

MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA BOARD OF REGENTS

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on May 18, 2007 at 9:45 a.m. on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Omaha in the Thompson Alumni Center, Bootstrapper Hall West, 60th and Dodge Streets, Omaha, 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, Omaha World-Herald, and the Lincoln office of the Associated Press on May 10, 2007.

Regents present:
Randolph M. Ferlic
Chuck Hassebrook, Vice Chairman
Jim McClurg
Bob Phares
Kent Schroeder
Bob Whitehouse
Charles S. Wilson, Chairman
Amber Lewis
Jonathan Henning
Alexander Williams

University officials present:
James B. Milliken, President
Linda R. Pratt, Executive Vice President and Provost
John Christensen, Interim Chancellor, UNO
Donal J. Burns, Associate Executive Vice President and Provost and Corporation Secretary

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 9:45 a.m. on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Omaha in the Thompson Alumni Center, Bootstrapper Hall West, 60th and Dodge Streets, Omaha, Nebraska, Friday, May 18, 2007. Attendance is indicated above. Absent: Regent Hawks and Regent Solheim.

Regent Wilson announced that copies of the Open Meetings Act were available from the Corporation Secretary.

III. **CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TO APPOINT THE NEXT CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA**

Prior to asking the Board to approve Agenda Item III-A-1, President Milliken offered his thanks to the search committee. He also commended the faculty, staff, students, and others in the greater UNO community for their participation in the search process. President Milliken praised John Christensen for his many great ideas for the future of UNO, for the University and for the state. As the Interim Chancellor at UNO, he displayed a leadership style that embodies integrity, honesty and openness, and a commitment and passion to students and to education. The appointment of John Christensen is a great opportunity for the University of Nebraska and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

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Central Administration

Motion Moved by Hassebrook and seconded by Phares to approve item III-A-1

Chairman Wilson read the following statement: Regent Hawks has expressed regret at being unable to attend this meeting and vote on the motion to approve the appointment of Chancellor Christensen. Regent Hawks regrets that the rules preclude him from casting an absentee ballot. He has requested that the minutes show that had he been able to be present he would have enthusiastically voted in favor of the appointment and looks forward to working with Chancellor Christensen.

III-A-1 New Appointment

John E. Christensen, Chancellor (Special), University of Nebraska at Omaha, Vice President (Special) University of Nebraska, Professor (Continuous), Special Education and Communication Disorders, University of Nebraska at Omaha, \$240,000 FY, 1.00 FTE, effective May 18, 2007. Delete title Interim Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Lewis, Williams and Henning. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson and Ferlic. Absent: Solheim and Hawks. Motion carried.

Chancellor Christensen made the following statement: I would like to say “thanks” to each of you and to you, President Milliken, for your trust and your support. I appreciate that very much. I’m really proud of the University of Nebraska and I’m really passionate about UNO. And, I think you all know this is a fine institution and our best days are in front of us. It’s a bright future and we will seize the opportunity to serve our students and our community at the highest possible level. And, my heartfelt thanks to all of you for the privilege of assuming this role at this institution at this time.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon completion of the business stated in the notice for the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donal J. Burns
Corporation Secretary

Charles S. Wilson
Chairman of the Board