I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 9:00 a.m. in the Cedar Room at the University of Nebraska at Kearney Nebraskan Student Union in Kearney, Nebraska, Saturday, March 3, 2001. Attendance is indicated above. Regent Schafer arrived at 9:05 a.m. Regent Marunda was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion

Moved by Matzke and seconded by Schroeder to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of January 13, 2001.
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Action


IV. KUDOS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Regent Schroeder presented the following resolution. Regent O’Brien moved that the resolution be accepted by acclamation and Regent Miller seconded. The Resolution was adopted by acclamation.

Whereas, on December 8, 2000, President William Jefferson Clinton honored the University of Nebraska by delivering an important foreign policy address on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney; and

Whereas, the success of this special occasion was the result of yeoman efforts by many members of the UNK faculty, staff, and administration, whose devoted service brought honor and recognition to both UNK and the Kearney community; and

Whereas, attention to innumerable details was required to make sure all was in readiness for this Presidential visit, including cleaning and refurbishing campus facilities, establishing procedures for verification of the identities of those attending the event, printing passes and signs, and making arrangement for coverage by scores of news media representatives; and

Whereas, Kearney and campus law enforcement and security personnel cooperated effectively with the United States Secret Service and the White House staff; and

Whereas, many volunteers came forward to assist in crowd management, distribution of programs, and assisting with any task that needed to be done; and

Whereas, especially noteworthy was the dedication demonstrated by the UNK Student Ambassadors, who worked very hard to promote their campus during this moment of national attention; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its gratitude to the many members of the UNK faculty and staff and student body who devoted unselfishly of their time and talents in demonstrating respect for the Office of the President and in ensuring the success of this historic Presidential Visit.

Regent Samuelson presented the following resolution. Regent Blank moved that the resolution be accepted by acclamation and Regent Matzke seconded. The Resolution was adopted by acclamation.

Whereas, the University of Nebraska at Kearney Health and Wellness Committee is a volunteer group which organizes programs for the improvement of employee health and wellness; and

Whereas, through the committee’s efforts, employees are encouraged to make positive behavioral changes that reduce health risks and improve fitness, resulting in a more positive and healthful work environment; and
Whereas, since the committee began its work in July 1998, a number of beneficial activities have been undertaken, including brown-bag lunches at which speakers discuss health and wellness information and “Walk Out on Your Job Day”; and

Whereas, as a result of the committee’s work, UNK received the Gold Well-Workplace Award from the Wellness Councils of America in May 1999; and

Whereas, the committee hosts an annual Health and Wellness Fair that features employee participation in demonstrations of health-enhancing activities and provides health and wellness screenings; and

Whereas, the committee is now engaged in joint efforts with the Public Sector Cooperative, a group which promotes wellness activities for employees of the City of Kearney, Buffalo County, the Kearney Public Schools, and Educational Service Unit #10;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents applauds the work of the University of Nebraska at Kearney Health and Wellness Committee, thanks the members for their leadership in helping employees to improve their health, and encourages the committee in its cooperative work with similar programs in the Kearney area.

Regent O’Brien presented the following resolution. Regent Winterboer moved that the resolution be accepted by acclamation and Regent Samuelson seconded. The Resolution was adopted by acclamation.

Whereas, Joel D. Schafer has served with distinction as Student Regent and President of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska since March 29, 2000, and

Whereas, Regent Schafer has represented the students of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with distinction in the University, the Nebraska Legislature, and throughout the State, and

Whereas, the “NU on Wheels” safe ride program has been greatly expanded and given a stable funding base under the leadership of Regent Schafer, and

Whereas, Regent Schafer provided leadership in developing a contract for the production of an off-campus housing guide and web site, and an agreement with the University of Nebraska Alumni Association to designate an official class ring, and

Whereas, a new student government logo and an expanded and improved web site was developed with strong student support from Regent Schafer and other student leaders who worked with him, and

Whereas, Regent Schafer developed a student leadership group to support initial planning for a new Culture Center, and

Whereas, Homecoming 2000 included a major comedy act that was attended by more than 4,000 students, thanks to Regent Schafer’s leadership and support of the Homecoming Committee,

Therefore, be it resolved that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses sincere appreciation for Joel D. Schafer’s dedicated service and effective leadership as a member of the Board, and wishes him well in all of his future endeavors.
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Regent Schafer spoke of his experience on the Board and thanked his parents, the Board, and many other University administrators for their help and support during his tenure on the Board.

Regent Blank announced that Regent Samuelson won the election again for Student Regent.

