The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on April 24, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 238 of the Nebraskan Student Union on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus, 905 West 25th Street, Kearney, 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 April 12, 2004.

Regents present:
Ryan Arnold
Don S. Blank, Chairman
Brett Chloupek
Jonathan Croskey
Randolph M. Ferlic
Chuck Hassebrook
Howard L. Hawks, Vice Chairman
Jim McClurg
Drew Miller
Kent Schroeder
Katie Weichman
Charles S. Wilson

University officials present:
L. Dennis Smith, 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
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 Blank introduced and welcomed UNL Student Regent Katie Weichman and UNK Student Regent Brett Chloupek.

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 8:34 a.m. in Room 238 of the Nebraskan Student Union on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus, 905 West 25th Street, Kearney, Nebraska, Saturday, April 24, 2004. Attendance is indicated above. Regent Hawks arrived at 8:36 a.m.
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion
Moved by Ferlic and seconded by McClurg to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of February 28, 2004.

Action

IV. KUDOS

Regent Hassebrook presented a KUDOS award to Minnie Stephens, Staff Secretary III in the Department of Animal Science in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Regent Weichman presented a KUDOS award to Jennifer Lottman, Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Arnold presented a KUDOS award to Tracy Aksamit, Manager of Architectural and Engineering Services in the Office of Facilities Management & Planning at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Chloupek presented a KUDOS award to a team of staff members in the Facilities Department – Kristen Ahrens, Custodian II; Michael Cremers, Facilities Manager; Riley Oestreicher, Custodian II; and John Rinaker, Zone Manager – at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion
Moved by Wilson and seconded by McClurg to adopt the following resolution.

Whereas, on the evening of March 16, 2004, former University of Nebraska-Lincoln Regent Kyle Arganbright witnessed a crime in progress in downtown Lincoln; and

Whereas, Kyle immediately went to the rescue of a woman being accosted in an attempted purse-snatching; and

Whereas, Kyle and another passer-by joined in chasing-down the assailant, and held him until the arrival of law-enforcement officers; and

Whereas, Kyle was praised by Lincoln police for his willingness to put himself at risk in defense of a fellow citizen; and

Whereas, in taking this action, Kyle demonstrated selfless courage.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents commends Kyle Arganbright for this exemplary act of bravery and thanks him for upholding the ideals of good citizenship.

Action
Resolution adopted by acclamation.

V. STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE

Jay Noren, Executive Vice President and Provost, and Becky Koller, Assistant Vice President and Director of Facilities Planning and Management presented on the topic of Biennial Operating and Capital Budget Request. (For PowerPoints and handout, see documents file.)
Discussion was held.

President Smith presented a PowerPoint on the Tuition Assistance Program referenced in Addendum X-A-4. (For PowerPoint, see documents file.)

Discussion was held.

VI. HEARINGS

None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Radd Way, President of The Weitz Company, spoke to the Board regarding the North Stadium Improvement Project.

Gerald Egan spoke to the Board regarding the university’s employment practices. Egan brought a handout for the Regents. (For copy, see documents file.)

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Affairs

The General Affairs committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was the Diversity Report.

Outreach and Service

The Outreach and Service committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was the Distance Education Plan.

Planning

The Planning committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was Non-Resident Tuition Issues: Costs, Enrollment Trends, and Scholarships.

The Board recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

IX. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Hawks asked that item IX-B-8 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion


A. ACADEMIC

IX-A-1

President’s Personnel Recommendations.

University of Nebraska at Kearney
New Appointment

Leroy Hardesty, Dean of Library (Special), Professor of Library (Continuous), $95,000 FY, 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Leaves of Absence

Miles Bryant, Professor (Continuous), Educational Administration; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 to 01/02/05, $71,970 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Amy Burnett, Associate Professor (Continuous), History; Leave with 51% partial pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $58,210 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Stephen Burnett, Professor (Continuous), Classics and Religious Studies, (Special), History; Leave without pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $50,571 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Alan Donsig, Associate Professor (Continuous), Mathematics; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $59,000 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Bernard Doudin, Associate Professor (Continuous), Physics and Astronomy; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $65,187 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Peter Dowben, Professor (Continuous), Physics and Astronomy; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $99,815 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Patricia Draper, Professor (Continuous), Anthropology and Geography; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 to 01/02/05, $97,637 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Richard Duncan, Professor (Continuous), College of Law; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $133,989 AY, 1.00 FTE.

