

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on September 5, 2008, 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, Omaha World Herald, the Daily Nebraskan, the Gateway, the Antelope, the Kearney Hub, and the Lincoln office of the Associated Press on August 25, 2008.

Regents present:
Randolph M. Ferlic
Chuck Hassebrook, Chairman
Howard Hawks
Jim McClurg
Bob Phares
Kent Schroeder, Vice Chairman
Bob Whitehouse
Charles S. Wilson
Tim Hruza
Curtis McKnight
Lucas Seiler
Emily Zimmer

University officials present:
James B. Milliken, President
Linda R. Pratt, Executive Vice President and Provost
Donal J. Burns, Corporation Secretary
John Christensen, 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
David Lechner, Vice President for Business and Finance
Joel Pedersen, Vice President and General Counsel
Peter G. Kotsiopoulos, Vice President for University Affairs

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 on September 5, 2008. Attendance is indicated above.

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 June 13, 2008.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: McKnight, Seiler, Zimmer, and Hruza. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, and Ferlic. Motion carried.

Regent Hassebrook announced the location of the Open Meetings Act in the Board room.

IV. KUDOS

Regent Ferlic presented a KUDOS award to Jennifer Crozier, Office Associate in General Surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Seiler presented KUDOS awards to Geri Backora and Roxie Freeman, Clerical Assistants for Athletics at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Wilson presented a KUDOS award to Tisha Gilreath Mullen, Proposal Development Coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Marcia Gugelman, Building Service Tech at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ivy Harper addressed the Board on the topic of college reform/student loan.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

Regent Hruza presented the following resolution recognizing the College Student Advisory Committee, formed in collaboration with Secretary of State John Gale:

Whereas, a significant goal of education at all levels in a democracy is to create good citizens with a strong commitment to the duties of citizenship; and,

Whereas, students from the three University of Nebraska institutions in Lincoln, Kearney, and Omaha have identified the importance of democratic participation and have collectively pursued a means to foster civic engagement and democratic participation among their peers; and

Whereas, Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale serves by law as Chief Elections Officer, promoting voter registration and outreach programs and administering statewide elections in cooperation with county election officials to ensure that Nebraska's election system is modern, fair, accessible, efficient and reliable, and that citizens are given every opportunity to register to vote and to vote; and,

Whereas, Secretary Gale has recently created a College Student Advisory Committee, consisting of three state and county election officials and six Student Government representatives from the three aforementioned University of Nebraska campuses to promote, in a strictly nonpartisan manner, good citizenship through both voter registration and good voting habits and to foster civic engagement and democratic participation; and,

Whereas, the College Student Advisory Committee has developed a coordinated campaign to inform University students of registration deadlines, polling locations, election deadlines and methods of voting to help establish good voting habits among college age voters; and,

Whereas, the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska supports the active education of students to become aware and civic-minded citizens who will develop into the business, professional and political leaders of their communities and their state;

Therefore, let it be resolved that the University of Nebraska supports the efforts made by the Student Governments of UNK, UNL, and UNO in collaboration with Nebraska Secretary of State Gale and their combined activities to promote good citizenship and voting awareness on their campuses;

And furthermore, be it finally resolved, that the Board of Regents encourages the assistance of University administrators at UNK, UNL and UNO to be helpful in promoting good citizenship and voting awareness, and applauds the Secretary of State's and the committee's efforts to foster democratic participation by University of Nebraska college students.

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale, and Adam Morfeld, Chair of the College Student Advisory Committee, were present and spoke briefly to the Board.

The resolution was adopted by acclamation.

President Milliken presented the Fall 2008 Headcount Enrollment report, which shows an enrollment increase on each campus for the fourth year in a row. Enrollment exceeds the target set by the Board. He thanked the chancellors and their staffs for setting forth a positive experience for prospective students.

