

Rochester Higher Education Development Committee
Meeting Minutes for July 22, 2005

Time: 7 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Location: Edina Realty Rochester, 1301 Salem Road SW, Rochester, MN

Members Present:

Dr. Claire Bender	Bob Hoffman
Al Berning	David Metzen
Al DeBoer	Wendy Shannon
Drew Flaada	Marilyn Stewart
Dwight Gourneau	Michael Vekich
Jayne Rankin substituting for Peggy Ingison	

Others Present:

John Berns	Dick Westerlund
Cheryl Maplethorpe	Claudia Knowlton-Chike
Jim Clausen	Nancy Braatas
Don Supalla	Alison Good
David Carl	

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Marilyn Stewart.

John Berns, staff member from the Governor's office, administered the oath of office to all members, collected their signatures on a written oath of office, and gave them each a Notice of Appointment signed by the Governor and Secretary of State.

Chairperson Stewart reminded the members of the report due January 15th and suggested a December target deadline for the work of the committee. She read a card of support for the committee's work from a community member.

Each member was asked to introduce themselves to the other committee members.

John Berns explained the open meeting law in Minnesota.

Cheryl Maplethorpe, staff from the Office of Higher Education, explained the expense reimbursement procedure.

Mr. Jim Clausen gave the history of Rochester higher education going back 90 years. He wants to promote the "University of Minnesota – South Bank" concept. He offered the Greater Rochester Area University Center (GRAUC) as a resource to the Committee.

Changes to member addresses and changes to future meeting times were negotiated between members.

Member DeBoer suggested that the Committee consider bringing in an outside national higher education presenter to give a framework for the discussion. Member Shannon wanted to hear from Randy Johnson

from the Rochester Work Force Development agency. Member Metzen wanted to hear from the Citizen's League about their higher education report. Member Berning wanted to outline the report requirements early on as guidance for the discussion so that no required parts were missed.

Member Shannon suggested a facilitator Mirji Hanson.

Jayne Rankin, Department of Finance, said that during the third meeting the institutions should talk about their state-wide strategic plan. Member Metzen asked if any other state was doing something similar to what Minnesota was doing with the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee. Member Berning said the model has to be one that the Committee creates and there must be more collaboration between the University of Minnesota and Mayo. Member Metzen reminded the Committee that Dr. Yudof, former president of the University of Minnesota, was going to be in Minnesota shortly and the Committee should arrange to meet with him.

The Committee asked the audience for public comments. President Don Suppalla, president of the Rochester Community and Technical College spoke and suggested that the Committee should have a report from the University Center - Rochester (UCR).

10:00 meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Friday, July 29, 2005 at Edina Realty Rochester, 1301 Salem Road SW, Rochester, MN.