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The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on October 11, 2002, at 1:00 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 September 30, 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 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege, Lincoln, Nebraska, Friday, October, 11, 2002. Attendance is indicated above. Regent O'Brien arrived at 1:12 p.m.

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

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by McClurg to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of August 30, 2002.

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

IV. **KUDOS**

**Regent Wentz presented a KUDOS award to Elizabeth Ferryman**, Computer Software Technician in the McGoogan Library at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Hatt presented a KUDOS award to Kim Minino**, Telecommunications Analyst in the Information Technology Services department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Wilson presented a KUDOS award to Sarah Richart**, Office Supervisor in the Center for Healthy Living in the Business and Finance Division at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Blank presented a KUDOS award to Sam Augustine**, Coordinator of the Experiential Training Program in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Riggs presented a KUDOS award to David Richardson**, Investigator for the Campus Security Service at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Regent Wilkins presented a KUDOS award to Linda Cowdin**, Property Manager for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Hassebrook presented a KUDOS award to Charles van Rossum**, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

V. **STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE**

Jay Noren, Executive Vice President and Provost, introduced the topic of Pioneering Efforts in Teaching and the panelists for the two subtopics. On the subtopic of Teacher Education at UNO: Use of Personal Digital Assistants and Handheld Computers in K-12 the speakers were: Neal W. Topp, Associate Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Tony Vincent, Teacher, Millard Public Schools; and Katie Garth, Student, Millard Public Schools. With regard to the subtopic of A Web-based Assessment Process, the speaker was John Orr, Professor of Mathematics and Statistics at UNL. PowerPoints were made in both subtopics. (For PowerPoint, see documents file).

Discussion was held.

The Board recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

VI. **HEARINGS**

None.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Business Affairs

Regent Ferlic reported that the Business Affairs committee met on Friday morning and the topic of discussion was Risk Assessment, which included Patriot Act, HIPAA, and Insurance.

Academic Affairs

The Academic Affairs committee met with members of the State Board of Education on Friday morning. Some topics for discussion were: Alternative Certification of Teachers, the recent Carnegie Report on Teacher Education Programs, and a report of the P-16 Initiative Progress.

IX. **UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. ACADEMIC**

Motion Moved by Miller and seconded by Ferlic to approve items IX-A-1, IX-A-2, IX-A-3, IX-A-4, 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.

IX-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations.

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Adjustment

Ram Narayanan, Professor (Continuous), Electrical Engineering, Lott College Professor of Electrical Engineering (Special); \$121,413 AY (includes \$10,000 Professorship), 1.00 FTE. Add appointment as Lott College Professor of Electrical Engineering with a stipend of \$10,000.

Leaves of Absence

William Borner, Professor (Continuous), Architecture; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$80,681 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

John R. Gruhl, Professor (Continuous), Political Science; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$67,561 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

John R. Hibbing, Professor (Continuous), Political Science; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$116,376 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Debra A. Hope, Professor (Continuous) Psychology; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$82,335 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Stephen E. Kalish, Professor (Continuous) Law; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$127,386 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Christin Mamiya, Professor (Continuous), Art & Art History; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$67,919 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

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Carole Levin, Professor (Continuous), History; Leave with 67% pay effective 01/06/03 to 01/04/04, \$87,514 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Venetria Patton, Associate Professor (Continuous), English; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$66,245 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Gretchen Holten Poppler, Associate Professor (Continuous), Library; Leave without pay effective October 19, 2002 to April 18, 2003, \$45,053 FY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Joy Ritchie, Professor (Continuous), English; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$73,547 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

George Ritchie, Professor (Continuous), School of Music; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$85,823 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Loukia K. Sarroub, Assistant Professor (Specific Term), Center for Curriculum and Instruction; Leave without pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$54,124 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

David L. Skoug, Professor (Continuous), Mathematics and Statistics; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$95,200 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

George E. Veomett, Associate Professor (Continuous), School of Biological Sciences, Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$62,694 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Lynn K. White, Professor (Continuous), Sociology; Leave without pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$89,863 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Roger Wiegand, Professor (Continuous), Mathematics and Statistics; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$113,250 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

David Wishart, Professor (Continuous), Anthropology and Geography; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$70,052 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

#### University of Nebraska Medical Center

##### Leave of Absence

Jon A. Vanderhoff, Professor (Continuous), Pediatrics; Leave of absence without pay, effective 10/15/02 to 10/14/03, \$118,796 FY, current salary.

#### University of Nebraska at Omaha

##### Leave of Absence

William Blizek, Professor (Continuous), Philosophy/Religion; One quarter time Leave of absence without pay, effective 10/14/02 to 05/16/03, \$71,524 AY, current salary, 1.0 FTE.

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Deborah M. Irvin, Associate Professor (Continuous), Special Education and Communication Disorders; Leave of absence without pay, effective 01/02/03 to 05/16/03, \$55,512 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Ernest Kemnitz, Assistant Instructor (Special), Chemistry; Leave of absence without pay, effective 01/02/03 to 05/16/03, \$25,733 AY, 1.00 FTE.