VII. HEARINGS

None

Regent Phares reported that the Business Affairs Committee met on August 29, 2008, and recommends approval of the following projects: [1] UNK item IX-B-2, program statement and budget for capital improvements to Men's Hall and Randall Hall, [2] UNMC item IX-B-8, change order to the contract for the construction of the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Education building, and [3] UNMC item IX-B-9, program statement and budget for the construction of a new building for the UNMC College of Nursing-Lincoln Division.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by McClurg to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items VIII-A-1, VIII-A-2, VIII-A-3, VIII-A-4, and VIII-A-5.
- VIII-A-1 Personnel recommendations
- VIII-A-2 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2008-2009 academic year and 2009 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- VIII-A-3 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2008-2009 academic year and 2009 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- VIII-A-4 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2008-2009 academic year and 2009 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- VIII-A-5 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2008-2009 academic year and 2009 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Seiler, Zimmer, Hruza, and McKnight. Voting Aye: Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Motion carried.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Schroder to approve item IX-A-1
- IX-A-1 Approval is requested to establish the Center for Transplantation Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Zimmer, Hruza, McKnight, and Seiler. Voting Aye: McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and Hawks. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Ferlic to approve item IX-A-2
- IX-A-2 Approve amendments to the Bylaws of the Faculty of the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hruza, McKnight, Seiler, and Zimmer. Voting Aye: Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, and McClurg. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Whitehouse to approve item IX-A-3
- IX-A-3 Approve the Professional program in Plant Health with a Doctor of Plant Health implemented upon approval at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: McKnight, Seiler, Zimmer, and Hruza. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, and Phares. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Hruza to approve item IX-A-4
- IX-A-4 Approval is requested to create a new graduate degree program, Master of Science in Construction at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Seiler, Zimmer, Hruza, and McKnight. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, and Schroeder. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Ferlic to approve item IX-A-5
- IX-A-5 Approve the proposed revision to Regents' Policy RP-1.5.5 Regents Medal

RP-1.5.5 Regents Medal

1. Definition

The Regents Medal is an award to individuals whose service to the University has provided exceptional benefits in furtherance of the goals and mission of the institution.

2. Nomination

Nominations will be made by members of the Board of Regents and the President. The nomination should be presented in written form addressing:

- a. Brief biography;
- b. Description of achievement(s) of nominee; and
- c. Name of nominator.

3. Guidelines

- a. ~~The award will be given annually at campus spring commencement ceremonies.~~

- ~~b.~~ ~~The Board of Regents will determine the campus commencement ceremonies at which each award is presented.~~
- ~~c.~~a. No more than two (2) Regents Medals may be awarded per year.
- ~~d.~~b. Current employees of the University are not eligible for the award, but past employees or retirees are eligible.
- c. The medal shall be awarded annually as determined by the President and the Chair of the Board of Regents.
- ~~e.~~d. Nominations should be submitted to the Executive Vice President and Provost by December 10 for consideration to be awarded ~~for~~ the following calendar year ~~spring commencement~~. Nominations will be submitted to the Regents for consideration prior to the January meeting.
- f.e. The Regents Medal shall not be awarded to any incumbent of or candidate for any elective state constitutional office, including state senator, or to any incumbent of or candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives or U.S. Senate from the State of Nebraska.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hruza, McKnight, Seiler, and Zimmer. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, and Wilson. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by Whitehouse to approve item IX-A-6

IX-A-6 Approve the proposed revision to Regents' Policy RP-5.7.7 Tuition Assistance Program

RP-5.7.7 Tuition Assistance Program for ~~Full-Time Pell Recipient Students~~

1. Eligibility

The economic benefits of a college education have been well established. Statistics show that students from the poorest backgrounds are many times less likely to enjoy these benefits by earning a bachelors degree. To help rectify this situation, the University of Nebraska will provide a Tuition Assistance Program to qualified full-time, undergraduate, Nebraska resident students. The Tuition Assistance Program will cover the cost of up to 30 credit hours in an academic year, but do not include summer sessions. The Tuition Assistance Program does not substitute for but rather supplements existing University of Nebraska need-based aid, which is allocated to students by campus financial aid offices based upon unmet need analyses performed by campus financial aid staff and following federal financial aid guidelines.

