

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on March 3, 2006, 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 February 21, 2006.

Regents present:

Randolph M. Ferlic
Chuck Hassebrook
Howard Hawks
C. David Hergert
Jim McClurg, Chairman
Drew Miller,
Kent Schroeder
Charles S. Wilson, Vice Chairman
Brad Bohn
Dan Connealy
Steve Massara
Omaid Zabih

University officials present:

James B. Milliken, President
Jay Noren, Executive Vice President and Provost
Nancy Belck, 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
Donal J. Burns, Associate Executive Vice President and Provost and Corporation Secretary
David Lechner, Vice President for Business and Finance
Richard R. Wood, 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, March 3, 2006. Attendance is indicated above.

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

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of January 20, 2006.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Bohn, Massara, Zabih, and Connealy. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson and Hergert. Motion carried.

IV. **KUDOS**

Regent Bohn presented a KUDOS award to Andrea Childress, Director of Information Systems for Information Technology Services at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

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Regent Ferlic presented a KUDOS award to Keith Swarts, Director of Business Services at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Richard Gatch, Research Engineer at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff.

Regent Zabih presented a KUDOS award to Stacy Rickel, Computer Programmer and Analyst for University Libraries at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

Resolutions

Regent Hawks presented the following resolution:

Whereas, Omaid M. Zabih 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 2005; and

Whereas, Regent Zabih has very 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, an ASUN Ambassadors program was implemented by Regent Zabih which assigns a student from each legislative district to serve as ASUN liaison to his/her state Senator; and

Whereas, a “Rock for Relief” concert that raised money for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort was coordinated by Regent Zabih; and

Whereas, Regent Zabih led a core planning team that promoted student support for an expansion of the Nebraska Union that will feature a new Multicultural Center; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Regent Zabih, ASUN became the sponsor for a gubernatorial candidate debate that will take place at the Lied Center on March 26, 2006; and

Whereas, Regent Zabih coordinated planning for “The Big Event” on April 8th, 2005, a campuswide day of service to the Lincoln community.

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

Regent Hergert presented the following resolution:

Whereas, Brad Bohn has served as Student Regent and as President of the University of Nebraska at Kearney Student Senate during the 2005-2006 academic term; and

Whereas, during his term, Regent Bohn has actively served students and the university by communicating concerns about education, rising costs, and economic development; and

Whereas, Regent Bohn has been instrumental in securing and delivering important information regarding the construction of new residential facilities at UNK; and

Whereas, Regent Bohn has advanced campus life at UNK by promoting issues of significance, including petitioning state and federal legislators to continue funding for education, instituting a campus discount card system, establishing funding for a Wellness Center, and raising donations for Hurricane Katrina relief; and

Whereas, Regent Bohn has effectively and impressively served as a member of the campus Strategic Planning Committee as it examined the future course of UNK; and

Whereas, Regent Bohn has ably and admirably represented the interests of diverse UNK student populations through his participation in athletics, Greek life, the fine arts, Student Government, volunteer projects, and honor societies; and

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Whereas, through leadership and example, Regent Bohn has served as a mentor and role model to current and future students.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for the exceptional contributions of Regent Brad Bohn during his term of office and wishes him well in all future endeavors.

President Milliken recognized Chancellor Belck and Vice President Kotsipulos for their recent accomplishments.

Regent Wilson presented the following resolution:

Whereas, as a member of the University of Nebraska's Central Administration from 1974 to 1988 Dr. Hans Brisch brought to his work an infectious enthusiasm and an unstinting commitment to excellence; and

Whereas, during his service as Chief of Staff to then-Governor Kay Orr Hans remained faithful to his higher education roots, providing important leadership in educational matters and in particular conceiving of and assisting in bringing to fruition one of the most important programs ever enacted in the State, the Nebraska Research Initiative; and

Whereas, on leaving Nebraska, Hans as Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education served that state and its education community with dedication and distinction; and

Whereas Hans over the years became one of the nation's foremost champions of education, leading by the example of his own life and by his constant advocacy of the importance of education for the future of this nation and each of its citizens; and

Whereas on February 22, 2006 Hans passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer,

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska that it acknowledges the great debt that the University and all Nebraskans owe Dr. Hans Brisch; and

Be it further resolved that the Board extends its condolences on Hans' untimely passing to his wife, Dr. Margaret Gaton Brisch; his children, Dr. Ellen Brisch, Mr. Matthew B. Brisch, and Ms. Megan Hannaford; and his sister, Mrs. Gisela H. Bridge.

Regent Schroeder recognized Regent Hawks efforts and leadership relevant to the creation of strategic framework.

The above resolutions were approved by acclamation.

Motion
Regent Miller made a motion that until the meeting of the Board of Regents in March, 2007 the provisions of Section 1.3.1 and 1.3.3 of the Standing Rules of the Board be waived so as to make inactive the General Affairs, Information Technology, Outreach Service, Planning and Student Affairs standing committees of the Board and not require appointment of members to such committees. The effect of this motion, if adopted, will make the Executive Committee, the Academic Affairs Committee and the Business Affairs Committee and the Audit Committee the active and functioning committees of the Board during this period. This waiver of the Standing Rules shall be on a trial basis so the Board of Regents can assess whether it is advisable at a future date to amend Sections 1.3.1 and 1.3.3 of the Standing Rules to permanently reduce the Board's Standing Committees.

Moved by Miller and seconded by Ferlic to approve the motion.

Action
Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Massara, Zabih, Connealy and Bohn. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert and Ferlic. Motion carried.

V. **HEARINGS**
None.

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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A.J. Bohac addressed the Board about Regent Hergert.