IX-A-2 Approve the requests for outside employment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for Thomas M. McGowan and Joyce Starke.

IX-A-3 Approve the deletion of the Masters degree programs (MA and MEd) in Vocational and Adult Education in Teachers College at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

IX-A-4 Approve consolidation of the NCTA certificate programs into a single program, and eliminate the existing certificate programs in Horticulture and Feedlot Technology.

**B. BUSINESS**

Central Administration

IX-B-1 Approve the appointment of two members, Gail Walling Yanney, M.D., and Jan Thayer, to the Board of Directors of Nebraska Health System, effective January 1, 2003, for a term of three years.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

IX-B-2 Approve the Resolution providing for expenditures from the Surplus Fund of the University of Nebraska at Kearney Student Fees and Facilities Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$150,000 for capital improvements for Revenue Bond Facilities.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-B-3 Approve the Resolution providing for expenditures of up to \$1,066,890 for capital improvements for the Nebraska Unions and University Housing facilities from the Replacement Fund of the Student Fees and Facilities Revenue Bonds.

IX-B-4 Approve the Resolution to authorize the expenditure of up to \$351,039 from the Surplus Fund of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Parking Revenue Bonds to improve certain property and equipment.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

IX-B-5 Approve long-term leasing of space at the Scott Technology Transfer and Incubator Center by the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

IX-B-6 Approve the sole source purchase of Ultimate HomeLab System and Integrated Components from Rigaku/MSI, Inc. in the amount of \$913,000.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

IX-B-7 Approve the conveyance and dedication of a strip of land adjacent to 64th Street to the City of Omaha as public street right-of-way to accommodate construction of a bus turnout lane to serve increased student traffic on the University of Nebraska at Omaha South Campus.

IX-B-8 Approve the Planned Acquisition by Gift of Additional Land Adjacent to the Allwine Prairie Preserve to form the Glacier Creek Prairie Preserve.

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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.

X. **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

A. **ACADEMIC**

Motion Moved by Blank and seconded by O' Brien to approve item X-A-1.

X-A-1 Approve the discontinuance of the NCTA Agriculture Mechanics Technology Major.

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.

O'Brien went on record to note that discontinuation of programs and any other cuts will be difficult. She urged the Board to stand firm in the face of difficult decisions.

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

X-A-2 Approve the dissolution of the Division of Continuing Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Discussion was held.

President Smith verified that if there is a need to discontinue the Independent Study High School program, it will be brought back before the Board. Smith also stated that distance education remains one of the university's highest priorities. He has asked Provost Noren to take charge of the university's planning and coordination of distance education. In the past, continuing education was the focal point for most distance education courses. Today, the entire campus is involved in distance education. Each department is creating courses to serve students both on and off campus.

Regent Schroeder stated that we may have a public relations concern particularly with the learning centers in North Platte and Grand Island. The university needs to convince the constituents in those regions that the university is not abandoning distance or continuing education, and whenever possible will continue to provide the services the university has in the past.

Chancellor Perlman clarified that this agenda item does not deal with the support of the North Platte or Grand Island Learning Centers. The decision on that issue will be made in November.

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.

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**B. BUSINESS**

Central Administration

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

X-B-1 Approve the Resolutions (1) adopting Supplemental Resolutions authorizing the issuance of various Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000, (2) authorizing the execution and delivery of Supplemental Master Indentures and related Master Notes for each refunding issue, (3) authorizing the sale of such Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002 at a public sale, or at a negotiated sale as determined by the Vice President for Business and Finance, approving Notices of Sale, Bond Purchase Agreements and Preliminary Official Statements and authorizing the Vice President for Business and Finance to determine interest rates (not to exceed an average rate of 5%), principal amounts, principal maturities and redemption provisions of such Revenue Refunding Bonds, (4) approving the preparation and uses of Final Official Statements and approve Preliminary Official Statements, and (5) authorizing the Vice President for Business and Finance to call the various Series of Revenue Bonds for payment and redemption.

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.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

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

X-B-2 Approve a contingent commitment of \$10 million from the University of Nebraska Medical Center's share of future distributions to be made by the Nebraska Health System pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement for the construction of the Clinical Center for Excellence.

Discussion was held.

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

**C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

X-C-1 Proposed amendments of Sections 2.1, 4.2, 4.3, 6.1 and 8 of the *Standing Rules of the Board of Regents* of the University of Nebraska are presented at this meeting for information only as required by Section 7.2 of the *Standing Rules of the Board of Regents*.

Regent O'Brien asked for clarification on item X-C-1.

**D. REPORTS**

X-D-1 Summary Enrollment Report and Student Credit Hour Report for Fall 2002.

X-D-2 Report on Bids and Contracts for the period ended September 19, 2002.

Chairman Schroeder accepted the reports.

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XI.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Regent McClurg congratulated UNL on the numerous announcements of grants received by the campus.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim M. Robak  
Corporation Secretary

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Kent Schroeder  
Chair of the Board