The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on March 2, 2012, at 11:05 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 February 20, 2012.

Regents present:
Timothy F. Clare, Vice Chair
Chuck Hassebrook
Jim McClurg, Chair
Kent Schroeder
Bob Whitehouse
Faisal Ahmed
Lane Carr
Jordan Gonzales
Elizabeth O’Connor

Regents not present:
Randolph M. Ferlic
Howard Hawks
Bob Phares

University officials present:
James B. Milliken, President
Linda R. Pratt, Executive Vice President and Provost
Carmen K. Maurer, Corporation Secretary
John E. Christensen, Chancellor, UNO
Harold M. Maurer, Chancellor, UNMC
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, UNK
Harvey S. Perlman, UNL
David E. Lechner, Vice President for Business and Finance
Joel D. Pedersen, Vice President and General Counsel
Sharon R. Stephan, Vice President for University Affairs
Ronnie D. Green, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 11:05 a.m. in the board room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 2, 2012. Attendance is indicated above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion
Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Whitehouse to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of January 27, 2012.

Action

Regent McClurg announced the location of the Open Meetings Act in the board room.

IV. KUDOS

Regent O’Connor presented a KUDOS award to Tara Witt, Graphic Designer in the printing services department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
Regent Carr presented a KUDOS award to Becky Karel, Administrative Assistant at the Milo Bail Student Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Whitehouse presented a KUDOS award to Julie Lanxon, Office Supervisor in Child, Youth, and Family Studies in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

V. RESOLUTIONS

Regent Gonzales presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, James Paul and his team strive to ensure the strategic success of the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s campus dining program, which includes directing three residential dining centers, seven retail facilities, and serves an average of 18,000 meals per week to approximately 1,850 students; and

WHEREAS, James is a certified sous chef, a certified culinary educator and a foodservice management professional with wine certifications from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust and the International Sommelier Guild; and

WHEREAS, James is recognized as an innovative, imaginative manager whose eyes are trained on the future with an aim to provide the best possible service, having utilized student preference surveys to add nationally branded concepts such as Subway and Starbucks into the student union; and

WHEREAS, under James’ guidance, UNK has added diverse dining options such as the widely popular “Market @ 27th” featuring personalized choices such as “The Kitchen,” “The Baker’s Crust,” and “The Hearth Stone Oven”; and

WHEREAS, under James’s direction a student-faculty-staff meal plan was introduced that offers the UNK community a 20 percent discount on meals which resulted in a 400 percent growth in volunteer meal plan sales; and

WHEREAS, James is committed to teaching excellence and enjoys mentoring the people on his team and watching their progress;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for the exceptional contributions of James Paul to the University of Nebraska at Kearney and making a positive difference on the UNK campus.

Regent Schroeder presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, Lane Carr 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-Lincoln since March 2011; and

WHEREAS, Regent Carr always represented students to the University Administration in a professional and relentless manner; and

WHEREAS, Regent Carr has worked extensively with the Graduate Student Association on better representation of graduate students and addressing many of their complex issues; and

WHEREAS Regent Carr has worked to ensure that the rights of students are represented through his work on a student bereavement policy, which will aid students during times of crisis, a Student Workers Rights and Responsibilities Policy, and a Student Code of Conduct revision; and

WHEREAS, Regent Carr has sought to look ahead to the potential challenges and opportunities with a University of 30,000 students, working with the Chancellor’s Commission on Environmental Sustainability, Regent Carr is leading an effort to develop a master plan for sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Regent Carr has worked with Student Legal Services to project the future of the program and determine capacity, detect inefficiencies, and improve the program; and
WHEREAS, Regent Carr has worked tirelessly to create positive relationships and collaborate with departments on the UNL campus;

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

Regent Clare presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, Jordan Gonzales has served with distinction as University of Nebraska Student Regent and as President of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska at Kearney since March 2011; and

WHEREAS, during his term of office, Regent Gonzales served as student representative on a number of campus committees, including the Food Service Committee where he assisted in analyzing dining innovations that resulted in the new and widely popular “Market @ 27th” and the five satellite retail locations in the Nebraskan Student Union; and

WHEREAS, Regent Gonzales authored and sponsored legislation that allowed for the creation of a Student Investment Fee to assist in funding the construction of a campus Wellness Center, which received unanimous support from the UNK Student Senate; and

