Learning Abroad Center during Academic Year 2007-2008, Fall semester 2007 term, and Spring semester 2008 term in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

- Lipman Hearne for $300,000 for market research and brand development for the University of Minnesota Morris (UMM).

- MSI Systems Integrators for an estimated $450,000 to renew IBM distributed hardware and operating systems software maintenance/support for the three-year period July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2010, for the Office of Information Technology.

- Mohamud Jama for a not to exceed amount of $328,058 for providing study abroad academic credit programs for the Learning Abroad Center for the Academic Year 2007-2008, during Fall semester 2007 and Spring semester 2008 in Nairobi, Kenya.

- Ortega y Gasset Foundation for a not to exceed amount of $1,410,362 for providing study abroad academic credit programs for the Learning Abroad Center during Academic Year 2007-2008, Fall semester 2007, and Spring semester 2008 in Toledo, Spain.
- Sasaki Associates, Inc. for $650,000 to conduct research, analyze, and create campus growth scenarios for the University of Minnesota Rochester. The consulting work will be purchased with funds from the City of Rochester Appropriation and from the State Legislation Appropriation, which are currently available for these specified services.

- VENUSA & EntreAmericas Learn and Travel for a not to exceed amount of $615,790 for providing study abroad academic credit programs for the Learning Abroad Center during Academic Year 2007-2008, Fall semester 2007, and Spring semester 2008 in Merida, Venezuela.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Consent Report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items for review.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Carol E. Kraus
Acting Executive Director and
Corporate Secretary
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF REGENTS
July 11, 2007

The meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 4:00 p.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, Venora Hung, Steven Hunter, Dean Johnson, David Larson, and David Metzen.

Staff Present: President Robert Bruininks; Chancellor Charles Casey; Senior Vice President Frank Cerra; Vice Presidents Carol Carrier, Kathleen O’Brien, and Richard Pfutzenreuter; Acting Executive Director Carol Kraus; and Associate Vice President Donna Peterson.

RECOGNITIONS

Civil Service Committee Chair

Vice President Carrier recognized the work of outgoing Civil Service Committee chair Peg Wolff. Wolff served as chair for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Council of Academic & Professional Administrators

Vice President Carrier recognized the work of Jaki Cottingham-Zierdt, chair of the Council of Academic and Professional Administrators (CAPA) for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

   Educational Planning & Policy Committee – June 7, 2007
   Facilities Committee – June 7, 2007
   Faculty, Staff & Student Affairs Committee – June 7, 2007
   Finance & Operations Committee – June 7, 2007
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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Bruininks stated that he had no report this month.
REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Simmons presented Regent Baraga with a gavel in recognition of his service as Chair of the Board for 2005-07. She thanked him for his leadership and service in chairing the Board of Regents.

Simmons recognized Regent Bohnsack for hosting, with President Bruininks and Susan Hagstrum, a reception for Friends of Eastcliff, which celebrates contributions to maintain the President’s official residence.

Simmons reported that Board members would be participating in a retreat at the Gainey Conference Center on July 12-13, 2007, and that the next scheduled meeting of the Board would be September 6-7, 2007. She noted that the Board would meet at the University of Minnesota Morris campus October 11-12, 2007.

RECEIVE AND FILE REPORTS

Chair Simmons noted the receipt and filing of the Civil Service Committee Report and the Council of Academic Professionals and Administrators Report.

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 June 27, 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.

GIFTS

President Bruininks presented the list of gifts to the University of Minnesota, the University of Minnesota Foundation, the Arboretum Foundation, and the Minnesota Medical Foundation through May 31, 2007, as included in the docket materials.

A motion was made, seconded, and the Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the receipt of gifts as presented.

BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY REPORT

Chair Simmons reported that 94 percent of all Board policies have been reviewed. She recognized administrators who led the activity from their areas and the staff of the Board Office for their efforts in achieving this successful outcome.

STATE AND FEDERAL RELATIONS UPDATE

President Bruininks stated his belief that this was a very successful legislative season for the University of Minnesota. He recognized the leadership of Associate Vice President Peterson and her staff for their extraordinary efforts. He also thanked Board members and members of the legislative network for their participation and efforts on behalf of the University.
Associate Vice President Peterson discussed how the University's relationships with legislators at the state and federal levels impacted the outcome of the 2007 legislative session. She stated that changes in leadership have resulted in a renewed focus on higher education and the cost of attending college. She indicated that concerns have been raised regarding how to contain tuition costs without compromising the quality of the University of Minnesota as a competitive research institution.