John H. Flowers, Professor (Continuous) Psychology; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $72,572 AY, 1.00 FTE.

James E. Ford, Associate Professor (Continuous), English; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $51,948 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Brian D. Humes, Associate Professor (Continuous), Political Science; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $57,247 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Elizabeth Ingraham, Assistant Professor (Special), Art and Art History; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $44,339 AY, 1.00 FTE.

John P. Lenich, Professor (Continuous), Law; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/16/04 through 05/13/05, $107,530 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Marjorie F. Lou, Professor (Continuous), Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 07/01/04 through 12/31/04, $130,444 FY, 1.00 FTE.
Diana J Pilson, Associate Professor (Continuous), Biological Sciences; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $57,953 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Nelson Potter, Professor (Continuous), Philosophy; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $61,001 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Benjamin G. Rader, Professor (Continuous), History; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $102,618 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Marcela Raffaelli, Associate Professor (Continuous) Psychology, Associate Professor and Chairperson (Special) Ethnic Studies; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/16/04 through 05/13/05, $68,000 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Nicole Smith, Professor (Continuous), Modern Languages and Literatures; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $56,138 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Norman D. Smith, Professor (Continuous) Geosciences, Chairperson (Special) Geosciences; Leave without pay effective 07/01/04 through 07/31/04; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $149,074 FY, 1.00 FTE.

William E. Wagner, Associate Professor (Continuous), Biological Sciences; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $56,520 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Mark E. Walker, Associate Professor (Continuous), Mathematics; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/16/04 through 05/13/05, $67,236 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Brian L. Wilcox, Professor (Continuous) Psychology, Director (Special) Center for Children, Family, and Law; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/01/04 through 07/31/05, $124,304 FY, 1.00 FTE.

Grenville K. Yuill, Professor (Continuous), Architectural Engineering; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/16/04 through 01/02/05, $156,344 FY, 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Leave of Absence

Magda G. Peck, Professor (Health Professions Appointment) and Associate Chairperson for Community Health (Special), Pediatrics; Professor (Courtesy), Preventive and Societal Medicine; and Director for Health Policy and Planning (Special), Munroe-Meyer Institute; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/15/04 to 12/15/04, $109,902 FY, 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Leaves of Absence

Nora A. Bacon, Associate Professor (Continuous), English; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $49,383 AY, 1.00 FTE
Karen K. Dwyer, Associate Professor (Continuous), Communication; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $52,951 AY, 1.00 FTE

Steve G. From, Associate Professor (Continuous), Mathematics; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/16/04 to 05/13/05, $62,240 AY, 1.00 FTE

Kenneth Geluso, Associate Professor (Continuous), Biology; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/16/04 to 05/13/05, $59,562 AY, 1.00 FTE

Joan Latchaw, Associate Professor (Continuous), English; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 08/16/04 to 01/02/05, $48,937 AY, 1.00 FTE

Darryll M. Lewis, Associate Professor (Continuous), Finance, Banking and Law; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/16/04 to 05/13/05, $63,191 AY, 1.00 FTE

Boyd Littrell, Professor (Continuous), Sociology; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 08/16/04 to 01/02/05, $74,885 AY, 1.00 FTE

Richard B. Lomneth, Associate Professor (Continuous), Chemistry; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $52,323 AY, 1.00 FTE

Anna Monardo, Associate Professor (Continuous) and Chairperson (Special), Writers Workshop; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/16/04 to 05/13/05, $45,733 AY, 1.00 FTE

John M. Noble, Associate Professor (Continuous), Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/16/04 to 05/13/05, $48,647 AY, 1.00 FTE

Pamela Specht, Professor, (Continuous), Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/16/04 to 05/13/05, $80,587 AY, 1.00 FTE

Nicholas Stergiou, Associate Professor (Continuous), Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $51,082 AY, 1.00 FTE

Gwen K. Weber, Professor (Continuous), Social Work; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/16/04 to 05/13/05, $72,275 AY, 1.00 FTE

Sharon Wood, Associate Professor (Continuous), History; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $49,401 AY, 1.00 FTE

Qiuming Zhu, Professor, (Continuous), Computer Science; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/16/04 to 05/13/05, $85,098 AY, 1.00 FTE.

