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The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on April 6, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege, 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 March 25, 2002.

Regents present:

Don S. Blank
Randolph M. Ferlic, Vice Chair
Chuck Hassebrook
Ryan Hatt
Jim McClurg
Drew Miller
Nancy L. O'Brien
Shay Riggs
Kent Schroeder, Chair
Charles S. Wilson
Brock Wentz
Ryan Wilkins

University officials present:

L. Dennis Smith, President
Lee B. Jones, Executive Vice President and Provost
Nancy Belck, Chancellor, UNO
Harold Maurer, Chancellor, UNMC
Gladys S. Johnston, Chancellor, UNK
Harvey S. Perlman, Chancellor, UNL
John Owens, Vice President and Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Natural Resources
Kim M. Robak, Vice President for External Affairs and Corporation Secretary
David Lechner, Vice President for Business and Finance
Richard R. Wood, Vice President and General Counsel

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Schroeder welcomed new UNL Student Regent Ryan Wilkins, UNK Student Regent Ryan Hatt, and newly appointed Regent Jim McClurg.

II. **ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 8:30 a.m. in the Cedar Room at the Nebraskan Student Union, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, Nebraska, Saturday, April 6, 2002. Attendance is indicated above.

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

Motion Moved by Wentz and seconded by Wilkins to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of February 23, 2002.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Riggs, Wentz, Wilkins, and Hatt. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, McClurg, Miller, O'Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, and Blank. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

IV. **KUDOS**

Regent Hatt presented a KUDOS award to Beverly J. Mathiesen, Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Chancellor at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

RESOLUTIONS

Regent Wilson presented the following Resolution:

Whereas, Dr. Lee B. Jones has served with distinction as Executive Vice President and Provost of the University of Nebraska since 1985; and

Whereas, Lee Jones took a leadership role in facilitating the successful transition of Kearney State College to become the University of Nebraska at Kearney, directing an array of transition teams for academic programs, faculty development, business practices, and communications; and

Whereas, Lee Jones played a key role in the adoption by the Board of Regents of new admissions standards for the university, holding meetings and workshops statewide to gather input from educators and members of the public to help refine the standards; and

Whereas, Lee Jones took responsibility for working with representatives of under-represented minority groups to make sure the increased admission standards would not inhibit access to the university; and

Whereas, Lee Jones led the effort to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the computerized systems that support financial operations, purchasing, and human resources functions through adaptation of the SAP software system; and

Whereas, Lee Jones chaired the panel of distinguished faculty and community leaders who developed criteria for the university's academic program prioritization process; and

Whereas, Lee Jones, in all of his dealings with students, faculty, staff, administrators, members of the public, and members of the Board of Regents, has been cordial, courteous, respectful, and supportive; and

Whereas, Lee Jones has announced his intention to retire in May 2002.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents regretfully accepts his resignation and expresses its gratitude to Lee B. Jones for his excellent service, confers upon him the status of Executive Vice President and Provost Emeritus, and wishes him the best of good fortune in all his future endeavors.

Dr. Lee B. Jones thanked the Board for the honor of the Resolution and for the support during his tenure at the University of Nebraska.

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V. **STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE**

Chairman Schroeder introduced the topic of Maintenance Costs on Capital Construction Gifts. Rebecca Koller, Assistant Vice President and Director of Facilities Planning and Management, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the topic. (See Documents File for PowerPoint presentation.) Koller spoke about the following points:

- 1) What are capital construction gifts?
- 2) Why did the university start seeking capital construction gifts?
- 3) How are capital construction gifts maintained?
- 4) Why are capital construction gifts important to the university and State of Nebraska.

Discussion was held.

VI. **HEARINGS**

None.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Robinson, employee at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, spoke to the Board about his concerns regarding the budget and the management in the facilities department.

Discussion was held on the appropriate procedure Mr. Robinson should follow in order to get his concerns addressed. Chancellor Johnston offered to speak with Mr. Robinson personally.

VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Business Affairs

Regent Ferlic reported that the committee met on Friday and received a briefing on NU Values. Ferlic stated that this program needs to be initiated as soon as possible.