Motion

Moved by Hassebrook and seconded by Miller to adopt the following resolution.

Whereas, the cost of college athletic programs is rising rapidly; and

Whereas, competitive pressures to increase athletic department budgets pose a potential and in some cases current threat to funding for academic programs and will continue to create pressure to provide tickets only to those willing to make ever increasing separate contributions to the Athletic Department.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents directs its representatives to the NCAA to initiate discussion of potential policies to cap athletic program expenditures. The Board further directs its representatives to call for the NCAA to conduct legal analysis of how it could impose such limits within the bounds of recent court rulings and to explore options for legislation, if needed, to allow such limits on athletic program expenditures.

Discussion was held.

Regent Schroeder moved to table the motion. The motion to table died for lack of a second.

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V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VI. HEARINGS

None.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Affairs

Regent Miller reported that the committee met yesterday and discussed economic development. Al Wenstrand, Director of the Department of Economic Development, gave a presentation on Targeted Industries and focused how the University of Nebraska can support the state’s targeted economic development efforts.

Academic Affairs

Regent Schroeder reported that the committee met yesterday and discussed learning environments for the 21st Century. It was discussed how challenging it is to keep pace with information technology involving teaching methods in the 21st Century.
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Information Technology

Regent Matzke reported that the committee met yesterday and heard an update regarding the four-campus Student Information System. The discussion consisted of the status of Student Information System and how web-based connections are being developed between the four campuses.

Chairman Wilson accepted the reports.

Chairman Wilson announced that Regent Ferlic has proposed a plan for Nebraska senior citizens to audit and attend University of Nebraska classes tuition-free. Wilson asked that this item be referred to the Academic Affairs Committee for review.

VIII. STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE

Chancellor Nancy Belck introduced the topic of Student Recruitment. Belck stated that Interim Chancellor Harvey S. Perlman, Chancellor Gladys S. Johnston and she had discussed and agreed that each plan should reflect individual campus missions, yet offer a coordinated provision for the University of Nebraska. The result was three separate campus plans, each targeting student audiences appropriate to its mission while employing common strategies.

Chancellor Johnston presented the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus recruitment plan with the use of powerpoint slides. (See document file). Discussion was held.

Interim Chancellor Perlman presented the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus recruitment plan with the use of powerpoint slides. (See document file). Discussion was held.

Chancellor Belck presented the University of Nebraska at Omaha campus recruitment plan with use of powerpoint slides. (See document file). Discussion was held.

Regent Samuelson read a prepared statement by Regent Marunda on his views on student recruitment. Marunda was unable to attend the Board meeting.

The Board recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by O’Brien to adopt the following resolution.

Whereas, the Board of Regents has defined as the first priority of the University of Nebraska and each of its campuses the education of students, with a special emphasis on the teaching of undergraduates; and

Whereas, it is the obligation of the University of Nebraska to help provide an educated workforce for the State of Nebraska, thereby promoting economic development in the state; and

Whereas, the Board of Regents intends that all qualified Nebraska students have the opportunity to attend the University of Nebraska and to successfully complete degree programs; and

Whereas, the Board of Regents encourages vigorous recruitment of Nebraska students with the highest academic abilities and values their potential to contribute to the scholarly climate of University of Nebraska campuses; and
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Whereas, the Board of Regents believes that it is in the best interests of the State to recruit out-of-state students, recognizing that a significant portion of nonresident students stay in Nebraska to pursue their careers following graduation; and

Whereas, it is the intent of the Board of Regents that the physical facilities and the educational capacity of the University of Nebraska be used to their full potential for the education of students so that citizens of the state receive maximum return on their investment in the university.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents hereby directs the administration of the University and its campuses to implement and sustain an effective undergraduate student recruitment plan that includes the following components:

• a program of aggressive recruitment of all qualified Nebraska students to attend the University of Nebraska campus of their choice;

• a program of aggressive recruitment for Nebraska students with high academic ability to attend the University of Nebraska campus of their choice;

• a recruitment process that begins early in students’ secondary school careers;

• a network of contact persons in Nebraska communities – including teachers and community leaders – who will help identify and recruit qualified students;

• continuous two-way communication with high school counselors throughout the state explaining the opportunities and advantages the University of Nebraska offers their students and asking their advice on how recruitment efforts might be improved;

• involvement of faculty members, department chairs, program directors, and deans – and current students and alumni – in the recruiting program;

• targeted recruitment of out-of-state students, especially those of high academic ability and those who would contribute to campus diversity, concentrating especially on states with growing populations of high school graduates and on Midwestern metropolitan areas.

