The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on October 29, 2004, at 11:35 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, Omaha World Herald, the Daily Nebraskan, the Gateway, the Antelope, the Kearney Hub, and the Lincoln office of the Associated Press on October 18, 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

Univeristy officials present:
James B. Milliken, President
Jay Noren, Executive Vice President and Provost
Nancy Beleck, Chancellor, UNO
Harold Maurer, Chancellor, UNMC
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, UNK
Harvey S. Perlman, Chancellor, UNL
John Owens, Vice President 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 11:35 a.m. in the Board Room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege, Lincoln, Nebraska, Friday, October 29, 2004. Attendance is indicated above.

III. CLOSED SESSION

Motion
Moved by Miller and seconded by Hawks that the Board of Regents go into closed session as authorized by Section 84-1410 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska for the protection of the public interest for the purpose of holding discussions limited to the following topics:
(a) Discussion regarding the terms and conditions of a proposed private gift to the University of Nebraska Foundation for the benefit of the University; and

(b) Discussion of honorary degrees.

Action


The Board went into closed session at 11:38 a.m. and reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

The Board recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion

Moved by McClurg and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of September 10, 2004.

Action


V. KUDOS

Regent Croskey presented a KUDOS award to the Aviation Institute at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Hawks presented a KUDOS award to Center for Economic Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha's College of Education and Business Administration.

Regent Chloupek presented a KUDOS award to Larry Riessland, Director of Finance at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Catherine Heelan, Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Weichman presented a KUDOS award to Reshell Ray, Assistant Director of Student Involvement at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Wilson presented a KUDOS award to Ruth Diedrichsen, Supervisor in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Ferlic presented a KUDOS award to Elizabeth Reed, Associate Professor, and Mary Mailliard, Clinical Study Nurse Coordinator, from the Internal Medicine-Oncology/Hematology department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Arnold presented a KUDOS award to Zoe Prescott, Project Manager in the Department of Facilities Management and Planning at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent McClurg presented a KUDOS award to Sanjay Singh, Assistant Professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Department of Neurological Sciences.
RESOLUTIONS

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

Whereas, Kim M. Robak, J.D., has served the University of Nebraska with great distinction since January 1999; and

Whereas, during her service Kim performed two critically important roles for the university: Vice President for External Affairs and Corporation Secretary to the Board of Regents; and

Whereas, Kim has effectively built constructive relationships that enhanced the reputation of the University of Nebraska with state and federal policymakers, business leaders, the news media, and the public; and

Whereas, Kim has been a respected leader within the university community, serving as a trusted advisor to two presidents and to many other university officials, and as a valued mentor to her staff; and

Whereas, Kim has fostered cooperation among her colleagues across all four campuses to create consistent and effective communications to advance the mission of the University of Nebraska; and

Whereas, Kim provided important leadership for the university’s information technology systems and worked in cooperation with state government and other organizations to help make state-of-the art technology available across Nebraska; and

Whereas, Kim’s tenure included several periods in which the Board of Regents faced challenging issues, including controversies regarding research programs and severe budget cuts; and

Whereas, in these situations, Kim unfailingly provided board members with sound advice and counsel that helped them deal effectively with the issues at hand.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere gratitude to Kim M. Robak for her outstanding service to the University of Nebraska and wishes her well in her new career.

Action Approved by acclamation.

Vice President Robak thanked everyone for the well wishes she has received in her new endeavor.

President Milliken by point of personal privilege stated he has been impressed with her leadership at the university while he was away and thanked her for service to him during his presidency.

Chancellor Kristensen introduced Catherine Heelan who said a few words about “Nebraska on the Move” and handed out pedometers for the Board.

Chancellor Harvey Perlman introduced Dr. Abdullah Al Musa, President of the University of Jordan, who spoke to the Board.
VI. STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE

None.

VII. HEARINGS

None.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Affairs

The Business Affairs committee met on Friday morning and the topic of discussion was Capital Needs and LB 1100-2.

Action on Committee Report

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Wilson to approve the following resolution.

Whereas, the University of Nebraska owns 726 buildings with a replacement value exceeding $3 billion; and

Whereas, a high percentage of these buildings are in need of repair, renovation or demolition; and

Whereas, the passage of LB 1100 provided the University with resources to renovate or replace sixteen structures badly in need of repair; and

Whereas, the projects authorized under LB 1100 are either all complete or nearing completion and there has been no significant new investment in building renovation since the passage of LB 1100; and

Whereas, the University is in the process of developing a proposal to take to the Legislature requesting additional bonding authority and financial resources to embark on a new investment in building renovation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Regents endorses the concept and scope of the proposed new investment in building renovation projects to be taken to the Governor and Legislature for approval during the 2005 legislative session.

