The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on May 25, 2016, at 1:43 p.m. in the board room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in a 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 and Attachment 2.

In compliance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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 as follows: May 16, 2016, a notice containing Amendments to Section 2.11 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, and revisions to the University of Nebraska at Kearney Student Code of Conduct was sent to the above groups and posted in the first floor lobby of Varner Hall; May 17, 2016, a notice of this meeting was sent to the above groups and posted in the first floor lobby of Varner Hall.

Regents present:
Timothy Clare
Hal Daub
Bob Phares
Jim Pillen
Robert Schafer
Kent Schroeder, Chairman
Bob Whitehouse, Vice Chairman
Rachel Flaugh, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Spencer Hartman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Daniel Cloonan, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Patrick Davlin, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Not present:
Howard Hawks

University officials present:
Hank M. Bounds, President
Susan M. Fritz, Executive Vice President and Provost
Carmen K. Maurer, Corporation Secretary
Ronnie D. Green, Chancellor-elect, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
John E. Christensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha
David E. Lechner, Senior Vice President for Business and Finance | CFO
Joel D. Pedersen, Vice President and General Counsel
Matthew C. Hammons, Interim Vice President for University Affairs
Ronald E. Yoder, Interim Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Not present:
Jeffrey P. Gold, Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 1:43 p.m. in the Board room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska on May 25, 2016. Attendance is indicated above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Daub to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on March 18, 2016.
Action


Chairman Schroeder announced the location of the Open Meetings Act in the board room.

Chairman Schroeder welcomed newly-elected student regents Rachel Flaugh, University of Nebraska at Kearney; Spencer Hartman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Daniel Cloonan, University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Patrick Davlin, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

President Bounds welcomed newly-elected Faculty Senate Presidents Dr. Noah Rogoff, University of Nebraska at Kearney; Dr. David Woodman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Dr. Nizar Wehbi, University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Dr. Robert Woody, who is returning as Faculty Senate President from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

IV. KUDOS

Regent Clare presented a KUDOS award to William Stoutamier, Director of the G. W. Frank Museum of History and Culture at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Schafer presented a KUDOS award to Mary Morris, Administrative Assistant for the Department of Biostatistics in the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Phares presented a KUDOS award to Eric Wingert, Lead Software Developer in Information Services at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Daub presented a KUDOS award to Jerry Schluckbeier, Assistant Business Manager for the Natural Resources Business Center in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

V. RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

Regent Whitehouse presented the following resolution. The resolution was read aloud to Andrew Shaw, prior to the opening of the meeting, and offered during the meeting for approval and adoption.

WHEREAS, Andrew Shaw has served as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and as President of the University of Nebraska Medical Center Student Senate during the 2015-2016 term;

WHEREAS, Regent Shaw represented himself, his institution and his fellow students with dignity and integrity during board meetings and events across the state, and has served as a vocal and unwavering advocate for students throughout the NU system;

WHEREAS, Regent Shaw, in his role as UNMC Student Senate president, advocated for increased attention for student well-being, which led to the creation of a student wellness task force and the hiring of a new Student Wellness Coordinator at UNMC;

WHEREAS, Regent Shaw and the UNMC Student Senate collaborated with the College of Nursing and the Psychiatry Interest Group in hosting the “Stay Well and Excel” student wellness forum headlined by a nationally recognized expert in student stress and burnout;

WHEREAS, Regent Shaw, in his role as UNMC Student Senate president, made strides to better connect the UNMC Omaha campus with the other UNMC campus locations across the state; gathered information to improve the effectiveness of electronic communication to UNMC students; and continued involvement in developing the next generation of the UNMC mobile app;

WHEREAS, Regent Shaw led work to help UNMC become more sustainable, passing a resolution advocating the removal of all Styrofoam food packaging from UNMC campuses; the switch to paper cups and bowls in the Omaha cafeterias have already occurred;
WHEREAS, Regent Shaw, in his role as UNMC Student Senate president, collaborated with the Graduate Student Association to help develop an online alumni network;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for the outstanding contributions and dedicated service of Regent Andrew Shaw during his term on the Board and wishes him success in all of his future endeavors.

Resolution Adopted

There being no objections, the resolution offered for the benefit of Regent Shaw was approved and adopted by the general consent of the Board.

Chairman Schroeder took a moment to recognize the many contributions and achievements of Chancellor Harvey Perlman, who retires on June 30, 2016, as 19th Chancellor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Most notably, those achievements included:

In 2010, he played a major role in leading the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to membership in the Big Ten Conference. While a prestigious and challenging sports conference, of equal (some might think more) prestige, is its academic counterpart, the Committee on Institutional Cooperation.

During his tenure as Chancellor, he presided over 87 ground-breakings, as the UNL campus transformed with additions including the new College of Business Administration building, the Ken Morrison Life Science Research Center, the Diocles Laser Laboratory, the renovated Whittier Research Center, the Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center, the academic commons in Love Library, the Schorr Center in South Memorial Stadium, and the new home for physics and astronomy, Jorgensen Hall.

