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Lincoln, Nebraska
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The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on January 17, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. in the Ballroom at University of Nebraska at Omaha, Milo Bail Student Center, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, 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 January 5, 2004.

Regents present:
Kyle Arganbright
Ryan Arnold
Don S. Blank, Vice Chair
Jonathan Croskey
Randolph M. Ferlic, Chair
Chuck Hassebrook
Howard L. Hawks
Jim McClurg
Michelle McGeorge
Drew Miller
Kent Schroeder
Charles S. Wilson

University officials present:
L. Dennis Smith, 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 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**

Chairman Ferlic introduced and welcomed Jonathan Croskey, UNO Student Regent, and Ryan Arnold, UNMC Student Regent.

President Smith introduced Dr. Wendy Guo, Presidential Fellow.

Chairman Ferlic, as a point of privilege, complimented Chancellor Perlman on the way he handled the adverse publicity on the search for a football coach. Ferlic also congratulated the UNO campus on how the program of Information, Science and Computer Technology has permeated all the areas of this campus and have engendered a new enthusiasm for learning and teaching.

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II. **ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 8:30 a.m. in the Ballroom at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Milo Bail Student Center, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska, Saturday, January 17, 2004. Attendance is indicated above.

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

- Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Hawks to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of December 13, 2003.
- Action Student Opinion: Aye: Arnold, Croskey, McGeorge, and Arganbright. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, and Blank. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

IV. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Hassebrook to nominate Regent Blank for the position of Chairman of the Board.
- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Miller to close nominations and accept as unanimous vote.
- Action Nominations were closed.
- Action Regent Blank was elected as Chairman of the Board by Acclamation.
- Chairman Blank thanked Regent Ferlic for his service as Chairman and presented him with a gift of appreciation.
- Motion Moved by Hassebrook and seconded by McClurg to nominate Regent Hawks for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board.
- Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Miller to nominate Regent Miller for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board.
- Motion Moved by Blank and seconded by Arnold to nominate Regent Wilson for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board.
- Nominations were closed.
- Action A secret ballot was taken. Chairman Blank announced that Regent Hawks received four votes and Regents Wilson and Miller received two votes each.
- A second secret ballot was taken because there wasn't a majority on the first vote. Chairman Blank announced that Regent Hawks received four votes, Regent Wilson received three votes, and Regent Miller received one vote.
- A third secret ballot was taken, after which Chairman Blank announced that Regent Hawks had been elected Vice Chairman of the Board. Regent Hawks received five votes, Regent Wilson received three votes, and Regent Miller received no votes.

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V.

KUDOS

Regent Arganbright presented a KUDOS award to Joyce Melvin, Manager of the Interlibrary Loan Unit at Love Library at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Hawks presented a KUDOS award to Myle Nguyen, Accountant in the Business and Finance Division at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Phyllis Harris, Director of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent McGeorge presented a KUDOS award to Gloria Vavricka, Director of Off-Campus Studies at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Arnold presented a KUDOS award to Julie Ditter, Administrator of the Center for Neurovirology and Neurodegenerative Disorders in the Department of Pathology and Microbiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

RESOLUTIONS

Regent Wilson presented the following resolution:

Whereas, Casey Johnston has served with distinction 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 2003 term; and

Whereas, Regent Johnston has made the communication of student viewpoints to the Nebraska Legislature a top priority, helping his fellow students understand the state's budget and organizing several letter and e-mail campaigns; and

Whereas, Regent Johnston created a student health insurance committee to ensure that UNMC students have access to the best possible plan; and

Whereas, Regent Johnston served on the search committee for the dean of the College of Medicine, on the dedication committee for the Durham Research Center, and on the campuswide scholarship committee; and

Whereas, Regent Johnston has urged UNMC students in all academic disciplines to become actively involved in issues affecting the campus.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for the contributions and dedicated service of Casey Johnston during his term on the Board and wishes him well in all his future endeavors.

VI.

STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE

Jay Noren introduced the topic of Demonstrating Accountability: Institutional and Student Portfolios and introduced the following presenter and panel:

Presenter:

Sheri Rogers, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Assessment, Diversity and Planning, UNO

Panel:

Hesham Ali, Professor of Computer Science and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the College of Information Science and Technology, UNO;

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Paul Clark, Assessment Coordinator for the College of Education, UNO;

David F. Conway, Associate Dean, College of Education, UNO; and

Neal W. Topp, Varner Professor of Educational Technology, Teacher Education Department-College of Education, UNO.

