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Lincoln, Nebraska
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The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on November 8, 2002, at 1:35 p.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 October 28, 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
Jay Noren, Executive Vice President and Provost
Nancy Belck, Chancellor, UNO
Harold Maurer, Chancellor, UNMC
Doug Kristensen, 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**

II. **ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 1:35 p.m. in the Board Room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege, Lincoln, Nebraska, Friday, November 8, 2002. Attendance is indicated above.

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

Motion Moved by Miller and seconded by Hassebrook to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of October 11, 2002.

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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 Wilkins presented a KUDOS award to Dale M. Wicks, Accountant for University Libraries at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Hassebrook presented a KUDOS award to Deb DeWald, Staff Assistant in the Department of Animal Science in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Regent Wentz presented a KUDOS award to Delayne Peterson, Physician Assistant Coordinator for the Adult Intensive Care Unit at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Blank presented a KUDOS award to Robin Taylor, Administrative Technician in the Center for Neurovirology and Neurodegenerative Disorders at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

V. **STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE**

Jay Noren, Executive Vice President and Provost, introduced the topic of Pioneering Efforts in Research. Thomas Rosenquist, Vice Chancellor for Research, UNMC, and Prem Paul, Vice Chancellor for Research, UNL, spoke about the Centers of Biomedical Research and Excellence (COBRE) Grants and Redox Grant. The following panel was available for questions and comments:

Han Asard, Associate Professor of Biochemistry, UNL;
Drubajyoti Chakravarti, Research Assistant Professor of Molecular Biology, UNMC;
Vadim Gladyshev, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, UNL;
Stephen Ragsdale, Professor of Biochemistry, UNL; and
Steve Scott, Harold and Esther Edgerton Assistant Professor of Computer Science & Engineering, UNL.

Discussion was held.

VI. **HEARINGS**

A hearing on the following item was opened by the Chair.

There were no public comments regarding the proposed amendment of Sections 2.1, 4.2, 4.3, 6.1, and 8 of the *Standing Rules of the Board of Regents*. Addendum X-B-1.

Chairman Schroeder closed the hearing.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs

The Academic Affairs committee met on Friday morning and the topic of discussion was Undergraduate Research Networks.

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General Affairs

The General Affairs committee met on Friday morning and the topic of discussion was System Peer Groups.

IX. **UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

A. ACADEMIC

Motion Moved by Miller and seconded by McClurg to approve items IX-A-1, IX-A-2, IX-B-1 , and IX-B-2.

IX-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations.

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Leaves of Absence

John R. Bender, Associate Professor (Continuous), Journalism and Mass Communication; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$63,883 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Bruce B. Johnson, Professor (Continuous), Agricultural Economics; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 01/01/03 to 01/01/04, \$90,160 FY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Blair D. Siegfried, Professor (Continuous), Entomology; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 06/01/03 to 12/01/03, \$92,406 FY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

IX-A-2 Approve the requests for outside employment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for Fred Luthans, Sang Lee, Bruce Avolio, and Michael Cook.

B. BUSINESS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

IX-B-1 Approve an Interlocal Agreement between the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Buffalo County for Information Technology Services.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

IX-B-2 Approve naming the Research Center of Excellence and plaza at the University of Nebraska Medical Center the "Durham Research Center" and the "Durham Research Plaza."

Discussion was held.

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

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X. **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

A. ACADEMIC

None.

B. BUSINESS

Central Administration

Motion Moved by Blank and seconded by McClurg to approve item X-B-1.

X-B-1 Approve the proposed amendment of Sections 2.1, 4.2, 4.3, 6.1, and 8 of the *Standing Rules of the Board of Regents*.

Discussion was held

Friendly Amendment Moved by Blank to amend Section 6.1 to add the following language to the end of the first sentence: "or a policy statement by the President." McClurg accepted the friendly amendment.

Further 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.

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

X-B-2 Approve the contract between Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) and UNL for the project titled "ITS Resource, Research and Educational Activities at the Peter Kiewit Institute."

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.

Motion Moved by Ferlic seconded by Wentz to approve item X-B-3.

X-B-3 Approve the contract between the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS) and UNL for the project entitled "Training on Family Policy and Services."

Discussion was held.

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

C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None.

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D. REPORTS

- X-D-1 Auditors' reports and related financial statements for Board of Regents Bond Issues for the year ended June 30, 2002.
- X-D-2 Report on Bids and Contracts for the period ended October 17, 2002.
- X-D-3 Report of Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests for the period ended September 30, 2002.
- X-D-4 Design Development Report on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Transportation Services Facility Relocation project.
- X-D-5 Naming areas within the Durham Research Center in honor of the primary donors: "Peter Kiewit Foundation Transplant Biology Research Laboratories," "Suzanne and Walter Scott, Jr. Education Center," "Ruth and J. William Scott Neuroscience Research Laboratories," "Truhlsen Eye Research Laboratories," "Yanney Seminar Center," and the "Criss Foundation Seminar Center."

Chairman Schroeder accepted the reports.

XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

President Smith spoke to the Board regarding the budget cuts that the university has had to deal with over the past year. Smith gave a breakdown of the actions the university has taken after each Legislative budget cutting session. Smith handed out the following:

1. Summary of Budgets FY 2001-2003;
2. Statement of L. Dennis Smith, President, University of Nebraska (September 10, 2002); and
3. Summary of Budget Cuts and Adjustments (Program Eliminations and Personnel Impact.)

(For handouts, see documents file.)

Smith stated that more than likely there will be additional cuts if the shortfall is as projected, but it is still important that the university moves forward.

Discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim M. Robak
Corporation Secretary

Kent Schroeder
Chair of the Board