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Lincoln, Nebraska  
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The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on March 1, 2003, at 8:30 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, Daily Nebraskan, The Gateway, The Antelope, Kearney Hub and Omaha World Herald on February 17, 2003.

Regents present:

Joe Bilek  
Don S. Blank, Vice Chair  
Randolph M. Ferlic, Chair  
Chuck Hassebrook  
Ryan Hatt  
Howard L. Hawks  
Casey Johnston  
Jim McClurg  
Drew Miller by telephone  
Kent Schroeder  
Charles S. Wilson  
Ryan Wilkins

University officials present:

L. Dennis Smith, President  
Jay Noren, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Nancy Belck, Chancellor, UNO  
Harold Maurer, Chancellor, UNMC  
Doug 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**

II. **ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege, Lincoln, Nebraska, Saturday, March 1, 2003. Attendance is indicated above. Regent Bilek arrived at 8:55 a.m.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS**

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Schroeder to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of January 18, 2003.

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Action Student Opinion: Aye: Hatt, Johnston, and Wilkins. Absent: Bilek. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Schroeder, Wilson, and Blank. Regent Miller recorded by telephone his vote of Aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

IV. **KUDOS**

**Regent Johnston presented a KUDOS award to Katharine M. Susman**, Senior Programming Analyst in the Information Technology Services Department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Wilkins presented a KUDOS award to James A. Yankech**, Associate Director of the University Health Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Wilson presented a KUDOS award to Angelia M. Turner**, Counselor in the Financial Aid Office at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Regent Hatt presented a KUDOS award to Gerilynn M. Murphy**, Administrative Assistant in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Regent McClurg presented a KUDOS award to Edwin Mukusha and Tedde Taege**, staff members in the Computing Services Network.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Regent Schroeder presented the following Resolution:**

Whereas, Ryan Hatt has served with distinction as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents during the 2002-2003 term; and

Whereas, Regent Hatt has represented the student body of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, presenting student perspectives on numerous issues that have come before the Board; and

Whereas, Regent Hatt participated in the interview process with candidates for the position of Chancellor at UNK and encouraged student participation in candidate forums; and

Whereas, Regent Hatt organized and led forums at UNK on budget issues to inform and engage the student body; and

Whereas, Regent Hatt was an active member of the UNK Bookstore contract committee and initiated a web textbook database for easier student viewing and ordering; and

Whereas, Regent Hatt represented students during the Nebraskan Student Union renovation process and dedication ceremonies; and

Whereas, Regent Hatt developed a transportation program staffed by student volunteers for international students;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents thanks Regent Ryan Hatt for his outstanding service and wishes him well in all his future endeavors.

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**Regent Blank presented the following Resolution:**

Whereas, Ryan D. Wilkins 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 since March 2002; and

Whereas, Regent Wilkins has effectively presented the views of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students to fellow board members, the Nebraska Legislature, and the citizens of the state; and

Whereas, student involvement in elections has been greatly enhanced by Regent Wilkins' leadership in promoting debates between candidates for student Regent and forums for gubernatorial candidates on campus; and

Whereas, Regent Wilkins has negotiated with the College Readership Program to provide students with free access to two national and two Nebraska newspapers each weekday during a six-week trial period; and

Whereas, Regent Wilkins is helping launch a major University of Nebraska student rally on March 10th in support of the university's budgetary needs;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for Regent Ryan D. Wilkins' dedicated service and effective leadership as a member of the board, and wishes him well in all his future endeavors.

The Board recessed at 9:00 a.m. and reconvened at 9:05 a.m.

**V. STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE**

Jay Noren, Executive Vice President and Provost, introduced the topic of Value of Sports and Other Co-Curricular Activities in the Undergraduate Experience and the following speakers:

Nancy Belck, Chancellor, UNO;  
Douglas Kristensen, Chancellor, UNK;  
Harvey Perlman, Chancellor, UNL;  
Stephanie Kruse, UNO Student Athlete;  
Michelle Wemhoff, UNK Student Athlete; and  
Phil Bland, UNL Student Athlete.