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents directs that the campus plans as presented be accepted subject to approval by the President for the increased levels of tuition remission, that progress on the plans be monitored and measured and that a report on the progress be presented to the board within 18 months of adoption of this resolution and on an annual basis thereafter.

Discussion was held.

Regent Matzke asked that the Chancellors report back in 6 months instead of waiting for 18 months. Chairman Wilson directed the Chancellors to report back in September to discuss the status of their plans.

Discussion continued.

Amendment

Moved by Hassebrook and Seconded by Wilson to add the following language in the last paragraph after tuition remission “with the exception of allowing Iowa residents within the Omaha SMSA to attend UNO at the resident rate”.

Discussion on the Motion was held.
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Friendly Amendment of the Amendment
Hassebrook suggested friendly amendment to his amendment to change language to “with the exception of the blanket policy of allowing Iowa residents within the Omaha SMSA who meet the basic UNO admission requirements to attend UNO at the resident rate”. Regent Wilson agreed to friendly amendment.

Motion to Table the Amendment
Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Ferlic to table the Motion to Amend.

Action on Motion to Table the Amendment:

Discussion continued.

Action on Hassebrook’s Amendment:

Discussion continued.

Amendment
Moved by Miller and seconded by Hassebrook to eliminate the following paragraph from the Resolution: “Whereas, the Board of Regents believes that it is in the best interests of the State to recruit out-of-state students, recognizing that a significant portion of nonresident students stay in Nebraska to pursue their careers following graduation;”

Discussion continued.

Action of Miller’s Amendment:

Call the Question
Moved by Blank to Call the Question.

Chairman Wilson asked if there was an objection to the question being called. No objection was voiced, so Wilson asked for roll on original resolution.

Action on Original Resolution:

IX. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

President Smith made the following statement to the Board in regard to tuition. “The Governor has recommended that our budget, as we presented it to the Governor and the Unicameral, be increased be increased by 6.2 and 6.4 percent each year of the upcoming biennium. The Appropriations Committee in its tentative recommendation has not only supported that but added a small amount of additional money in a couple other categories, which I won’t go into at this point, they have to do with EPSCOR. The testimony before the Appropriations Committee to get them to solidify their tentative recommendation is Monday, day after tomorrow. I want to caution all of you, that even though there is a reasonable indication that we might get 6.2 and 6.4 percent increases, most of that increase
will be dedicated toward faculty salaries, which has been and remains our top priority. Related to that in our negotiating strategies with both of the bargaining units, the increased salary that came out of those negations, which are action items on the agenda would require yet some additional salary income. The bottom line is even though this is the best state recommended increase in over a decade, we still will require significant tuition increases over the next two years to be able to even fund the budget we have presented, let alone providing funds to enhance the quality and excellence of the institution. We will be coming to you formally with a tuition presentation at the April meeting, which is the plan at this time, and what I’ve handed out is just an indication of what portion of the budget we could fund at varying levels of tuition increase without going through all of the numbers.”
(For handout, see documents file.)

A. CONSENT

Motion
Moved by Blank and seconded by O’Brien to approve IX-A-1.

IX-A-1 PERSONNEL

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Leave of Absence
Susan M. Elek, Associate Professor (Continuous), College of Nursing; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay (leave salary $33,419) effective 08/01/01 to 01/31/02, $66,837 FY, 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Leaves of Absence
Mao S. Wu, Associate Professor (Continuous), Engineering Mechanics; Leave of Absence without pay effective 08/20/01 to 05/17/02, $73,776 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Adjustment
Burton J. Reed, Dean (Special), College of Public Affairs and Community Service; and Professor (Continuous), Public Administration; effective 03/05/01, $125,000 FY (includes $10,000 administrative stipend), 1.00 FTE. Change title from Interim Dean and salary from $111,587 (includes $10,000 administrative stipend).

Leave of Absence
Robert Nash, Professor (Continuous), Library; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay, effective 05/01/01 to 08/31/01, $53,158 FY, 1.00 FTE.

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B. **ACADEMIC**

**Motion**
Moved by Miller and seconded by Matzke to approve IX-B-1.

**IX-B-1**
Approve the proposed Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) Student Code of Conduct.

Discussion was held.