Peterson noted that this legislative session offered opportunities to convey to legislators the benefits of the University to the State of Minnesota in strengthening the economy.

**REPORT OF THE FACULTY, STAFF, & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Regent Frobenius, Chair of the committee, reported that the committee voted unanimously to recommend:

a) Approval of the Consent Report for the Faculty, Staff & Student Affairs Committee as presented to the committee and described in the July 11, 2007 minutes.

b) Approval of a resolution related to the proposed labor agreement with the University Education Association for faculty on the Duluth & Crookston campuses (Outstate Instructional Unit 9), as follows:

WHEREAS, the parties have met and negotiated over the course of the past year and have reached agreement regarding terms and conditions of employment regarding the employees of this bargaining unit (a complete copy of which is available in the Board of Regents Office); and

WHEREAS, UEA has ratified acceptance of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, according to Board of Regents Policy: Board Operations and Agenda Guidelines, approval of labor agreements by the Board of Regents is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the recommendation of the President, the Board of Regents approves this labor agreement as outlined in the docket for July 11, 2007.

Regent Hunter recused himself and left the room for the discussion and action on the above item due to a possible conflict of interest.

The Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Faculty, Staff & Student Affairs Committee.

Regent Hunter returned to the meeting.

Frobenius reported that the committee also received a presentation on strategies to enhance undergraduate career services, received a Report on Survey of Probationary Faculty (COACHE), and reviewed a number of information items contained in the docket materials.
REPORT OF THE FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Regent Hunter, Chair of the committee, reported that the committee voted unanimously to recommend:

a) Approval of the Consent Report for the Finance & Operations Committee as presented to the committee and described in the July 11, 2007 minutes.

The Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Finance & Operations Committee.

Hunter also reported that the committee discussed issues related to Morris Energy Initiatives/CREB Bonds.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE

Regent Larson, Chair of the committee, reported that the committee voted unanimously to recommend:

a) Approval of the Consent Report for the Educational Planning & Policy Committee as presented to the committee and described in the July 11, 2007 minutes.

The Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Educational Planning & Policy Committee.

Larson reported that the committee received a presentation on teaching and learning, and reviewed information items contained in the docket materials.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Regent Metzen, Chair of the committee, reported that the committee voted unanimously to recommend:

a) Schematic Plans for the Renewable Hydrogen & Ammonia Production Project, West Central Research & Outreach Center, Morris;

b) The following real estate transaction:

1. Termination of Spur track, driveway & blanket easements held by Union Pacific Railroad and acquisition of access & construction easements from University Pacific Railroad, East Gateway District Area, Twin Cities campus;

c) Resolution to Conduct an Environmental Review of the Proposed NOvA Far Detector Laboratory New Ash River, Minnesota, as follows:

WHEREAS, the University has proposed and is seeking funding from the United States Department of Energy for the construction and operation of the NOvA Far Detector Laboratory near the unincorporated settlement of Ash River, St. Louis County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, because of its nature and location, the proposed project may have the potential for significant environmental effects; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Regents desires to assure that significant environmental effects that could result from the construction and operation of the laboratory are identified and analyzed prior to the time final decisions with respect to regarding construction of the proposed laboratory are made by the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has responsibility for approving the laboratory project if it is undertaken; and

WHEREAS, applicable Minnesota Rules provide that under the circumstances a discretionary Environmental Assessment Worksheet may be ordered by the Board of Regents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in connection with the NOvA Far Detector Laboratory project, a discretionary Environmental Assessment Worksheet shall be prepared and reviewed as described in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 116D and accompanying Minnesota Rules, and that the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota shall perform the responsibilities of a Responsible Governmental Unit as described in said statute and rules with respect to the proposed project and that the President and his delegates shall take the necessary steps to complete, distribute and receive comments regarding the Environmental Assessment Worksheet prior to further action by the Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Facilities Committee.

Metzen also reported that the committee reviewed two real estate transactions: 1) purchase of 22.68 acres from the State of Minnesota, St. Louis County; and 2) purchase of 23.22 acres from LaMinora Properties, St. Louis County. The committee also reviewed a number of information items contained in the docket materials.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Regent Cohen, Chair of the committee, reported that the committee discussed the internal audit plan for the coming year and received a follow-up on University preparedness for all-hazard emergencies.

REPORT OF THE LITIGATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Regent Baraga, Chair of the committee, reported that the committee did not meet this month.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

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CAROL E. KRAUS
Acting Executive Director and Corporate Secretary

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