(For Powerpoint, see documents file.)

Discussion was held.

The Board recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

VII. **HEARINGS**

None.

VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

IX. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs

The Academic Affairs committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was a Programs of Excellence Report.

Planning

The Planning committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was a LR 174 Report.

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by McGeorge to adopt the following resolution.

Whereas, the Higher Education Task Force of the Nebraska Unicameral examined public higher education financing in Nebraska by studying several issues during the 2003 interim; and

Whereas, the Higher Education Task Force issued a report with their findings and recommendations; and

Whereas, the recommendations include key priorities for the state's postsecondary education system, including the University of Nebraska; and

Whereas, the Legislature will be monitoring the progress of the public higher education sectors in addressing the key priorities;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Regents direct the administration of the University of Nebraska to respond to each priority contained in the Higher Education Task Force report and report the same to the Board.

Discussion was held.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Croskey, McGeorge, Arganbright, and Arnold. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, and Ferlic. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Information Technology

The Information Technology committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was NU Information Security - Intro, Issues, and Action Plans.

X. **UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded McClurg to approve items X-A-1 and X-A-2.

A. **ACADEMIC**

X-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Leave of Absence

David Y. S. Lou, Professor (Continuous), Mechanical Engineering, Chair (Special), Mechanical Engineering; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 07/01/04 to 12/31/04, \$166,177 FY, 1.00 FTE (\$2,400 Chair stipend will be removed during leave period).

X-A-2 Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for Vicki D. Highstreet.

B. **BUSINESS**

None.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: McGeorge, Arganbright, Arnold, and Croskey. Voting Aye: Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

XI. **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

A. **ACADEMIC**

Motion Moved by Miller and seconded Hassebrook to approve item XI-A-1.

XI-A-1 Approve deletion of the Master of Arts in Biology and the addition of a thesis-option to the existing Master of Science in Biology at UNO.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Arganbright, Arnold, Croskey, and McGeorge. Voting Aye: McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and Hawks. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. **BUSINESS**

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Motion Moved by Hassebrook and seconded McClurg to approve item XI-B-1.

XI-B-1 Approve the program statement and budget for the cGMP Transplant Production Facility project at UNMC.

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Action Student Opinion: Aye: Arnold, Croskey, McGeorge, and Arganbright. Voting Aye: Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, and McClurg. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Additional Item - University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded McClurg to approve item XI-B-1.

XI-B-2 Approve the program statement and budget for the UNL North Stadium Improvement Project.

Motion Moved by Hassebrook and seconded by Hawks to amend the item with the following statement: "The Chancellor shall oversee a review of space costs and allocations to determine whether opportunities exist to incorporate changes in the project that would reduce its cost without reducing its utility and to incorporate any such changes identified in the design. This shall not cause a delay in the project."

Discussion was held.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Croskey, McGeorge, Arganbright, and Arnold. Voting Aye: Wilson, Blank, Hassebrook, Hawks, and Miller. Voting Nay: Schroeder, Ferlic, and McClurg. Amendment Motion carried.

Discussion was held.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: McGeorge, Arganbright, Arnold, and Croskey. Voting Aye: Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, and Schroeder. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None.

D. REPORTS

XI-D-1 Report of Expedited Approval of the UNL Graduate Certificate in Youth Development.

XI-D-2 Report of graduate degree program name changes in the College of Education and Human Sciences at UNL.

XI-D-3 Report of graduate degree program name changes in the College of Medicine at UNMC.

XI-D-4 Report on Bids and Contracts for the period ended December 11, 2003.

Chairman Blank accepted the reports.

XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Hassebrook that the President cause the campuses to submit program statements involving capital expenditures to the Board of Regents with longer lead time, preferably at least 30 days prior to the date of the Board of Regents meeting wherein approval is requested.

Discussion was held.

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Action Student Opinion: Aye: Arganbright, Arnold, Croskey, and McGeorge. Voting Aye: Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, and Wilson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Regent Ferlic gave a PowerPoint presentation on the statistics on tuition remission for the fiscal year 2002-03. (For copy of handout, see documents file).

Discussion was held.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Ferlic 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, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of individuals who have not requested a public hearing, for the purpose of holding a discussion limited to consideration of the award of honorary degrees.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Arnold, Croskey, McGeorge, and Arganbright. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, and Blank. Voting Nay: None. Absen: Hawks. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Chairman Blank presented the Board with a memorandum that included the new committee assignments for 2004.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim M. Robak
Corporation Secretary

Don S. Blank
Chairman of the Board