He played an integral leadership role in the establishment of Nebraska Innovation Campus, an important new hub of public-private partnerships and economic development for the state.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the Daugherty Water for Food Institute; the Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior; the Raikes School for Computer Science and Management; and the Johnny Carson School for Emerging Media Arts.

He helped lead UNL to rise in the U.S. News Rankings to claim a spot among the top 50 public national research universities in the nation.

He played an important leadership role, expanding UNL's international presence, most notably in Brazil, India, Africa and China.

He served as University of Nebraska-Lincoln chancellor from 2001-2016 with vision and focus. Particularly adept in the midst of challenging circumstances, he positioned UNL and the University of Nebraska, always with an emphasis on the best interest of the future of its students and the state of Nebraska.

On behalf of the Board and the University of Nebraska, Chairman Schroder thanked Mr. Perlman for his dedication to this institution and wished him all the best as he returns to the College of Law.

VI. HEARINGS

Amendment to Section 2.11 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents

Revised University of Nebraska at Kearney Student Code of Conduct

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None
VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Daub and seconded by Clare to approve items VIII-A-1, VIII-A-2, and VIII-A-3

VIII-A-1 President’s Personnel Recommendations

VIII-A-2 Approve recommendations relating to academic program reviews required by the NCCPE and approve forwarding of the program review reports to the NCCPE

VIII-A-3 Request for Approval of Outside Employment from Dr. Victor Winter, University of Nebraska at Omaha


President Bounds welcomed congratulated University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Ronnie Green as well as Ron Yoder, Interim Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Regent Schroeder read a statement from Regent Howard Hawks wherein he stated his full support for Chancellor Green.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Pillen to approve item IX-A-1

IX-A-1 Approve an amendment to Section 2.11 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents related to Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching and/or Service

2.11 Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching, and/or Service

The President will conduct periodic reviews of all “Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching, and/or Service,” on a timetable appropriate to the nature of the center but not less frequently than every five seven years, and report the results of periodic reviews to the Board of Regents.


Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Phares to approve item IX-A-2

IX-A-2 Approve the University of Nebraska at Kearney Student Code of Conduct


Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Daub to approve item IX-A-3

IX-A-3 Approve the amendment to remove Board of Regents Policy RP-4.2.4, Maude Hammond Fling Fellowships, and delegate to the Executive Vice President and Provost, or her designee, the authority to award the Fellowships to recipients at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, in accordance with the terms of bequest

It is proposed that the following Board of Regents Policy RP-4.2.4 be eliminated:
RP-4.2.4 Maude Hammond Fling Fellowships

With regard to graduate fellowships it is contemplated that they be of two types, (1) graduate fellowships, and (2) dissertation travel fellowships, to be established and granted in an amount to be determined by the majority of the Board of Regents of the University and a majority of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nebraska Foundation, and granted to recipients chosen by such officials of the University of Nebraska or committees from the faculty personnel thereof as designated by said Board of Regents and said Executive Committee.

1. The Graduate Fellowships shall be designated the “Maude Hammond Fling Fellowships” and shall be awarded to students in the Graduate College of the University of Nebraska who are enrolled in a full time course of study with the objectives of a masters or doctoral degree. Until further action is taken, such fellowship shall provide a stipend not in excess of $7,000.00 annually plus resident tuition and required fees over a twelve month period.

2. There is established another type of graduate fellowships to be known as the “Maude Hammond Fling Dissertation Travel Fellowships,” which shall be awarded to students who are candidates for a doctoral degree in the Graduate College of the University of Nebraska. Each candidate must submit proposals outlining the nature of his or her research, a justification for dissertation travel, and a proposed budget for the travel, and shall furnish a letter of support from his or her advisor. Each such travel fellowship shall provide an award equal to the proposed budget for the proposed travel, but not to exceed $1,000.00.

3. The recipients of Maude Hammond Fling Fellowships and Maude Hammond Fling Dissertation Travel Fellowships shall be selected by the Graduate Fellowship Committee as the same is now constituted.

4. The faculty research fellowships shall be designated the “Maude Hammond Fling Faculty Research Fellowships” and shall be awarded to full time members of the University of Nebraska Faculty who hold the rank of instructor, assistant professor, associate professor or professor. Each such fellowship will be awarded for either a ten week summer period or a five month period during an academic year semester. The stipend for the Maude Hammond Fling Faculty Research Fellowships shall be $5,500 awarded for ten weeks during the summer, or an amount equal to the recipient’s salary during one academic year semester in the case of fellowships awarded for five months during the academic year.

Each recipient shall be on leave without salary during the period of fellowships to undertake a specific research study on the University of Nebraska campus or elsewhere. Recipients of the fellowship shall be appointed by a majority of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and a majority of the Executive Committee of the University of Nebraska Foundation, and each such fellowship shall be in such field of research as the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska shall determine advisable. Said faculty research fellowships shall be awarded on the basis of merit of research proposals submitted by applicants and all applications must be approved by the applicant’s department chairperson and the dean of his or her college. Recipients shall be selected initially by the Research Council as the same is now constituted.

5. Fifty percent (50%) of the net income shall be used for the graduate fellowships and the dissertation travel fellowships, in such proportion as is determined by the Graduate Fellowship Committee and fifty percent (50%) of the net income shall be used for faculty research fellowships.