Academic Affairs

Regent Wilson reported that the committee met on Friday and discussed the issue of completing bachelors degrees in four years. The Board examined the issue of how many students graduate in four years and looked at the reasons why some students do not graduate in four years. Wilson intends to bring to the Board at the next meeting a written statement that will offer an assurance/guarantee that the university will do what it can to allow students to graduate in four years provided they meet certain criteria.

Regent Miller stated his opinion that there shouldn't be pressure for student to graduate in four years.

Chairman Schroeder accepted the reports.

IX. **UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Miller and seconded by O'Brien to approve items IX-A-1, IX-A-2, IX-A-3, IX-A-4, IX-A-5, IX-A-6, IX-A-7, IX-A-8, IX-B-1, IX-B-2, IX-B-3, IX-B-4, IX-B-5, IX-B-6, IX-B-7, and IX-B-8

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A. ACADEMIC

IX-A-1

President's Personnel Recommendations.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Leaves of Absence

Rick A. Bevins, Associate Professor (Continuous) Psychology; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$60,750 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Christina E. Brantner, Associate Professor (Continuous) Modern Languages and Literatures; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$46,248 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Albert Casullo, Professor (Continuous) Philosophy; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$80,771 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Alan C. Christensen, Associate Professor (Continuous), School of Biological Sciences; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$55,835 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Steve R. Dunbar, Professor (Continuous), Mathematics and Statistics; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$76,911 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

William Grange, Associate Professor (Continuous), Theatre Arts; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$52,299 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Rumiko Handa, Associate Professor (Continuous), Architecture; Leave with 20% pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$61,742 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

James Hendrix, Assistant to Vice Chancellor for Research (Special), Professor (Continuous), Chemical Engineering; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$179,355 FY current salary; includes \$3,600 stipend which will not be paid out during leave, 1.00 FTE.

Phyllis Japp, Associate Professor (Continuous), Communication Studies; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$53,594 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Kathleen H. Keeler, Professor (Continuous), School of Biological Sciences; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$66,174 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Patricia F. Kennedy, Associate Professor, Marketing; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$85,617 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Bettina-Elizabeth Klaus, Assistant Professor (Specific Term), Economics; Leave without pay effective 06/15/02 to 05/16/03, \$73,997 FY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Stephen J. Lavin, Associate Professor (Continuous) Anthropology and Geography; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$60,985 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

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Merlin P. Lawson, Professor (Continuous), Geosciences; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 07/01/02 to 01/05/03, \$141,641(includes \$3,600 stipend which will not be paid out during leave) FY current salary, 1.00 FTE

Peter Maslowski, Professor (Continuous), History; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$70,092 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Ruth S. Nisse, Associate Professor (Continuous) English; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$53,136 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Hilda Raz, Professor (Continuous), English; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$83,200 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Robert F. Schopp, Professor (Continuous), Law; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$96,555 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE

Norman D. Smith, Professor and Chair (Continuous), Geosciences; Leave without pay effective 06/16/02 to 07/13/02, \$139,702 FY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

James B. Swinehart, Professor (Continuous), Conservation and Survey Division; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 07/01/02 to 12/31/02, \$76,206 FY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Adjustment

Benjamin Rader, Professor(Continuous), History; James L. Sellers Professor of History (Special), effective 05/01/02, \$99,318 AY (includes \$10,000 Professorship), 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Adjustment

William O. Berndt, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Special), and Dean, Graduate Studies (Special), University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Professor (Continuous), Pharmacology, College of Medicine; effective 02/01/02, \$192,580 FY, 1.00 FTE. Change organizational unit from Graduate Studies and Research.

- IX-A-2 Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for Dean Sicking.
- IX-A-3 Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for Kaushik P. Patel and Stephen I. Rennard, M.D.
- IX-A-4 Approval of the College of Medicine’s request to change the name of the Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy to the Department of Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- IX-A-5 Approve discontinuance of the Dental Interdepartmental Area Graduate Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- IX-A-6 Approve the proposed amendment to Regental Policy 2.8.1 “Eligibility to Hold Office.”
- IX-A-7 Approve the name change for the UNO Center for Discipline-Based Art Education to Center for Innovation in Arts Education.
- IX-A-8 Approve the Award of Honorary Degrees.

