7:10 a.m. Chair Stewart called the meeting to order. Chair reported that the University of Minnesota had launched the new Allied Health programs, with significant participation by Dr. Frank Cerra, UM Academic Health Center, President Judith Ramaley, WSU, and Provost David Carl, UMR at a UMTC meeting on May 24th.

President Bruininks will speak at the November 16 Rochester meeting.

Because Bob Hoffman is retiring from the MnSCU Board, the Governor will appoint a new Rochester Higher Education Development Committee member to replace him.

The committee thanked Dr. Hoffman for his service. Dr. Hoffman said that the committee was a most effective committee.
Member Hoffman moved to approve the April 28, 2006 minutes. The motion was seconded by Member DeBoer. Motion passed.

The Committee’s contracts with the University of Minnesota are signed and the first payment has been made on those contracts. The contracts were to establish a Technology Transfer Office and to design the curriculum for the new programs to be offered in Rochester.

Regent Patricia Simmons reported on what the University Board of Regents has done to support the UM Rochester. They affirmed the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee report. The University will assume the lead in developing new academic research programs in Rochester. In June the Regents adopted a budget that supported the new activities in Rochester. In July the Regents agreed to the Center for Allied Health in Rochester. Those programs will be a component of the UMR programs.

Next Vice President Robert Jones spoke on behalf of President Bruininks. He thanked the Committee for its work in creating a position so that the University of Minnesota can do what it has wanted to do for some time. The University of Minnesota is committed to this change.

The new programs will be strong and will leverage the technical transfer possibilities. The University will draw on the world class professors that the Committee has been calling the “Rock Stars”.

There will be no duplication of programs that already exist. Rochester will be a national model. An Executive Steering Committee has been formed. The members are Robert Jones, Frank Cerra, Tom Sullivan, Kathy O’Brien, Donna Peterson and Lincoln Kallsen; staffed by Deb Cran, Robert Jones’ chief of staff. They are working on getting a lease for new space for next fall. They have a long term vision for Rochester and President Bruininks will talk more about that in November.

The academic plan must drive the financial and building plans.

The UM Rochester Provost David Carl will chair the Academic Master Plan Committee for Rochester. UMR will be treated the same as the other campuses and will develop a strategic plan. The strategic process accompanies the budget request. Provost Carl will make sure the plan fits into the University master plan.

The strategic process accompanies the budget request process. The strategic planning process will include future academic programs emphasis, identify internal and external partners who support the research needs, determine facilities needs, establish a financial model, and launch branding initiative. The approval for the University of Minnesota Rochester mirrors what Rochester Higher Education Development Committee recommended. The UM will treat the Rochester campus like it treats the other campuses.

Provost David Carl spoke next. The Rochester campus will have signature programs and it will be the “destination” campus. It will offer student services in a non-traditional way. The programs will be responsive and agile. Rochester is the perfect BETA site for these new processes. The University of Minnesota Rochester has many cross-functional teams. The greatest effort and progress has been made in Allied Health. It will meet the workforce needs. As the workforce needs change, the educational model will change.
The model will develop four learning platforms including the curriculum, student services, technology, and administrative services to support Allied Health. This model will be transferable to the other programs yet to be created. It will be a hybrid model of on-line, live professors in the classroom, and clinical work. The University of Minnesota Health Sciences Chief Librarian is on the team.

All of these assets together will build the learning platform. It will be a streamlined system. There will be multiple points of entry. The initial points of entry will be Rochester and the Twin Cities. This new student centered model will serve the entire state. The University of Minnesota Rochester is working with MnSCU. UMR will also use the public/private partnerships and partnerships with other big ten college and other land grant colleges.

The Center for Allied Health program has been approved by the Regents and will be operational September 2007. The first two programs will be a Masters in Medical Technology and a Masters degree in Occupational Therapy. The University of Minnesota Rochester is currently offering a Masters in Public Health. This fall it will offer a Masters in Health Care Administration. In the area of nursing, UMR will have the same level of baccalaureate in nursing that it has now and a year from now the UMR will offer a Doctorate of Nursing Practice and a Professional Master Nursing Program.

The UMR is looking at where it will go with program development in the biosciences. The UMR must prioritize what it will do first and then go after the “rock star” professors. There will be degrees that don’t currently exist, There may be degrees, certificates or continuing education. There will be cross-discipline teams to create academic and research opportunities. The University of Minnesota wants to be within the top three research institutions within the next decade.