Discussion was held.

**VI. HEARINGS**

None.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

The Board recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

Regent Hatt introduced UNK Regent-elect Michelle McGeorge.

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VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs

The Academic Affairs committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was Issues in Costs of Higher Education.

Business Affairs

The Business Affairs committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was Auditor Report.

General Affairs

The General Affairs committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was UNL Residence Hall Master Plan.

Planning

The Planning committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was Criteria for Evaluation and Prioritization of Academic Programs Revisited.

IX. **UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by McClurg approve items IX-A-1, IX-A-2, IX-A-3, IX-A-4, IX-A-5, IX-B-1, IX-B-2, IX-B-3, and IX-B-4.

**A. ACADEMIC**

IX-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Leaves of Absence

Frederick P. Baxendale, Professor (Continuous), Entomology; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 09/15/03 to 03/15/04, \$98,549 FY, 1.00 FTE.

Carolyn Pope Edwards (Continuous), Psychology and Family and Consumer Sciences; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/01/03 to 07/31/04, \$111,098 FY, 1.00 FTE.

Nancy M. Lewis (Continuous), Nutritional Sciences and Dietetics; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 07/01/03 to 06/30/04, \$69,408 FY, 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Leave of Absence

Maurice Godfrey, Associate Professor (Continuous), Pediatrics; Coordinator, Heritable Disorders, Connective Tissue Laboratory (Special), Munroe-Meyer Institute; Associate Professor (Courtesy), Pathology and Microbiology; and Assistant Professor (Courtesy), Eppley Institute; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 07/01/03 to 12/31/03, \$73,497 FY, 1.00 FTE.

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University of Nebraska at Omaha

Adjustments

Thomas B. Bragg, Dean (Special), Graduate Studies and Professor (Continuous), Biology; effective 03/03/2003, \$72,771 (includes \$3,600 administrative stipend), .50 FTE. Add Dean title and stipend.

Derek J. Hodgson, Vice Chancellor (Special), Academic Affairs and Professor (Continuous), Chemistry; effective 03/03/2003, \$167,300 FY (includes \$10,000 administrative stipend), 1.00 FTE. Delete title of Dean, Graduate Studies.

Leaves of Absence

Azad Azadmanesh, Associate Professor (Continuous), Computer Science; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 08/18/03 to 01/04/04, \$83,474 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Kenton Bales, Professor (Continuous), Music; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 01/05/04 to 05/14/04, \$60,687 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Alva Barnett, Associate Professor (Continuous), Social Work; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/18/03 to 05/14/04, \$60,872 AY, 1.00 FTE.

John Bartle, Associate Professor (Continuous), Public Administration; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 08/18/03 to 01/04/04, \$64,183 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Lourdes Gouveia, Associate Professor (Continuous), Sociology; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 08/18/03 to 01/04/04, \$54,664 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Yi-Hsin Liu, Professor (Continuous), Mathematics; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 08/18/03 to 01/04/04, \$66,658 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Bonnie O'Connell, Associate Professor (Continuous), Art and Art History; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/18/03 to 05/14/04, \$53,449 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Michael O'Hara, Professor (Continuous), Finance, Banking and Law; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 08/18/03 to 01/04/04, \$62,593 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Petr Pavlinek, Associate Professor (Continuous), Geography/Geology; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/18/03 to 05/14/04, \$48,721 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Oliver Pollak, Professor (Continuous), History; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/18/03 to 05/14/04, \$69,605 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Randall Stroope, Professor (Continuous), Music; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 01/05/04 to 05/14/04, \$59,615 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Judith Watanabe, Associate Professor (Continuous), Accounting; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/18/03 to 05/14/04, \$94,109 AY, 1.00 FTE.

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Mark Wohar, Professor (Continuous), Economics; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 01/05/04 to 05/14/04, \$93,017 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Peter Wolcott, Associate Professor (Continuous), Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/18/03 to 05/14/04, \$77,402 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Jane Woody, Professor (Continuous), Social Work; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/18/03 to 05/14/04, \$72,344 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Robert Woody, Professor (Continuous), Psychology; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/18/03 to 05/14/04, \$83,055 AY, 1.00 FTE.

