

Lincoln, Nebraska
March 31, 2017

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on March 31, 2017, at 10:13 a.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.

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 on March 24, 2017.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare
Hal Daub
Paul Kenney
Bob Phares
Jim Pillen
Robert Schafer, Vice Chairman
Bob Whitehouse, 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

Regent not present:

Howard Hawks

University officials present:

Hank M. Bounds, President
Susan M. Fritz, Executive Vice President and Provost
Carmen K. Maurer, Corporation Secretary
John E. Christensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Jeffrey P. Gold, Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Ronnie D. Green, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney
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
Michael J. Boehm, Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 10:13 a.m. in the Board room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Attendance is indicated above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion Moved by Cloonan and seconded by Davlin to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on January 27, 2017.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Davlin, Flaugh, Hartman, and Cloonan. Voting Aye: Daub, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, and Clare. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.

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

IV.

KUDOS

Regent Hartman presented a KUDOS award to Sharon Waller, Business Manager in the Division of Facilities Management and Planning at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Phares presented a KUDOS award to Rachael Jensen, Youth Safety Coordinator at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Daub presented a KUDOS award to Beth Cullinane, Dental Clinic Supervisor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry.

Regent Kenney presented a KUDOS award to Brenda West, Accounting Technician in the Center for Science, Mathematics and Computer Education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

V.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

Regent Clare presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, Patrick Davlin has served as the Student Regent from the University of Nebraska at Omaha during his 2016-17 term; and

WHEREAS, during his term Regent Davlin served the students with honor, integrity and great distinction throughout his enrollment as UNO; and

WHEREAS, Regent Davlin worked tirelessly to serve the students he represented by ensuring their voices were heard and represented to the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Regent Davlin communicated all decisions made by the Board of Regents in a transparent and open manner; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill his commitment to diversity and inclusion, Regent Davlin communicated across campus SG-UNO's goals and projects so that more students would get involved; and

WHEREAS, Regent Davlin has gained the admiration and respect of the UNO administration, faculty, staff and students by leading by example and pushing himself and others to reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Patrick Davlin be commended by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents for his outstanding service and his dedication to the University of Nebraska, and wishes him success in all his future undertakings.

Regent Pillen presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, Student Regent Spencer Hartman has served with distinction as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and President of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) since April 2016; and

WHEREAS, Regent Hartman has worked with student fee users across the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus to ensure fiscal responsibility, lowering student fees by more than 3.5 percent for the next academic year; and

WHEREAS, Regent Hartman has worked to advance and strengthen the relationship of students and administrators, focusing on a philosophy of governance which recognizes the important role of student government to actively engage campus administration with respect to both student affairs and academic affairs; and

WHEREAS, Regent Hartman has served on the Business Affairs committee of the Board of Regents, as well as the Steering Committee commissioned by President Hank Bounds to evaluate University efficiencies in a time of financial stress; and

WHEREAS, Regent Hartman has worked tirelessly to represent the 25,000 diverse students of the Lincoln campus as a student body representative who embodies the welcoming culture of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses sincere appreciation for Regent Spencer Hartman's dedicated service and effective leadership as a member of the board, and wishes him well in all his future endeavors.

Regent Schafer presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, Daniel Cloonan 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 2016-2017 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Regent Cloonan 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; and

WHEREAS, Regent Cloonan, in his role as UNMC Student Senate president, developed its first strategic plan, which outlined the Senate's goals for the year; and

WHEREAS, Regent Cloonan also doubled the funding available through Student Senate to other student organizations through its Benefitting Organization through Student Senate (BOSS) proposal program; and

WHEREAS, Regent Cloonan, in his role as UNMC Student Senate president, partnered with iEXCELSM to create student leadership opportunities through the iEXCEL Student Champions group; and

WHEREAS, Regent Cloonan organized student representation for UNMC's successful Higher Learning Commission accreditation process; and

WHEREAS, Regent Cloonan, in his role as UNMC Student Senate president, created the Student Impact Awards, which highlights one student from each college who has made an impact at UNMC or in their community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Regent Cloonan and the Student Senate partnered with campus groups on the first-ever, all-campus *#IamUNMC* BBQ and worked to increase student visibility on campus through the Student Senate Instagram takeover program.

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 Daniel Cloonan during his term on the Board and wishes him success in all of his future endeavors.

