

Action/Information Item

Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee

Consideration of Nomination to the EDFUND Board of Directors

The Committee is asked to consider the nomination of Sally Furay as a non-Commissioner director on the EDFUND Board of Directors. If the Committee decides to recommend Sally Furay for a non-Commission appointment to the EDFUND Board, the effective date of the appointment should be on the day after the Governor appoints a Commissioner to replace Commissioner Furay, or March 1, 2008, whichever occurs first.

Responsible Staff: Keith Yamanaka,
Chief Deputy Director

Summer, 2007

Sister Sally M. Furay

Sister Sally Furay served as Academic Vice President and Provost of the University of San Diego for 25 years; she also taught courses in English and in law, and held administrative roles as Dean of Arts and Sciences and department chair. She is Provost Emerita of the University of San Diego. She holds a doctorate in English and American literature from Stanford University, a J.D. degree from the University of San Diego School of Law, and has been a member of the California Bar for thirty-five years. Among her experiences in numerous facets of university and academic administration are development of the corporate merger of two institutions of higher education; analysis of strategic planning and budgeting over a period of more than twenty years; analysis of academic programs, practices, and organization structures; development of mission and goals statements; participative governance; campus diversity and assessment issues; legal concerns involving employment; enrollment projection and related financial aid issues; policy formulation for faculty and staff personnel; and chairing numerous university accreditation teams in the western and northwest regions. She consulted extensively in founding a law school at the University of St. Thomas in the Twin Cities.

In the area of education, Sister Furay has participated on many boards and committees of regional, national and international organizations. Her past professional, civic, legal and community roles include serving as the first woman president of the Western College Association, Board Chair of the national Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Vice President of the San Diego County Bar Association, President of the Board of Directors of the Old Globe Theatre, President of the Board of Governors of the San Diego Foundation, Chair of Senator Barbara Boxer's Judicial Appointments Advisory Committee for the Southern District of California, and twelve years of service on the WASC and Northwest accrediting commissions.

Sister Furay is currently a consultant to higher education, while maintaining her community, civic, and legal interests. She is a member of the Legal Services Review Panel of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and a Director and chair of the loan and HR committees of the new Neighborhood National Bank in San Diego, the first community development bank chartered nationally under recent federal efforts to bring more financial services to inner city communities. She serves as a Director of the Barat Education Foundation, and remains a Trustee and member of the Finance Committee of the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego.

In November of 1999, she completed a ten-year term as a Trustee and Executive Committee member of the Board of Trustees of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. She was one of the first female members of San Diego's downtown Rotary Club. Several years ago, she was appointed by the Governor of California for a second four-year term as a Commissioner of the statewide California Student Aid Commission, which administers close to a billion dollars in CalGrants to undergraduate students. She serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of Sacramento-based EdFund, which operates federally guaranteed student loan funds for much of California, and other parts of western and eastern regions, as the second largest agency nationally in this program.

Among her honors are the California Governor's Award of Merit for achievement in education and women's rights, the first Community Achievement Award from the Lawyers Club of San Diego, the Hesburgh Award from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, the 1993 honoree of *Women Together* - a coalition which raises funds for battered and abused women and their children, the first Volunteer Service Award from the University of San Diego, and the 2004 Bernard E. Witkin, Esq. Award from the Law Library Justice Foundation.