2. Criteria

In order to receive a Tuition Assistance Program, a student must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Be a Nebraska undergraduate resident, full-time (greater than or equal to 12 credit hours per semester).
- 2. ~~Be a recipient of a Pell grant.~~ Meet university annual guidelines with respect to financial need.
- 3. Make satisfactory academic progress as defined by the campus for financial aid purposes.
- 4. Meet general federal financial aid requirements.

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.

All scholarship/grant assistance the student receives from all sources, including scholarships received from outside the University of Nebraska, will be taken into account in determining the grant amount necessary to meet the tuition guarantee.

The student and his or her family (in the case of dependent students) must apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 1 and complete the application process with the University no later than June 1 prior to the commencement of the academic year for which financial aid is sought.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: McKnight, Seiler, Zimmer, and Hruza. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, and Ferlic. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by Schroeder to approve items IX-B-1, IX-B-2, and IX-B-3

University of Nebraska at Kearney

IX-B-1 Approve the Resolution authorizing the University Administration to proceed with the purchase of real property in the vicinity of 813-825 West 25th Street & 800 Block West 26th Street, Kearney, Nebraska, for the development of the main entrance (east) into UNK and to address other traffic safety and traffic flow issues, including the initiation of eminent domain proceedings to purchase such property, if necessary

There was discussion

IX-B-2 Approve the program statement and budget for capital improvements to Men's Hall and Randall Hall

IX-B-3 Approve the Resolution to authorize transfer and expenditure of up to \$4,960,000 for Capital Improvements for Revenue Bond Housing Facilities at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Seiler, Zimmer, Hruza, and McKnight. Voting Aye: Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Motion carried.

Action Moved by McClurg and seconded by Wilson to approve items IX-B-4, IX-B-5, IX-B-6, and IX-B-7

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- IX-B-4 Approve the Resolution to authorize transfer and expenditure of up to \$447,000 for capital improvements for University Housing facilities from the Student Fees and Facilities Revenue Bond Surplus Funds
- IX-B-5 Approve the supervision of an immediate family member in accordance with University policy
- IX-B-6 Approve the selection of Elness Swenson Graham Architects, Inc. to provide design services for the Abel-Sandoz Dining Center Renovation
- IX-B-7 Approve the sole source purchase of a Genome Analyzer from Illumina, Inc. in the amount of \$540,000
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Zimmer, Hruza, McKnight, and Seiler. Voting Aye: McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and Hawks. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Wilson to approve items IX-B-8 and IX-B-9

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- IX-B-8 Approve a change order to the contract for the construction of the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education building in the amount of \$415,000
- IX-B-9 Approve the program statement and budget for the construction of a new building for the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing-Lincoln Division on the East Campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- There was discussion. Regent Hawks asked that other sites for the College of Nursing-Lincoln Division be considered so as not to displace existing parking.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hruza, McKnight, Seiler, and Zimmer. Voting Aye: Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, and McClurg. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Hawks to approve item IX-B-10
- IX-B-10 Approve the waiver of the requirements of Regents' Policy RP-6.2.7 on the naming of facilities and name the College of Public Health Building at the University of Nebraska Medical Center the "Harold M. and Beverly Maurer Center for Public Health"
- President Milliken commended Chancellor Maurer for his dedication and leadership at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: McKnight, Seiler, Zimmer, and Hruza. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, and Phares. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Hawks to approve items IX-B-11 and IX-B-12

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- IX-B-11 Approve a budget increase in the amount of \$3,000,000 for Mammel Hall
- IX-B-12 Approve the project budget for design of the University Life Complex Phase II
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Seiler, Zimmer, Hruza, and McKnight. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, and Schroeder. Motion carried.

- Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by McClurg to approve item IX-B-13
- University of Nebraska
- IX-B-13 Provide Certification to the Department of Administrative Services that \$7,500,000 has been appropriated or formally designated by the University of Nebraska for compliance with LB 1116 for State Fair Park and authority to transfer the funds to the State Treasurer
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Zimmer, Hruza, McKnight, and Seiler. Voting Aye: Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, and Whitehouse. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Seiler to approve item IX-B-14
- IX-B-14 Approve 1) contracts for the purchase and implementation of a new Student Information System 2) a budget for purchase of related hardware, 3) authorize the President to negotiate and enter into a Project Cooperation Agreement with the Nebraska State College System, and 4) amendment of the 2009-2011 biennial operating budget submission to reflect estimated on-going operating and maintenance costs related to the proposed system
- There was discussion. A Powerpoint presentation was made by Provost Pratt and Vice President Lechner, which can be found in the DOCUMENTS file of the Corporation Secretary.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hruza, McKnight, Seiler, and Zimmer. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, and Wilson. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Wilson to approve item IX-B-15
- Additional Items
- IX-B-15 Executive Salary Equity Initiative
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: McKnight, Seiler, Zimmer, and Hruza. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, and Ferlic. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by McClurg to approve item IX-B-16
- IX-B-16 Approve awarding a \$437,870 contract to Weathercraft Company of Lincoln to replace the Alexander Building roof at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Seiler, Zimmer, Hruza, and McKnight. Voting Aye: Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Motion carried.
- C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY
- IX-C-1 Board of Regents agenda items related to the University of Nebraska Strategic Framework
- IX-C-2 Calendar of establishing and reporting accountability measures
- IX-C-3 Current version of the University of Nebraska Strategic Framework
- IX-C-4 Current version of the University of Nebraska Strategic Dashboard Indicators

IX-C-5 Proposed revisions to Chapter 6 of the Board of Regents' policies on Business and Financial Management are presented for information purposes only. Approval of these amendments will be requested at the Board of Regents' meeting on November 7, 2008

D. REPORTS

IX-D-1 Progress report on Increasing Women and Minority Faculty

IX-D-2 Personnel Reports

IX-D-3 Programs with Tuition Variances

IX-D-4 Semi-annual Report of licenses for the period ended June 30, 2008

IX-D-5 Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests for the period April 1-June 30, 2008

IX-D-6 Bids and Contracts 2008

IX-D-7 Status of Capital Projects exceeding \$5 million as of June 30, 2008

IX-D-8 Quarterly Status Report of Six-Year Capital Plan and Capital Construction Report for the period ended June 30, 2008

IX-D-9 Naming the library garden at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the International Quilt Study Center garden at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln the "Marion E. and Barbara B. Tritsch Gardens"

IX-D-10 Naming purchased farm land in Keith County the "West Central Water Resources Field Laboratory"

IX-D-11 Design report for the Whittier Building Renovation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-D-12 Design Development Report for the renovation of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry building on the East Campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-D-13 Schedule for periodic review of Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching and/or Service

IX-D-14 SAP Prioritization

Chairman Hassebrook accepted the reports

X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Closed Session

Motion Moved by McKnight and seconded by Wilson that the Board go into closed session as authorized by Section 84-1410 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska for the protection of the public interest, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of persons who have not requested a public hearing, for the purpose of holding a discussion limited to the following subject:

(a) A strategy session with respect to real estate improvements and possible purchases.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Zimmer, Hruza, McKnight, and Seiler. Voting Aye: McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and Hawks. Motion carried.

Regent Hassebrook declared that the closed session would be strictly limited to a discussion of:

- (a) A strategy session with respect to real estate improvements and possible purchases.

The Board went into closed session at 3:06 p.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 4:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hassebrook at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donal J. Burns
Corporation Secretary

Chuck Hassebrook
Chairman of the Board