Regent Whitehouse presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, Rachel Flaugh has served with distinction as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and President of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska at Kearney; and

WHEREAS, during her term of office, Regent Flaugh established a high level of trust and respect between the President and Cabinet of the Associated Students and the Chancellor and administrative leadership; and

WHEREAS, Regent Flaugh worked closely with designers and architects to ensure that student input was considered and implemented throughout the Nebraskan Student Union renovation planning process; and

WHEREAS, by meeting routinely with library administrators and designers, and by launching a student survey, Regent Flaugh assisted in setting the course and sparking the incentive for future renovations to Calvin T. Ryan Library, in ways that will provide social and educational benefits for future generations of Lopers; and

WHEREAS, Regent Flaugh supported important campus-wide service events such as a Student Executive Cabinet, sexual assault awareness, and Loper spirit at athletic contests; and

WHEREAS, Regent Flaugh exemplifies the best of the best: a student from a small Nebraska town elected by her peers to the top student campus leadership position; a student who rose to the top of her class academically; a student who has been granted interviews at the nation's top medical schools, namely the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Duke, Harvard, the University of Chicago, John Hopkins and others; and

WHEREAS, through thoughtful and reflective leadership, intellectual curiosity, and the highest level of integrity, Regent Flaugh has earned the admiration of students, faculty, and administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for the exemplary contributions of Regent Rachel Flaugh during her term of office and wishes her well in the promising future that awaits her.

Resolutions Adopted

There being no objections, the resolutions offered for the benefit of Regents Davlin, Hartman, Cloonan, and Flaugh were approved and adopted by the general consent of the Board.

Chairman Whitehouse recognized the outgoing 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, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

VI.

HEARINGS

None

VII.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kevin Kenney spoke on the topic of LB67, commonly known as the Fair Repair Act, and UNL's curriculum in Ag Engineering.

Mr. Steve Mulcahy spoke on the topic of payroll fraud on construction projects and the role of the University of Nebraska. [See documents file for a copy of the handouts distributed by Mr. Mulcahy]

Mr. Bill Barna and Mr. Jerry Woodward spoke on the topic of the Greek System at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

President Bounds provided an update on budgetary matters

VIII.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion

Moved by Phares and seconded by Cloonan to approve items VIII-B-1, VIII-B-2, VIII-B-3, and VIII-B-4

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

VIII-B-1

Approve the sole source purchase of a Metal Hybrid Printer for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering

University of Nebraska Medical Center

VIII-B-2

Approve the purchase of a clinical trial management system

VIII-B-3

Approve the sole source purchase of an upgrade of the current Bruker 7T Pharmascan MRI and moving from University Tower to the Buffet Cancer Center

VIII-B-4

Approve the sole source purchase of a Thermo Fisher Fusion Lumos ETD tribrid mass spectrometer

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Flaugh, Hartman, Cloonan, and Davlin. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, and Daub. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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

IX-A-1 Approval is requested to create the BS in Health Sciences to be administered by the Office of Health Sciences Programs in the College of Natural and Social Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hartman, Cloonan, Davlin, and Flaugh. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, and Daub. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Cloonan to approve item IX-A-2

IX-A-2 Approval is requested to create the Bachelor of Journalism in Sports Media and Communication in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Cloonan, Davlin, Flaugh, and Hartman. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, and Kenney. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.

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

IX-A-3 Approval is requested to create a 16 credit hour Agriculture Undergraduate Certificate within the Agriculture Production Systems Division at the Nebraska College for Technical Agriculture

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Davlin, Flaugh, Hartman, and Cloonan. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Kenney, and Phares. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Kenney to approve item IX-A-4

IX-A-4 Approve amendment to *Board of Regents Policy RP-5.7.1, Residency Determination for Tuition Purposes*, to ensure compliance with LB734 (2016), regarding in-state tuition for those serving in the Nebraska National Guard

The text of *Board of Regents Policy RP-5.7.1* should be amended to read:

3. Resident Tuition Categories

An individual will qualify as a resident of the State of Nebraska for tuition purposes at the University of Nebraska if, prior to the commencement of the term for which residency is sought, he or she meets the standards set forth in any one of the following categories:

n. A person currently serving in the Nebraska National Guard.

This change to *Board of Regents Policy RP-5.7.1* will ensure compliance with LB734 (2016).