6. This resolution shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nebraska Foundation for its approval or other action.
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7. The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska is deeply appreciative of the generous provisions made for the benefit of the University of Nebraska by Maude Hammond Fling.  

Reference:
1BRUN, Minutes, 34, pp. 20-21 (December 11, 1971).
2BRUN, Minutes, 35, p. 170 (December 9, 1972).
3BRUN, Minutes, 51, p. 211 (July 22, 1989).

Action

IX-A-4
Approval is requested to create a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design in the Department of Art and Art History in the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Action

IX-A-5
Approval is requested to establish a Department of Dermatology in the College of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

Action

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

IX-B-1
Approve the University of Nebraska’s FY 2016-17 Operating Budget

There was discussion

Action

IX-B-2
Approve the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture’s FY 2016-17 Operating Budget, FY 2016-17 Tuition Rates, and reappropriate with the State’s Department of Administrative Services any unexpended balances existing on June 30, 2016 that are committed to be spent in FY 2016-17

Action

IX-B-3
Approve the lease of office space for the University of Nebraska High School and Online Worldwide

There was discussion
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Action

Motion and Friendly Amendment
Moved by Daub to approve item IX-B-4. Phares offered a friendly amendment to modify the motion, giving President Bounds the discretion to delay or deny execution of the lease, pending the President’s consideration of other options that may be available for BECI office space. Daub accepted the friendly amendment. Seconded by Pillen as amended.

IX-B-4
Approve the lease of office space for the Buffett Early Childhood Institute

There was discussion

Action

Motion
Moved by Phares and seconded by Pillen to approve item IX-B-5

IX-B-5
Approve the purchase of the hosted Leepfrog CourseLeaf Academic Catalog and Curriculum Management Software

There was discussion

Action

Motion
Moved by Pillen and seconded by Phares to approve item IX-B-6

IX-B-6
Approve the purchase of an enterprise Identity & Access Management solution

Action

Motion
Moved by Daub and seconded by Pillen to approve item IX-B-7

IX-B-7
Approve University of Nebraska Computing Services Network entering into rack hosting services arrangements for Network Nebraska members

There was discussion

Action

Motion
Moved by Pillen and seconded by Phares to approve item IX-B-8

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-B-8
Approve a ten-year agreement with Fanatics Retail Group Nebraska, Inc. for management of Nebraska Athletics’ Husker Authentic retail and game-day outlets, catalog, and on-line merchandising

There was discussion

Action

Motion
Moved by Clare and seconded by Phares to approve item IX-B-9
IX-B-9  Approve the sole source purchase of a Field Phenotyping Platform for the Agricultural Research Division of IANR at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

There was discussion


Motion  Moved by Phares and seconded by Clare to approve item IX-B-10  

University of Nebraska Medical Center

IX-B-10  Amend the Articles of Incorporation to the Med Center Development Corporation to include additional properties for development


Motion  Moved by Pillen and seconded by Daub to approve item IX-B-11  

University of Nebraska at Omaha

IX-B-11  Approve acceptance of a bequest from the Bruce H. Clark Revocable Trust to the University of Nebraska at Omaha and approve the use of funds to establish the Bruce H. Clark Scholarship Fund as a quasi-endowment fund to be used for scholarships at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

There was discussion


C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

IX-C-1  University of Nebraska Strategic Planning Framework

IX-C-2  University of Nebraska Strategic Framework Accountability Measures

IX-C-3  Calendar of establishing and reporting accountability measures

IX-C-4  University of Nebraska Strategic Dashboard Indicators

IX-C-5  Board of Regents agenda items related to the University of Nebraska Strategic Framework

D. REPORTS

IX-D-1  Quarterly Personnel Report

IX-D-2  Renaming the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture’s undergraduate certificate in Veterinary Technology Systems to Animal Health Care

IX-D-3  Renaming the Department of Physics and Physical Science to the Department of Physics and Astronomy in the College of Natural and Social Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

IX-D-4  Renaming the Environmental Studies major to the Environmental Science major in Environmental Studies Program in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

IX-D-5  Laboratory, Student, and Miscellaneous Fees for 2016-2017

IX-D-6  Quarterly Status of Capital Construction Projects
IX-D-7 Report to Increase original allocation to LB 605 projects
IX-D-8 Report to Adjust Square Feet of the Nebraska Innovation Campus Food Innovation Center
IX-D-9 Bids and Contracts Report
IX-D-10 Quarterly Report of Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests

Chairman Schroeder accepted the reports on behalf of the Board

X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion
Moved by Pillen and seconded by Phares that the Board go into closed session as authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1410 for the protection of the public interest, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of persons who have not requested a public

a. Personnel matters involving members of the University staff; and
b. Strategy session with respect to litigation.

Chairman Schroeder declared that the closed session would be strictly limited to a discussion of:

a. Personnel matters involving members of the University staff; and
b. Strategy session with respect to litigation.

Action

The Board went into closed session at 2:45 p.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 3:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Schroeder at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen K. Maurer
Corporation Secretary

Kent A. Schroeder
Chairman of the Board