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that the Board of Regents unanimously directs the university administration to continue development of this proposal and work with the Governor and State Legislature.

Discussion was held.

The Academic Affairs committee met on Friday morning and the topics of discussion were Academic Advising and Endowed Professorships.

Action on Committee Report

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by Ferlic to approve the following resolution.

Whereas, the University of Nebraska has recruited and retained many distinguished faculty with endowed professorships who contribute significantly to the quality of programs offered by the university in their respective disciplines; and

Whereas, increasing the number of endowed professorships provides a significant opportunity to contribute to academic programs; and

Whereas, the University of Nebraska is engaged in competition with other major universities throughout the country to attract and retain the highest quality faculty members possible; and

Whereas, state support for endowed professorships on a matching basis would leverage additional private funds for this purpose and improve the competitive position of the university;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents supports the development of a matching program for endowed professorships for presentation to the Governor and the Legislature for their consideration.


President Milliken thanked the faculty senate presidents for meeting with him a wide range of issues about the future of the university.

X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

President Milliken stated there was a Regental request to have item X-B-1 be pulled from the Agenda.


A. ACADEMIC

X-A-1 President’s Personnel Recommendations.

Central Administration

Adjustment

Donal J. Burns, Interim Corporation Secretary (Special), Associate Executive Vice President and Provost (Special), Professor (Continuous) Physics and Astronomy (UNL), $146,232 FY, (includes $140,232 FY base salary and $500 stipend per month), 1.0 FTE. Add Interim Corporation Secretary title and $500 stipend per month effective 12/01/04 until permanent replacement is hired.
Leave of Absence

Judy Roots, Associate General Counsel and Director of Institutional Regulatory Compliance (Special), Central Administration; Leave without pay effective 11/01/04 to 02/01/05, $61,166 FY, 0.50 FTE.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Adjustment

Kenneth Winkle, Professor (Continuous), Chair (Special) History; Thomas C. Sorenson Professor of American History (Special); $86,045 AY, 1.00 FTE. Add appointment as Thomas C. Sorenson Professor of American History with a stipend of $10,000.

Leaves of Absence

Richard Bischoff, Associate Professor (Continuous), Family and Consumer Sciences; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/01/05 to 06/30/05, $74,967 FY, 1.00 FTE.

Dawn O. Braithwaite, Professor (Continuous), Communication Studies; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $82,823 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Roger Bruning, Professor (Continuous), Educational Psychology; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $110,577 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Kung H. Chen, Professor (Continuous), School of Accountancy, Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $127,590 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Sidnie W. Crawford, Professor (Continuous), Classics and Religious Studies; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $82,321 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Chris W. Gallagher, Associate Professor (Continuous), English; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $62,944 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Jose E. Gonzalez, Associate Professor (Continuous), Modern Languages and Literatures; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $53,686 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Raymond Hames, Professor (Continuous) Anthropology and Geography; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $80,227 AY, 1.00 FTE.

William H. Lyons, Professor (Continuous) Law; leave without pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $128,298 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Joseph C. Kraus, Professor (Continuous), School of Music; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $66,911 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Helen A. Moore, Professor (Continuous), Sociology; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $93,581 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Lawrence J. Parkhurst, Professor (Continuous), Chemistry; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $119,067 AY, 1.00 FTE.
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Andrzej Rajca, Professor (Continuous), Chemistry; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $81,063 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Stephen E. Reichenbach, Professor (Continuous), Computer Science and Engineering, Leave with 49% pay effective 11/1/04 through 02/28/05, $100,914 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Nicholas P. Spencer, Associate Professor (Continuous), English; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $56,120 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Judy L. Walker, Associate Professor (Continuous), Mathematics; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $71,000 AY, 1.00 FTE.

John R. Wunder, Professor (Continuous), History; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/03/05 to 05/13/05, $114,075 AY, 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Adjustment

William Wakefield, Interim Athletic Director (Special), Athletics, and Professor (Continuous) and Named Chair (Special), Criminal Justice; effective 09/06/04, $118,004 (includes $79,653 AY base salary, $3,000 professorship stipend, and $35,351 FY administrative stipend), 1.00 FTE. Add Interim Athletic Director title and administrative stipend (until permanent replacement is hired). Presented for ratification, previously approved by the President and the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents.