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Flaugh, Hartman, Cloonan, and Davlin. Voting Aye: Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Kenney, Phares, and Pillen. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Kenney to approve item IX-B-1
- IX-B-1 Approve the selection of BCDM Architects with Perkins + Will to provide design consultant services for the Otto Olsen replacement building
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hartman, Cloonan, Davlin, and Flaugh. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Daub and seconded by Phares to approve item IX-B-2
- IX-B-2 Approve the Program Statement and Budget for the proposed remodel of the Nebraskan Student Union and a resolution authorizing expenditure of restricted bond funds for the project
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Cloonan, Davlin, Flaugh, and Hartman. Voting Aye: Clare, Daub, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Kenney, and Whitehouse. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Cloonan to approve items IX-B-3 and IX-B-4
- IX-B-3 Approve naming Founders Hall, dedicated to founding faculty and administration of Kearney Normal School, to “Jerome and Charles J. Warner Hall” in honor of Phillip Jerome Warner and Charles Joseph Warner

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- IX-B-4 Approve the naming of the Willa S. Cather Dining Complex
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Davlin, Flaugh, Hartman, and Cloonan. Voting Aye: Daub, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, and Clare. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Hartman to approve item IX-B-5
- IX-B-5 Approve a five-year agreement with the City of Lincoln to continue providing StarTran bus service on routes connecting the UNL City and East Campuses
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Flaugh, Hartman, Cloonan, and Davlin. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, and Daub. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- Motion Moved by Cloonan and seconded by Davlin to approve item IX-B-6
- IX-B-6 Approve the: (1) sale of three parcels of land to Nebraska Organ Recovery System to provide a site for the construction of a corporate office for Nebraska Organ Recovery System, and (2) the purchase of real property at 4469 Farnam from Omaha Public Schools
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hartman, Cloonan, Davlin, and Flaugh. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, and Daub. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.

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
- IX-C-6 Amendments to §§ 1.4.4, 5.6, and 5.6.1 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska (“the Bylaws”)*, and addition of RP-6.7 to the *Policies of the Board of Regents (the “Policies”)* and amendments to RP-5.10 of the *Policies* related to directory information for employees and students. This item is presented for information only and will be brought to the Board for information only at its March meeting and for approval at its June meeting.

D. REPORTS

- IX-D-1 Quarterly Personnel Reports for the period October through December 2016
- IX-D-2 Spring 2017 Enrollment Report
- IX-D-3 Renaming the Center for Rural Research and Development to the Center for Entrepreneurship and Rural Development in the College of Business and Technology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- IX-D-4 Renaming the College of Business Administration to the College of Business at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- IX-D-5 Renaming the Bachelor of General Studies to the Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies in the Division of Continuing Studies within the College of Public Affairs and Community Service at the University of Nebraska at Omaha
- IX-D-6 Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Nebraska at Omaha Department of Biology and the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health to offer a 4+1 Integrated Undergraduate/Professional (IUP) Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biology and a Master of Public Health (MPH) with a concentration in Environmental and Occupational Health degree
- IX-D-7 Bids and Contracts
- IX-D-8 Quarterly Report of Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests
- IX-D-9 Quarterly Status of Capital Construction Projects
- IX-D-10 Status Report of Six-Year Capital Plan
- IX-D-11 Status Report on Fire and Safety Protection
- IX-D-12 Semi-Annual Report of Licenses
- IX-D-13 Naming rooms and areas in the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- IX-D-14 Naming of the University Housing offices located on the third floor of the new Cather Dining Complex as the Douglas S. Zatechka University Housing Office at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- IX-D-15 Renaming the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) facility to the School of Health and Kinesiology (HK) at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

- IX-D-16 Naming the Investment Science Lab the Hollis & Helen Baright Investment Science Lab at Mammel Hall in honor of a generous gift to the Department of Finance, Banking and Real Estate at the University of Nebraska at Omaha
- IX-D-17 Strategic Framework Report on Entrepreneurship [5-d]
- IX-D-18 Strategic Framework report on Workforce Opportunities and Academic Program Alignment [3-h-i & iii]
- IX-D-19 Strategic Framework Report on Research [4-a-i]

Chairman Whitehouse accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion Moved by Davlin and seconded by Hartman 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 hearing, for the purpose of holding a discussion limited to the following subjects:

- a. Proposed namings of university facilities; and
 - b. Personnel matters involving members of the University staff.
- Chairman Whitehouse declared that the closed session would be strictly limited to a discussion of:

- a. Proposed namings of university facilities; and
- b. Personnel matters involving members of the University staff.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Cloonan, Davlin, Flaugh, and Hartman. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, and Kenney. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 11:43 a.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 12:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Whitehouse at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen K. Maurer
Corporation Secretary

Robert L. Whitehouse
Chairman of the Board