VI. STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE

The strategic issue was the strategic framework. President Milliken provided a summary of relationships of agenda items to the strategic framework. Provost Noren spoke to the Board about student learning assessments. Vice President Kotsiopoulos presented information to the Board about state economic development efforts.

VIII. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Wilson requested that item VIII-A-4 be removed for consideration following closed session.

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded Miller to approve items VIII-A-1; VIII-A-2; VIII-A-3; and VIII-B-1.

A. ACADEMIC

VIII-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations.

VIII-A-2 Approve amendments to the Bylaws of the Faculty of the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

VIII-A-3 Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

B. BUSINESS

Central Administration

VIII-B-1 Approve the amendment to the *Board of Regents' Policies of the University of Nebraska* RP-3.3.4 Grievance Policy–General Nonacademic.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Connealy, Bohn, Massara and Zabih. Voting Aye: McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook and Hawks. Motion carried.

IX. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC

Motion Moved by Hergert and seconded by Schroeder to approve item IX-A-1.

IX-A-1 Approve a new Board of Regents Policy RP-2.4.2 to allow flexibility in Course Terms for distance education courses.

There was discussion.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Connealy, Bohn, Massara and Zabih. Voting Aye: McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook and Hawks. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS

Central Administration

Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Hawks to approve item IX-B-1.

IX-B-1 Approve amendments to the *Board of Regents' Policies of the University of Nebraska*.

There was discussion.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Bohn, Massara, Zabih and Connealy. Voting Aye: Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks and McClurg. Motion carried.

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- Motion Moved by Hergert and seconded by McClurg to approve item IX-B-2
- IX-B-2 Approve an agreement with the University of Nebraska Foundation providing for acceptance of a gift of design services, land and construction for the International Quilt Study Center on the east campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- There was discussion.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Massara, Zabih, Connealy and Bohn. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg and Miller. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by Miller to approve item IX-B-3.
- IX-B-3 Approve an Assignment, Termination and Assumption Agreement with Western New York Public Broadcasting Association, and approve an Asset Purchase Agreement with Educate, Inc.
- There was discussion.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Zabih, Connealy, Bohn and Massara. Voting Aye: Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller and Schroeder. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by Hergert to approve item IX-B-4 and IX-B-5.
- IX-B-4 Approve an increase of \$200,000 in the project budget for the Hamilton Hall Infrastructure Upgrade.
- IX-B-5 Approve an increase in budget of \$200,000 for the Temple Building Renovation and Addition project.
- There was discussion.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Connealy, Bohn, Massara and Zabih. Voting Aye; Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder and Wilson. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Hergert to approve item IX-B-6
- IX-B-6 Approve an increase of \$5,554,000 in the project budget and approve the revised program statement for the Nebraska Center for Virology Building.
- There was discussion.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Bohn, Connealy, Massara and Zabih. Voting Aye: Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder and Wilson. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded Ferlic to approve item IX-B-7.
- IX-B-7 Authorize the President, in consultation with the Board Chair, to negotiate and approve an Assignment, Assumption and Adoption Agreement with National Research and Education Fiber Company, LLC and Level 3 Communications, LLC.
- There was discussion.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Bohn, Massara, Zabih and Connealy. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson and Hergert. Motion carried.
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- Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Wilson to approve item IX-B-8.
- IX-B-8 Approve naming the Center for Health Science Education at the University of Nebraska Medical Center the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education.

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There was discussion.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Massara, Zabih, Connealy and Bohn. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert and Ferlic. Motion carried.

Additional Item

Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by McClurg to approve item IX-B-9.

IX-B-9 Approve naming the new UNL Athletics Championship Center the “Howard and Rhonda Hawks Championship Center” in honor of Howard and Rhonda Hawks.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Zabih, Connealy, Bohn and Massara. Voting Aye: McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic and Hassebrook. Abstaining: Hawks. Motion carried.

C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

IX-C-1 Strategic Framework.

D. REPORTS

IX-D-1 Quarterly personnel report for the period October through December, 2005.

IX-D-2 Spring 2006 Enrollment Reports.

IX-D-3 Status of Capital Projects exceeding \$2 million as of December 31, 2005.

IX-D-4 Semiannual report of licenses for the period ended December 31, 2005.

IX-D-5 Report on members of the University of Nebraska Project Review Board Pool.

IX-D-6 Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests for the quarter ended December 31, 2005.

IX-D-7 Bids and Contracts for the period ended February 9, 2006.

IX-D-8 Report of Expedited Approval of the UNL Graduate Certificate Program in Performance Management.

IX-D-9 University of Nebraska-Lincoln Temple Building Renovation and Addition Design Development Report.

IX-D-10 Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching, and/or Service consistent with Section 2.11 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents* relating to “Other University Activities” as amended January 20, 2006.

Chairman McClurg accepted the reports.

XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Closed Session

Motion Moved by Connealy and seconded by Wilson that the Board go into closed session 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 subjects:

- (a) Strategy for negotiation of a contract for a proposed grant to the University;
- (b) Strategy for negotiation of a contract for a proposed sublease of real property leased by the University;
- (c) Proposed activity by the University of Nebraska Foundation to raise private gifts for the benefit of the University; and

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(d) The award of honorary degrees.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Connealy, Bohn, Massara and Zabih. Voting Aye: McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook and Hawks. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 3:24 p.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Motion: Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Hassebrook to approve item IX-A-4.

IX-A-4 Approve the award of Honorary Degrees and special awards.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Bohn, Massara, Zabih and Connealy. Voting Aye: Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Hergert, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks and McClurg. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donal J. Burns
Corporation Secretary

Jim McClurg
Chairman of the Board