WHEREAS, Regent Gonzales initiated efforts, in conjunction with the Division of Student Affairs, to implement OrgSync, a new user/social networking interface designed to enhance, strengthen and record student involvement in co-curricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Regent Gonzales collaborated with UNK’s Center for Economic Education to develop “Smart Money Week: Constructing Our Financial Future,” an outreach project facilitated by a partnership of governmental, educational and business enterprises, the ultimate purpose of which was to increase financial and economic literacy among students; and

WHEREAS, Regent Gonzales, through innovative thought, contagious enthusiasm, accessibility and involvement, honest character and tireless effort, has earned the utmost respect of students, faculty and administration;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for the exceptional contributions of Regent Jordan Gonzales during his term of office and wishes him well in all future endeavors.

Action The resolutions were adopted by acclamation.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. HEARINGS

Amendments to § 2.13 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska providing that the cognizant Chancellor may approve the student government’s Constitution and Bylaws on each campus

VIII. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to approve item VIII-A-1

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

VIII-A-1 Approve the corrected UNMC Commencement date from August 17, 2012 to August 10, 2012 (no ceremony)

IX. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion
Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Clare to approve item IX-A-1

IX-A-1
Amendments to § 2.13 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska providing that the cognizant Chancellor may approve the student government’s Constitution and Bylaws on each campus

2.13 Provision for Student Government. The students of each major administrative unit may create democratic student governing agencies at the campus, college, school, department, or living unit level. One of said agencies of each major administrative unit shall be designated by a majority vote of the students voting as the official representative of the student body. Each administrative unit will develop its own criteria for student representation. The Constitution and Bylaws of all student governing agencies at the campus level shall be subject to approval by the Board cognizant Chancellor in compliance with § 1.2 of these Bylaws and after notice and hearing shall become a part of the Rules of the Board. Following approval by the Chancellor, a report of any amendments to the student governing agency’s Constitution and Bylaws shall be made to the Board at the next meeting of the Board.

Action

Motion
Moved by Hassebrook and seconded by Schroeder to approve item IX-A-2

IX-A-2
Approval is requested to establish the Center for Health Policy in the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

There was discussion

Action

Motion
Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Whitehouse to approve item IX-A-3

IX-B-3
Creation of an undergraduate major, Supply Chain Management, for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

There was discussion

Action

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion
Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Clare to approve item IX-B-1

University of Nebraska

IX-B-1
Approve the amendment to the Audit Committee Charter

There was discussion

Action

Motion
Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Hassebrook to approve item IX-B-2

IX-B-2
Approve University Compliance Policies Regarding Tax-Exempt Debt
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Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to approve item IX-B-3

University of Nebraska at Kearney

IX-B-3 Approve an agreement between Nebraska Book Company and the University of Nebraska at Kearney, granting license to manage and operate bookstore operations on the UNK campus


Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Whitehouse to approve item IX-B-4

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-B-4 Approve the Program Statement and Budget for the East Stadium Athletic Performance Lab Fit-out at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

There was discussion


Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Whitehouse to approve item IX-B-5

IX-B-5 Approve the Project Review Board recommendation for renovation and additions to the East Campus Recreation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

There was discussion


Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Whitehouse to approve item IX-B-6

University of Nebraska at Omaha

IX-B-6 Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the expenditure of $1,125,000 from the Sixth Series Surplus Fund to make Student Housing and parking improvements

There was discussion


Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Schroeder to approve item IX-B-7

IX-B-7 Approve a lease agreement with the City of Ralston for use of the Ralston Sports and Event Center for University of Nebraska at Omaha Men’s Basketball games

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 (October, November, and December 2011)
IX-D-2 Spring Student Credit Hour and Summary Enrollment reports
IX-D-3 Strategic Framework report on Workforce Opportunities and Academic Program Alignment [3-h-i & iii]
IX-D-4 Revisions to rules and regulations for faculty and student self-government organizations: Rules of Order of the Faculty Senate, Academic Rights and Responsibilities Procedures, and Code of Procedures for Special Professional Conduct-A (PC-A) Committees at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
IX-D-5 Status Report on Fire Safety and Protection
IX-D-6 Status of Capital Projects exceeding $5 Million
IX-D-8 Quarterly Report on Gifts, Grants, and Contracts
IX-D-9 Bids and Contracts
IX-D-10 Semi-annual Report on Licenses

Chairman McClurg accepted the reports

X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman McClurg at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carmen K. Maurer
Corporation Secretary

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Jim McClurg
Chairman of the Board