

## CHAPTER 137

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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**137.0245 REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A Regent Candidate Advisory Council is established to assist in determining criteria for, and identifying and recruiting qualified candidates for membership on the Board of Regents and making recommendations to the governor.

*[For text of subd 2, see M.S.2004]*

Subd. 3. **Duties.** (a) The advisory council shall:

(1) develop, in consultation with current and former regents and the administration of the University of Minnesota, a statement of the selection criteria to be applied and a description of the responsibilities and duties of a regent, and shall distribute this to potential candidates; and

(2) for each position on the board, identify and recruit qualified candidates for the Board of Regents, based on the background and experience of the candidates, their potential for discharging the responsibilities of a member of the Board of Regents, and the needs of the board. The selection criteria must not include a limitation on the number of terms an individual may serve on the Board of Regents.

(b) The selection criteria developed under paragraph (a), clause (1), must include a criterion that regents represent diversity in geography; gender; race; occupation, including business and labor; and experience.

(c) The selection criterion must include an identification of the membership needs of the board for individual skills relevant to the governance of the University of Minnesota and the needs for certain individual characteristics. Individual characteristics relate to qualities such as gender, race, and geographic location of residence.

Subd. 4. **Recommendations.** (a) The advisory council shall recommend at least two and not more than four candidates. By January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the advisory council shall submit its recommendations to the governor.

(b) The advisory council must submit a report to the governor on the needs criterion identified under subdivision 3, paragraph (c), at the same time it submits its recommendations.

*[For text of subd 5, see M.S.2004]*

**History:** 2005 c 107 art 2 s 47-49

**137.0246 REGENT NOMINATION AND ELECTION.**

Subdivision 1. **Governor nomination.** By February 15 following the receipt of recommendations from the advisory council, the governor must submit to the joint committee established under subdivision 2 a slate of regent nominations that complies with sections 137.023 and 137.024. The slate must name one nominee for each vacancy. In selecting nominees, the governor must consider the needs of the Board of Regents and the balance of the board membership with respect to gender, racial, and ethnic composition. The governor must inform the joint committee how each candidate and the slate meet the needs identified in the report under section 137.0245, subdivision 4, paragraph (b).

Subd. 2. **Joint committee.** (a) The joint legislative committee consists of 20 legislator members. Ten members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house. Ten members shall be appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration from the senate. An equal number of members from the

majority and minority party shall be appointed from each house. The members appointed from the minority party must be appointed from among those recommended by the minority leader. The chairs of the education policy committees and of the higher education budget divisions and the ranking minority member of those committees and divisions must be appointed. A majority of the members from each house is a quorum of the joint committee.

(b) By February 28 of each odd-numbered year, or at a date agreed to by concurrent resolution, the joint legislative committee shall meet to consider the governor's nominees for regent of the University of Minnesota for possible presentation to a joint convention of the legislature.

(c) The joint committee may only recommend to the joint convention nominees recommended by the governor. If the joint committee does not recommend a governor's nominee, the governor must submit a different nominee for the same vacancy.

**History:** 2005 c 107 art 2 s 50

### **137.09 BOARD OF REGENTS NOT TO EXCEED APPROPRIATIONS; PENALTY.**

It shall be unlawful for the Board of Regents to permit any expenditures for any purpose in excess of the amount appropriated or contemplated by law and any member or agent of the board violating this provision is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

**History:** 2005 c 10 art 3 s 7