X-A-2 Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for Carl B. Greiner, M.D.

X-A-3 Approve the requests for outside employment at the University of Nebraska at Omaha for Joanne Sowell and Frances Thurber.

B. BUSINESS

Central Administration

X-B-1 Removed from the Agenda.

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X-B-2 Approve the project budget for the UNL demolition of three University Housing units formerly leased to Greek letter societies.

X-B-3 Approve the conveyance of real property to the Joint Antelope Valley Authority for public right-of-way to create two right in, right out access drives along the east-west roadway [Holdrege Street between Stadium Drive and 14th Street] in conjunction with the Antelope Valley, Big T Project.

X-B-4 Grant a thirty-foot (30’) permanent easement to the City of Lincoln for the construction and maintenance of a hike/bike trail adjacent to the north boundary of East Campus along Huntington/Leighton Avenues between 33rd and 48th Streets, in exchange for the vacation of streets and alleys within the boundaries of East Campus not previously vacated pending City Council approval of the street and alley vacation.

X-B-5 Approve the conveyance of real property to Lancaster County for public right-of-way in conjunction with improvements to Northwest 70th and West Superior Streets.
X-B-6  Approve the name “August N. Christenson Research and Education Building” for the existing Research and Education Building at the UNL/IANR Agricultural Research and Development Center near Mead, Nebraska.

X-B-7  Approve the purchase of 75 Terawatt Laser System.

Discussion was held.

Action  

XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Chancellor Maurer and Vice Chancellor Rosenquist spoke to Board regarding the following Centers and also introduced several key people.

A. ACADEMIC


XI-A-1  Approve establishment of the Nebraska Center for Cellular Signaling.


XI-A-3  Approve establishment of the Center for Research in Leukemia and Lymphoma.

Discussion was held.

Action  

B. BUSINESS

Central Administration

Motion  Moved by McClurg and seconded Hawks to approve item XI-B-1.

XI-B-1  Approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Division of Communications of the Department of Administrative Services of the State of Nebraska and The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

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Motion  Moved by Wilson and seconded Ferlic to approve item XI-B-2, XI-B-4, XI-B-5, and XI-B-6.

XI-B-2  Approve the UNL Harper-Schramm-Smith Dining Services Renovation Program Statement, Budget and Resolution.

XI-B-4  Approve the implementation of an on-line auction program for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.
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XI-B-5 Approve the Resolution to authorize expenditure of up to $1,094,950 for capital improvements for the Nebraska Unions and University Housing Facilities from the Replacement Fund of the Student Fees and Facilities Revenue Bonds at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

XI-B-6 Approve the Resolution to authorize the expenditure of up to $997,500 to improve certain property and equipment for parking operations at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Discussion was held.


Chancellor Perlman gave a PowerPoint presentation on item XI-B-3.

Motion Moved by Hassebrook and seconded Miller to approve item XI-B-3.

XI-B-3 Approve five proposed agreements, two with NELNET, Inc., one with National Educational Loan Network, Inc., and two with Union Bank and Trust Company, for the FFELP/School as Lender Program at UNL to provide student loans to graduate and professional students.

Discussion was held.


University of Nebraska Medical Center

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

XI-B-7 Approve the Program Statement and Budget for the UNMC Research Center of Excellence II Building.

Discussion was held.


Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded McClurg to approve item XI-B-8.

XI-B-8 Approve leasing of space at Commerce Court Building located at 1230 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, for the College of Nursing, Lincoln Division.

Discussion was held.


C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None.
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D. REPORTS

XI-D-1 Summary Enrollment Report and Student Credit Hour Report for Fall 2004.

XI-D-2 Design Development Report for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln North Stadium Improvement Project.


XI-D-4 Naming a gallery “The Rohman Family Gallery” in the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

XI-D-5 Continuation of the Seniors Learning Passport.

Chairman Blank accepted the reports.

XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Regent Schroeder informed the Board he will not be at the December board meeting as his daughter is getting married.

Regent Croskey informed that Board that Stephanie Kirby, a UNO soccer player, was named as the NCAA Division II Athlete of the Year.

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by McClurg to give Ms. Kirby unanimous commendation from the Board.

Action Approved by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim M. Robak
Corporation Secretary

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Don S. Blank
Chairman of the Board