

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on January 15, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advance publicized notice, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1.

In compliance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 84-1411, printed notice of this meeting was sent to each member of the Board and was posted in the first floor lobby of Varner Hall. In addition, copies of such notice were sent to the Lincoln Journal Star, Daily Nebraskan, The Gateway, The Antelope, Kearney Hub and Omaha World Herald on January 5, 2004.

Regents present:  
Nicholas Behrendt  
Brett Chloupek  
Randolph M. Ferlic  
Chuck Hasebrook  
C. David Hergert  
Howard L. Hawks, Vice Chair  
Elizabeth Kraemer  
Jim McClurg  
Drew Miller  
Kent Schroeder  
Katie Weichman  
Charles S. Wilson

University officials present:  
James B. Milliken, President  
Jay Noren, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Nancy Belck, Chancellor, UNO  
Harold Maurer, Chancellor, UNMC  
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, UNK  
Harvey S. Perlman, Chancellor, UNL  
John Owens, Vice President and Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Donal J. Burns, Interim Corporation Secretary  
David Lechner, Vice President for Business and Finance  
Richard R. Wood, Vice President and General Counsel

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regent Hawks introduced and welcomed Regent David Hergert, UNMC Student Regent Nicholas Behrendt, and UNO Student Regent Elizabeth Kraemer.

II. **ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 8:32 a.m. in the Board Room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, Saturday, January 15, 2005. Attendance is indicated above.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS**

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded McClurg to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of December 11, 2004.

Action Approved by acclamation.

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IV. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- Motion Moved by Hassebrook and seconded Ferlic to nominate Regent Hawks for the position of Chairperson of the Board.
- Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded McClurg to close nominations.
- Action Student Opinion: Aye: Chloupek, Kraemer, Weichman, and Behrendt. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, and Hergert. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Action Regent Hawks was elected as Chairperson of the Board by acclamation.
- Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded Wilson to nominate Regent Miller for the position of Vice Chairperson of the Board.
- Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded McClurg to close nominations.
- Action Student Opinion: Aye: Kraemer, Weichman, Behrendt, and Chloupek. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, and Ferlic. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Action Regent Miller was elected as Vice Chairperson of the Board by acclamation.
- Regent Hawks asked for a motion to appoint Regent Schroeder to fill the vacancy left on the Executive Committee by the departure of Regent Blank.
- Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded Miller to approve Regent Schroeder as a member of the Executive Committee.
- Action Student Opinion: Aye: Weichman, Behrendt, Chloupek, and Kraemer. Voting Aye: Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

V. **KUDOS**

- Regent Weichman presented a KUDOS award to Gina S. Matkin**, Assistant Director of the Nebraska Union at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Regent Hassebrook presented a KUDOS award to Sherrill Hayes**, Accounting Clerk III in the Department of Agronomy & Horticulture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Jill Purdy**, Assistant Director of Finance at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.
- Regent Chloupek presented a KUDOS award to Bryan D. Samuel**, Director for the Department of Multi-Cultural Affairs at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.
- Regent Miller presented a KUDOS award to Thomas Magnuson**, Assistant Professor/Health Professor, UPS Psychiatry-Academic, University of Nebraska Medical Center.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Regent Ferlic presented the following resolution:**

Whereas, the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Office of Sponsored Programs and Research administers the process of research-proposal submission for the faculty; and

Whereas, this office also supports other important research-related work such as workshops on the research-grant process for new faculty and the development of Nebraska Research Initiative proposals; and

Whereas, this office, with only two full-time staff positions and two graduate assistants, has increased the number of external research proposals by 63 percent over the past six years; and

Whereas, effective work by this team over that period of time, in conjunction with faculty members, has increased the amount of external award funding by 111 percent to a record \$14.8 million for fiscal year 2004.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents applauds the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and wishes the staff members and faculty engaged in UNO's research enterprise continued success.

### **Regent Wilson presented the following resolution:**

Whereas, the University of Nebraska at Omaha has offered American Humanics - a program in nonprofit management and leadership - since 2001; and

Whereas, UNO is one of 75 colleges and universities nationwide to offer the American Humanics Certificate, with three departments accepting the program as part of their respective majors: International Studies and Programs, Continuing Studies, and Art History; and

Whereas, thirty UNO students are currently enrolled in the program, with more than 50 percent of them being students of color; and

Whereas, American Humanics students at UNO have contributed hundreds of volunteer hours to Omaha-area nonprofit organizations in the process of pursuing their certificates.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents congratulates the faculty, staff, and students involved in the American Humanics program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and wishes them continued success.

Motion

The above Resolutions were approved by acclamation.

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**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Weiyu Guo, the 2004 Presidential Fellow, by President Milliken.

**VI. STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE**

Senator Ron Raikes, Chair of the Education Committee and Senator Ron Pederson, Chair of the Appropriations Committee gave a presentation on Legislative Overview: Policy Issues in Higher Education.

(For handout, see documents file.)

Discussion was held.

The Board recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:19 a.m.

**VII. HEARINGS**

None.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs

The Academic Affairs committee met on Friday afternoon and the topics of discussion were Ethnic Studies and Ad Hoc Gender Equity Report.

Motion: Moved by Wilson and seconded Hassebrook that the Board of Regents adopt the Adhoc Gender Equity Report and adopt the recommendations made in report.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Behrendt, Chloupek, Kraemer, and Weichman. Voting Aye: McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and Hawks. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Business Affairs

The Business Affairs committee met on Friday afternoon and the topics of discussion were UNL Temple Building and Healthcare Trends.