IX-A-2 Approve the requests for outside employment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for Jessica Kennedy and Richard A. DeFusco.

IX-A-3 Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for Ernest D. Prentice, Ph.D.

IX-A-4 Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission.
B. BUSINESS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

IX-B-1 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF) 2004-2005 Allocation for the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-B-2 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) 2004-2005 Allocations for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

IX-B-3 Approve the project for the UNL Veterinary Diagnostic Center Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Replacement.

IX-B-4 Approve the UNL Campus Recreation replacement of existing turf at the Cather-Pound Recreation Fields with synthetic turf.

IX-B-5 Accept a $400,000 bequest from the William N. Forman Estate.

IX-B-6 Approve the Contract between the Nebraska Department of Education and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the project entitled “Reviewing Assessment Portfolios for Mathematics: 2004.”

University of Nebraska Medical Center

IX-B-7 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) 2004-2005 Allocation for the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

IX-B-8 Removed from Consent Agenda. Item voted on under University Administrative Agenda (see below).

IX-B-9 Approve the designation of the William M. Christy Scholarship Fund as a quasi-endowment fund.

Discussion was held.


X. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded Croskey to approve item IX-B-8 from the Consent Agenda.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

IX-B-8 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) 2004-2005 Allocation for the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

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Chairman Blank asked that the Business agenda items under the Administrative Agenda be voted on prior to Academic agenda items.

B. BUSINESS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded Croskey to approve item X-B-1, X-B-3, and X-B-6.

X-B-1 Approve University of Nebraska at Kearney Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Years 2004-05 through 2008-09.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

X-B-3 Approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha Optional Board Plans for the 2004-2005 academic year and report on housing rates established by Century Development for 2004-05.

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

X-B-6 Approve NCTA Room and Board Rates for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Action


University of Nebraska at Kearney

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

X-B-2 Approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney Food Service Contract with Chartwells' Division of Compass Group USA, Inc. to operate food services for a seven year period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2011.

Discussion was held.

Action


University of Nebraska at Omaha

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded Wilson to approve item X-B-4.

X-B-4 Approve the Revised Program Statement for the UNO Library.

Discussion was held.

Action

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded Croskey to approve item X-B-5.

X-B-5 Approve the Resolution authorizing the transfer of $265,000 from the 1993 Series Surplus Fund to the 1993 Series Replacement Fund and authorizing the expenditure of up to $265,000 from the Replacement Fund to make Student Center improvements.


University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded Hawks to approve item X-B-7.

X-B-7 Approve the program statement and budget for the UNL Renovation of the 2nd and 3rd Floors of Seaton Hall.

Discussion was held.


Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded Croskey to approve item X-B-8 and X-B9.

X-B-8 Approve the Resolution (1) adopting a General Resolution authorizing and providing for the issuance of Revenue Bonds of the Board, (2) adopting a First Series Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed $13,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Revenue Refunding Bonds (University of Nebraska–Lincoln Memorial Stadium Project), Series 2004, (3) authorizing the sale of such Series 2004 Refunding Bonds at a public sale, or at a negotiated sale as determined by the Vice President for Business and Finance, approving the Notice of Sale, a Bond Purchase Agreement and the Preliminary Official Statement and authorizing the Vice President for Business and Finance to determine interest rates (not to exceed an average rate of three and one-half percent (3.50%)), principal amounts, principal maturities and redemption provisions of such Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2004, and (4) approving the preparation and use of a Final Official Statement.