- IX-A-2 Approve the Awards of Honorary Degrees for the 2003 commencement ceremonies.
- IX-A-3 Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for James R. O'Dell, M.D.
- IX-A-4 Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for Virginia L. Smith.
- IX-A-5 Approve the request that three degree designations in the Department of Music and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska at Kearney be changed to Bachelor of Music.

**B. BUSINESS**

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- IX-B-1 Approve the Resolution providing for expenditures from the Surplus Fund of the University of Nebraska at Kearney Student Fees and Facilities Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$150,000 for Capital Improvements for Revenue Bond Facilities.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- IX-B-2 Approve the Interlocal Agreement between Omaha Public Power District and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- IX-B-3 Accept a gift on behalf of the University of Nebraska Medical Center from the 2002 Cattlemen's Ball in the amount of \$207,000 and to delegate to the University of Nebraska Medical Center the supervision of the proceeds from that gift.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- IX-B-4 Approve the Resolution authorizing the transfer of \$366,000 from the 1993 Series Surplus Fund to the 1993 Series Replacement Fund and authorizing the expenditure of up to \$366,000 from the Replacement Fund to make Student Center improvements.

Regent Schroeder made special note that the donation of the money from the Cattlemen's Ball to the Medical Center (Item IX-B-3) over the last four years is close to three-quarters of a million dollars. Schroeder stated that this is an extraordinary gift from the hearts and minds of many Nebraskans.

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Action Student Opinion: Aye: Johnston, Wilkins, Bilek, and Hatt. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, and Ferlic. Regent Miller recorded by telephone his vote of Aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

X. **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

A. **ACADEMIC**

None.

B. **BUSINESS**

Motion Moved by Blank and seconded by McClurg to approve items X-B-1, X-B-2, X-B-3, and X-B-4.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

X-B-1 Approve University of Nebraska at Kearney Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for the 2003-2004 academic year.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

X-B-2 Approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for academic years 2003-2004 through 2007-2008.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

X-B-3 Approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha Housing Rates and Optional Board Plans for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

X-B-4 Approve NCTA Room and Board Rates for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Wilkins, Bilek, Hatt, and Johnston. Voting Aye: Hawks, McClurg, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Regent Miller recorded by telephone his vote of Aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

X-C-1 Amendment of Sections 1.3.1 and 1.3.3 of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and amendment of Regents' Policy 1.6.8 of the Board of Regents' Policies of the University of Nebraska.

D. **REPORTS**

X-D-1 Single Audit of Federal Funds for the year ended June 30, 2002.

X-D-2 Spring 2003 Headcount Enrollment and Student Credit Hour Reports.

X-D-3 Quarterly Personnel Report for the period October through December 2002.

X-D-4 Status of Capital Projects exceeding \$2 million as of December 31, 2002.

X-D-5 Othmer-Topp Endowment Fund, second priority uses, for the year ended December 31, 2002.

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- X-D-6 Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests for the quarter ended December 31, 2002.
- X-D-7 Bids and Contracts for the period ended February 6, 2003.
- X-D-8 Semiannual report of licenses for the period ended December 31, 2002.
- X-D 9 Naming the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Love Library computer training room the "Mariana Witt Electronic Scholarship Center."
- X-D-10 Management Letter of Recommendations for the year ended June 30, 2002.

Discussion was held.

Chairman Ferlic accepted the reports.

XI. **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion Moved by Hassebrook and seconded by Wilkins 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 subjects:

1. Strategy with respect to collective bargaining and administrative proceedings under the Nebraska Industrial Relations Act relating thereto; and
2. Strategy with respect to the purchase of real estate.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Bilek, Hatt, Johnston, and Wilkins. Voting Aye: McClurg, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and Hawks. Regent Miller recorded by telephone his vote of Aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 11:40 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim M. Robak  
Corporation Secretary

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Randolph M. Ferlic  
Chair of the Board