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X. **UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Miller and seconded McClurg to approve items X-A-1 and X-A-2, X-B-1, X-B-2, X-B-3, X-B-4, X-B-5, X-B-6, X-B-7 and X-B-8.

**A. ACADEMIC**

X-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations.

**Central Administration**

Adjustment

Donal J. Burns, Corporation Secretary (Special) 0.2 FTE, Associate Executive Vice President and Provost (Special) 0.8 FTE, Professor (Continuous) Physics and Astronomy (UNL), \$146,232 FY, 1.0 FTE. Change Interim Corporation Secretary title to Corporation Secretary.

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Adjustment

F. Fred Choobineh, Professor (Continuous), Industrial and Management Systems Engineering, 0.5 FTE, Director (Special), EPSCOR, 0.5 FTE, Milton E. Mohr Professor of Engineering (Special); \$135,611 (includes \$10,000 Professorship stipend). Add appointment as the Milton E. Mohr Professor of Engineering with a stipend of \$10,000 effective January 17, 2005.

Discussion was held on item X-A-1, Corporation Secretary appointment.

X-A-2 Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**B. BUSINESS**

Central Administration

X-B-1 Approve the spending policy for the Othmer-Topp Endowment Fund.

Discussion was held on item X-B-1.

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X-B-2 Approve the project budget for construction of a parking lot on the site of three demolished buildings east of the Harper-Schramm-Smith Residential Complex.

X-B-3 Approve the Animal Science Complex Fire Alarm Replacement.

X-B-4 Approve the Architecture Hall Fire Alarm Replacement and Fire Sprinkler Installation.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

X-B-5 Approve a deferred maintenance project and budget to replace and upgrade HVAC and electrical systems serving the second and fourth floors of the west wing of Swanson Hall.

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X-B-6 Approve interim funding for campus Information Technologies staff relocation for the Center for Health Science Education Building project at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

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X-B-7 Approve the team of Alley Poyner Architects to provide Phase I design services for the construction of the Dr. Guinter Kahn Addition to the Dr. C.C. and Mabel Criss Library.

X-B-8 Approve the installation of a fire sprinkler system in the Dr. C.C. and Mabel Criss Library at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Chloupek, Kraemer, Weichman, and Behrendt. Voting Aye: Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, and McClurg. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

**XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**A. ACADEMIC**

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded Hassebrook to approve item XI-A-1.

XI-A-1 Approval is requested to create a new major of Ethnic Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNL.

Discussion was held.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Kraemer, Weichman, Behrendt, and Chloupek. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, and Miller. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

**B. BUSINESS**

Central Administration

Motion Moved by Miller and seconded Wilson to approve items XI-B-1 and XI-B-2.

XI-B-1 Approve the following: (1) The Administrative Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and Removal Actions between the Board of Regents and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region VII, and (2) the Master Consulting Services Agreement between the Board of Regents and MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.

XI-B-2 Approve the Consent Decree to settle the United States of America v. University of Nebraska lawsuit regarding recovery of past costs for response actions taken at the former Nebraska Ordnance Plant Superfund Site near Mead.

Discussion was held.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Weichman, Behrendt, Chloupek, and Kraemer. Voting Aye: Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, and Schroeder. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded Ferlic to approve item XI-B-3.

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- XI-B-3 Approve the revised program statement for renovation of the Otto Olsen Building.
- Action Student Opinion: Aye: Behrendt, Chloupek, Kraemer, and Weichman. Voting Aye: Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, and Wilson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.
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- Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded McClurg to approve item XI-B-4.
- XI-B-4 Approve the program statement and budget for the Temple Building Renovation and Addition.
- Action Student Opinion: Aye: Chloupek, Kraemer, Weichman, and Behrendt. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, and Hergert. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded Ferlic to approve item XI-B-5 and XI-B-6.
- XI-B-5 Approve a five-year sponsorship agreement between St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center and the intercollegiate athletic programs of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- XI-B-6 Authorize the Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance to execute a five-year lease with Nebco, Inc., to provide 12,190 square feet of office space for the University of Nebraska Press.
- Discussion was held on item XI-B-6.
- Action Student Opinion: Aye: Kraemer, Weichman, Behrendt, and Chloupek. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, and Ferlic. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

**C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Information items added by President Milliken.

- XI-C-1 Statement by President Milliken acknowledging the recognition of Chancellor Maurer as “Midlander of the Year.”
- XI-C-2 Presentation on Governor’s Biennial Budget Recommendations for FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07.

(For PowerPoint and handout, see documents file.)

Discussion was held.

**D. REPORTS**

- XI-D-1 University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Schematic Design Report for Modular Biological-Safety Level 3 Laboratory.
- XI-D-2 Bids and Contracts for the period ended December 9, 2004.
- XI-D-3 Ad Hoc Gender Equity Report.

Chairperson Hawks accepted the reports.

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**XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Chairperson Hawks mentioned this is the last meeting for the Regent Chloupek, although he will appear at the meeting March 5, 2005 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Chairperson Hawks distributed a revised 2005 Board of Regents meeting schedule.

(For handout, see documents file.)

Chairperson Hawks discussed three standing committees: Academic Affairs Committee, chaired by Regent Wilson; Business Affairs Committee, chaired by Regent McClurg; and the Audit Committee, chaired by Regent Ferlic. Additional committee assignments and topics will be sent to the Regents by the President for their consideration.

The Board recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Chloupek that the Board of Regents go into closed session as authorized by Section 84-1410 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska for the protection of the public interest for the purpose of holding a discussion limited to consideration of the award of honorary degrees.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Weichman, Behrendt, Chloupek, and Kraemer. Voting Aye: Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 11:18 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donal J. Burns  
Corporation Secretary

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Howard Hawks  
Chairperson of the Board