The new Technology Commercialization Office will create the “front door” for the University and provide information and networking support that matches businesses with scientists at the University.

There is movement on the facilities project. First there will be a lease and then purchasing and building a new facility. The UMR must define the academic programs before creating the building, but there will be a big “M” on the outside of the building. The UMR will work with the Downtown Alliance.

Regent Simmons talked about the governance and visions of UMR. The governing body of UMR will be the Board of Regents. The Regents are excited about the UMR and are poised to help the region and the state. Although the community is anxious for a new building to be built, the facilities must be right for the programs. That’s why the UMR will lease first while the programs develop. The regents want to approve something before November. Having programs in place by the fall of 2007 is a very tight timeline.

Committee Member Berning said he was glad the UMR was moving ahead with the Allied Health Programs but what about the Bio-Tech programs.

Provost Carl said the UMR was moving ahead with all deliberate speed.

Member Bender asked about the specific governance of the Allied Health Center. She said they currently respond to the Academic Health Center and not UMR.

Regent Simmons said the goal is to make it work. MnSCU, Mayo and UMR are involved. The administrative pathways are similar to the UM main campus. Frank Cerra’s new staff person will be spending half of his time in Rochester.
Member DeBoer said the most compelling thing for the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee was the Bio Tech Programs. Provost Carl said that progress was being made but “time is of the essence”. There does not seem to be a high focus on the Bio Tech Programs. We need to do those programs now.

Regent Simmons said the most obvious opportunities are with genomics with MAYO and the UM. The Hormel Institute (a part of the UM) and Mayo will have “shared facilities”. The UMR needs to do well with what it has and work on the rest. It can’t move too quickly. It is expensive to establish research programs.

Chair Stewart asked what the interface will be between UMR and the Minnesota Partnership for Biotechnology and Genomics (Mayo & UMN).

Regent Simmons said there was currently no link but the Commercialization Office will be in UMR so there will be a connection. Regent Simmons was glad the Committee wanted more and that the Committee was impatient.

Member Berning said he knew it would not happen over night but he thought work could start with bio informatics. There could be a Masters in Bio Informatics using the top staff from IBM and Mayo.

Vice President Jones said it was important to look at the short term technology programs that the UMR can get “on the ground” soon. The academic planning will lay this out. It needs to be the foundation. It will take time but the UM is committed. The UM will engage the faculty and they will be the foundation. He said that generally the UM hired faculty one at a time but for this project they may hire 3 or 4 at a time – cluster hiring.

Member Shannon said she was on the Program Development work group and they laughed as they talked about programs that didn’t exist anywhere in the world yet but when was the UMR going to start creating those programs?

Provost Carl said the Academic Steering Committee was working with the deans. Many committees need to be involved to create these programs. Currently there are 7 top UM executives reviewing the process.

Regent Simmons said she had a list of programs she wanted to see at the UMR. WE have limited money and we need to build programs that will be used. The UMR will be offering “expensive” programs.

8:45 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Valerie Pace said the UMR still needed to increase its “branding” to show a bigger presence in Rochester. While Mayo is a partner, it isn’t under UMR. UMR needs to be more visible.

Regent Simmons said she understood that and that UMR would have to expand its presence to attract faculty to Rochester. The BRANDING was coming.

Senator Kiscaden asked how the average citizen was going to understand what was happening. The said the citizens want to see more specifics. Just saying “good things are coming” just doesn’t do it.
Provost Carl said the announcement of the new lease for the UMR would come in the fall and that enrollment was growing.

There was a question about governance and how the Committee will have input in the future.

Regent Simmons said that UMR can’t do anything without the Regents’ approval. She suggested they advocate for what they want through GRAUC once the Committee has ended. Whoever leads UMR will need the support of that committee.

Member DeBoer asked about an advisory committee for UMR.

Regent Simmons said the law says the UM creates a group. The Regents have bylaws covering that detail. The bylaws could be changed. She said the Regents needed to work with the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee for as long as they exist.

Member Berning encouraged Regent Simmons to use the RHED Committee.

Chair Stewart said that in addition to asking the Regents and the UMR to report progress to RHED, the Committee wants to help support the growth of UMR…on a fast track.

Regent Simmons said the RHED Committee has already done a lot of what needed to be done. She said they had a lot of influence.

8:50 a.m. Meeting adjourned

FUTURE MEETINGS: 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 16, 2006; Friday, February 16, 2007; Friday, April 20, 2007.

Additional Dates to Be Announced for June, September, December 2007