X-B-9 Approve the Resolution (1) adopting a First Supplemental Resolution to First Series Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed $53,000,000 principal amount of Revenue Bonds (University of Nebraska–Lincoln Memorial Stadium Project), Series 2004, for the Memorial Stadium Improvement Project, (2) authorizing the sale of such Series 2004 Bonds at a public sale, or at a negotiated sale as determined by the Vice President for Business and Finance, approving the Notice of Sale, a Bond Purchase Agreement and the Preliminary Official Statement and authorizing the Vice President for Business and Finance to determine interest rates (not to exceed an average rate of five percent (5.00%)), principal amounts, principal maturities and redemption provisions of such Series 2004 Bonds and (3) approving the preparation and use of a Final Official Statement.

Steve Pedersen, Athletic Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board with regard to the North Stadium Improvement Project. (For handouts, see documents file.)

Discussion was held.
Motion Moved by Miller and seconded Ferlic to approve item X-A-1.

**X-A-1** Approve the Proposed Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics Degree Program in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Information Science and Technology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.


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

**X-A-2** Approve the Joint Proposal for a Low Residency Master of Fine Arts in Writing Degree Program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Discussion was held.


Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded McClurg to approve item X-A-3.

**X-A-3** Ratify the earlier approval of the proposed major in Philosophy leading to the Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and that the proposal be resubmitted to the NCCPE.

Discussion was held.


Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded Croskey to approve revised item X-A-4.

**X-A-4** Approve Regents’ Policy RP-5.7.7 of the Board of Regents’ Policies of the University of Nebraska creating a Tuition Assistance Program for qualified full-time students.

Discussion was held.

Motion Moved by Miller to table the item until the August meeting. Miller then withdrew his motion.

Discussion continued.

Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Croskey to postpone agenda item X-A-4 until the August 2004 Board of Regents meeting.

Discussion was held on the motion to postpone.
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Action on motion to postpone


Motion

Moved by Hawks and seconded by Hassebrook to amend the criteria the student must meet to include the additional criteria that follows:

5. Each student must maintain a 2.5 minimum grade point average to retain this tuition supplement.

6. If a student drops below 2.5 GPA on a cumulative basis, he/she will be placed on “probation” for the supplement. The student must meet or exceed a 2.5 GPA in the next succeeding semester(s) or summer session(s) attended in order to regain and maintain eligibility for this benefit. This 2.5 GPA will be on a single semester or summer session basis.

7. The 2.5 GPA requirement for this supplemental tuition benefit will begin with the 2005/2006 school year with incoming first-year students and will continue with subsequent entering classes until discontinued by the Board of Regents.

8. The Chancellor of each campus has the right to create and implement an appeals process to deal with extreme circumstances for students who were originally granted this tuition supplement and who subsequently become ineligible.

Further discussion was held.

Action on amendment


Discussion continued.

Action on original motion as amended


Motion

Moved by McClurg and seconded Wilson to approve item X-A-5.

X-A-5

Approve the establishment of a Gallup Leadership Institute at University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Action


C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

X-C-1

Amendment of Sections 1.3.1, 1.3.3, and 1.4 of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska; creation of Regents’ Policy 1.6.10 of the Board of Regents’ Policies of the University of Nebraska creating a Student Affairs Committee; and amendment of Regents’ Policy 1.6.6 of the Board of Regents’ Policies of the University of Nebraska. This item is presented at this meeting for information only as required by
Section 7.2 of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. It will be placed on the agenda of the June 5, 2004, Regents meeting for discussion and formal action.

D. REPORTS

X-D-1 Report of Student Loan Repayment Commission.
X-D-3 Distance Education Strategic Plan 2004-05 to 2007-08.
X-D-5 Report of facilities space lease to U.S. Cellular at the Hardin Center on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.
X-D-6 Update report on the previously approved University of Nebraska-Lincoln Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Years 2004-05 through 2007-08.
X-D-7 Design Development Report for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Library Depository/Retrieval Center.

Chairman Blank accepted the reports.

XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chairman Blank mentioned that this is the last meeting for the Faculty Senate Presidents, Dr. John Wunder, UNL; Dr. Gregory Sadlek, UNO; Dr. Richard Miller, UNK; and Dr. Paul Paulman, UNMC. Blank also mentioned that this is the last meeting for Galen Hadley, UNK Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, as Dr. Finnie Murray will be here for the June Board meeting. Blank thanked them all for their service this past year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim M. Robak
Corporation Secretary

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Don S. Blank
Chairman of the Board