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B. BUSINESS

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- IX-B-1 Approve the agreement with the City of Omaha for the construction of a roundabout or Alternative Improvement in Elmwood Park adjacent to the UNO campus.
- IX-B-2 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) 2002-2003 Allocation for the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- IX-B-3 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF): 2002-2003 Allocation for the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- IX-B-4 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) 2002-2003 Allocation for the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- IX-B-5 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) 2002-2003 Allocation for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- IX-B-6 Approve and grant a Permanent Public Pedestrian and Vehicle Way Easement and Temporary Construction Easement to The Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission (NETC).
- IX-B-7 Approve the project budget for the Othmer Hall–Finishing of Shell Space Project.
- IX-B-8 Approve the First Amendment to the Project Interest Installment Purchase Agreement between the University of Nebraska Foundation and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for financing the University’s Participation in the Lincoln Ballpark Project.

Discussion was held.

Regent O’Brien asked again that adjustment/leave/change not begin before the Board has had an opportunity to approve the item.

IX-B-1 was amended to add “or alternative improvement” in the subject line.

Regent Blank asked what determines a half-pay or full-pay semester for faculty leaves. Chancellor Perlman and President Smith responded by stating that is it based on the faculty member’s request and subject to approval through the administration. Regent Wilson pointed out that there will be an Academic Affairs committee meeting on the subject at the June meeting.

Regent Blank asked if Fund B Allocations go through the student government. All student regents confirmed that student government approve them before coming to the Board

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Wentz, Wilkins, Hatt, and Riggs. Voting Aye: Hasebrook, McClurg, Miller, O’Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, and Ferlic. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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X. **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

A. ACADEMIC

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

X-A-1 Approve Master of Science major in Telecommunications Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Discussion was held.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Wilkins, Hatt, Riggs, and Wentz. Voting Aye: McClurg, Miller, O'Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion Moved O'Brien by and seconded by Miller to approve item X-A-2.

X-A-2 Approve Doctor of Philosophy major in Survey Research and Methodology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Discussion was held.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Hatt, Riggs, Wentz, and Wilkins. Voting Aye: Miller, O'Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and McClurg. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS

Motion Moved Ferlic by and seconded by Wilson to approve item X-B-1 and X-B-2.

X-B-1 Approve the FY 2002-03 Operating Budget and authorize President Smith to set salary increases on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus at 4.56% and at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and (UNCA) Central Administration at 4% and to allow the President to make additional budget decisions as necessary due to final determinations by the Legislature.

X-B-2 Approve the FY 2002-03 Operating Budget and authorize President Smith to set salary increases at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture. The final determination on July 1, 2002 salary increases for faculty and staff will be made once the FY 2002-03 appropriation amounts provided by the Legislature and Governor are known.

President Smith gave an overview and explanation of the numbers in the agenda item. Since the next meeting is not until June, President Smith asked for authorization to make changes as needed depending on the final outcome of the Legislative process. Smith explained that budget cut decisions have gone through a thorough process at each campus.

Chancellor Johnston stated that UNK administrators with the title of directors and above have agreed to take a 4.5 percent increase instead of the agreed upon raise in the union contract.

President Smith stated that if the university is required to cut additional funding, he will work with the Chancellors and utilize the campus processes that are already in place.

Discussion was held.

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Action Student Opinion: Aye: Riggs, Wentz, and Hatt. Voting Nay: Wilkins. Voting Aye: O'Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, McClurg, and Miller. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

D. REPORTS

- X-D-1 Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Tuition Rates for the University of Nebraska (including Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture).
- X-D-2 University of Nebraska at Omaha Housing Rates for 2002-2003 for University Village and Scott Hall.
- X-D-3 Othmer-Topp Endowment Fund, second priority uses, for the year ended December 31, 2001.
- X-D-4 Status of Capital Projects exceeding \$2 million as of December 31, 2001.
- X-D-5 Changes in Construction Projects by Budget Categories.
- X-D-6 Monthly Report of Bids and Contracts for the period ended March 15, 2002.
- X-D-7 Report of Expedited Approval of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Certificate Program in Family Financial Planning.

Chairman Schroeder accepted the reports.

XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim M. Robak
Corporation Secretary

Kent Schroeder
Chair of the Board