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A meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota was held on Friday ,
March 27, 2015, at 8:45 a.m. in the Boardroom, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Richard Beeson, presiding; Thomas Anderson, Laura Brod, Linda Cohen,
Thomas Devine, Michael Hsu, Dean Johnson, Peggy Lucas, David McMillan, Abdul Omari,

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committed. Kaler urged the University community to advocate for the University's request in the coming weeks.

Kaler also highlighted the University's continued prominence as a leading institution expressed support for several of the University's student athletes and teams, including the national champion Gopher women's hockey team; and described several upcoming events on campus.

A copy of the Report of the President is on file in the Board Office.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Regent Beeson reported on the previous day's Board activities, which began with a breakfast with state legislators in St. Paul. The Board spent the rest of the day visiting

budget, which includes this contract, will be provided by the University's Enterprise Assessment. Vendor was selected through a competitive process.

- o Sierra-Cedar, Inc. for an estimated \$1,500,000 for post-implementation enhanced support consulting services for the period of April 20, 2015 through June 30, 2015, following the enterprise-wide PeopleSoft systems upgrade. Funding for the post implementation enhanced support budget, which includes this contract, will be provided by the University's Enterprise Assessment. Vendor was selected through a competitive process.
- o ServiceNow.com for an additional \$1,600,000 for an online IT service management tool and support and maintenance for the period June 20, 2016 through June 19, 2019 for the Office of Information Technology. The Office of Information Technology (OIT) funds this subscription, product support and software updates to ensure continuous operation of mission critical functions. The expense will be covered from OIT's central O&M funds. The FY16 budget includes planning and funding for this expense. Vendor was selected through a competitive process.

programs and outreach be offered not just in the first year but integrated throughout a student's experience.

while still providing for their educational needs. Regarding recruitment of faculty Hanson explained that faculty consider both research space

Kallsen explained that the administration is already using many metrics. He stressed that while these existing metrics are important, there is a need to develop new metrics that are specifically in line with the strategic plan. He noted that reaching consensus about interdisciplinary work and related metrics is difficult, and that the strategic plan represents a true culture shift. Kallsen cited the use of student, faculty and staff engagement surveys as one way the University's culture is shifting. He cautioned that it is hard to move these types of measures quickly and so it is important to set smaller goals to track progress.

In response to a question from Regent Brod, Hanson stated that there is already much collaboration between colleges and departments related to implementation of the strategic plan. She hopes to use units that are experiencing success as models for others.

In response to a comment by Regent Omari, Hanson clarified that she does not see a disconnect between the strategic plan and efforts by the Office of Equity and Diversity and others to recruit and establish a more diverse faculty.

Regent Beeson reminded Board members that they will discuss a governance level progress card in May. That progress card will be parallel and complementary to the metrics being used to track the strategic plan.

FINDINGS OF INDEPENDENT REVIEWS & RESOLUTION RELATED TO IMPROVING THE CONDUCT OF HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH

Regent Beeson introduced the item on findings of independent reviews and a resolution related to improving the conduct of human subjects research, as detailed in the docket. He stressed that the University is the beginning of a process to develop a plan to improve human subjects research practices. He noted that the Board is committed to being open and transparent throughout the process. He identified Regent Simmons as the liaison between the Board and the implementation team, adding that the Board will also provide oversight through its Audit Committee.

President Kaler described the situation leading up to the resolution presented to the Board. He stated that two independent external reviews related to the University's human subjects research were recently completed: an independent external review focused on current practices, and a report by the Legislative Auditor focused primarily on the 2004 death of a patient, Dan Markrigson, while enrolled in a clinical trial. Kaler noted that the independent external review recognizes considerable strengths and people dedicated to advancing clinical research ethics at the University, but that both reports identify a need for substantial improvement and offer significant recommendations.

Kaler introduced Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean of the Medical School Brooks Jackson, Vice President for Research Brian Herman, and Associate Vice President Gail Klatt Internal Audit, to provide additional information.

Herman noted that the report of the Legislative Auditor ~~contains~~ findings and two recommendations. The report recommended

Minnesota. She emphasized that increased oversight should not lose sight of the importance of clinical trials.

Regent Cohen stated that she is proud of the research being done in clinical trials, and that the

populations to guarantee that ongoing activities are appropriate and consistent with approved protocols, and that interactions with human subjects are consistent with the recommendations of the external review panel.

d) Appointing a Community Oversight Board, comprised of external experts in human subjects research and research ethics, with special emphasis in the area of