**Action**

**Motion**
Moved by O’Brien and seconded by Ferlic to approve IX-B-2.

**IX-B-2**
Approve recommendations relating to each degree program reviewed and forward all program review reports to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

**Action**

**Motion**
Moved by Schafer and seconded by Winterboer to approve IX-B-3.

**IX-B-3**
Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for David B. Bylund, Ph.D. and Ronald J. Rubocki, Ph.D.

**Action**

C. **BUSINESS**

**Central Administration**

**Motion**
Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Matzke to approve IX-C-1 and IX-C-2.

**IX-C-1**
Approve negotiated amendments to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Regents and the University of Nebraska at Omaha American Association of University Professors (UNO/AAUP) for the 2001-2003 Biennium.

**IX-C-2**
Approve negotiated amendments to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Regents and the University of Nebraska at Kearney Education Association (UNKEA) for the 2001-2003 Biennium.

**Action**

**Motion**
Moved by Blank and seconded by Hassebrook to approve IX-C-3.

**IX-C-3**
Approve Amended and Restated Agency Agreement with the University of Nebraska Foundation for Management and Administration of the University of Nebraska Minority Scholarships Fund.
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Regent Ferlic stated that in the future the word “Latino” should be used instead of “Hispanic.”

Motion  Moved by Blank and seconded by O’Brien to approve IX-C-4 and IX-C-5.

IX-C-4  Approve the proposed amendment to Regents Policy RP-6.6.7 as it relates to updating the University of Nebraska gifts, grants and bequests policies.

IX-C-5  Approve the proposed amendment to Regents Policies RP-6.2.1 and RP-6.3.1 relating to the University of Nebraska’s purchasing policies.


University of Nebraska at Kearney

Motion  Moved by Samuelson and seconded by Winterboer to approve IX-C-6.

IX-C-6  Approve University of Nebraska at Kearney Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for the 2001-2002 academic year and authorize the Chancellor, with the approval of the President, to increase the first year contract rates by an additional 0.5 - 2.0% no later than March 12, 2001, if necessary, to fund projected energy cost increases for the forthcoming academic year.


University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Motion  Moved by Samuelson and seconded by Schafer to approve IX-C-7.

IX-C-7  Authorize the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance to receive sealed bids or hold a public auction for the sale of the Genoa Foundation Seed Farm.


Motion  Moved by Blank and seconded by O’Brien to approve IX-C-12.

IX-C-12  Approve an increase to the project budget in the amount of $590,132 for the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery Window Wall Replacement.

Discussion was held.

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University of Nebraska Medical Center

Motion
Moved by Miller and seconded by Winterboer to approve IX-C-8.

IX-C-8
Approve a five-year contract for radiation safety services for the VA Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System (VA) located at 4101 Woolworth Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska.

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Motion
Moved by Blank and seconded by Schafer to approve IX-C-9.

IX-C-9
Approve the Program Statement and a project budget of $1,876,235 for the design and construction of the relocation of central sterilization and dispensing in the College of Dentistry, located on the East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Discussion was held.

Action

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Motion
Moved by O’Brien and seconded by Schafer to approve IX-C-10.

IX-C-10
Approve the Optional Board Plans Available to Housing Students for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Discussion was held.

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Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

Motion
Moved by Blank and seconded by Samuelson to approve IX-C-11.

IX-C-11
Approve NCTA Room and Board Rates for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Action

D. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

IX-D-1
Proposed amendment of § 1.4 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska relating to the time of the annual meeting of the Board of Regents was presented at this meeting for information only as required by § 1.11 of the Bylaws.

IX-D-2
Proposed amendment of § 3.7 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska relating to the transfer of reduced tuition and fees for full-time employees to an employee’s spouse and dependent children was presented at this meeting for information only as required by § 1.11 of the Bylaws.
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E. REPORTS

IX-E-3 Student Credit Hour Report Spring 2001.
IX-E-4 Quarterly Personnel Report for the period October through December 2000.
IX-E-5 Design Development Report for the East Utility Plant at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
IX-E-6 Bids and Contracts report.
IX-E-7 Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests for the quarter ended December 31, 2000.

Chairman Wilson accepted the reports.

X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Regent Matzke asked whether every person in the audience including university personnel is required to be at meetings.

Chairman Wilson stated he would like to organize a retreat for the Board within the next two to three months.

Chairman Wilson stated that having the strategic agenda item every meeting has been one of the most positive changes that has happened to the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion

Moved by Blank and seconded by Schafer 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, 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 the following topics:

1. Consideration of the award of honorary degrees; and
2. Evaluation of University academic-administrative personnel.

Action


The Board went into closed session at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 1:50 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim M. Robak
Corporation Secretary

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Charles S. Wilson
Chair of the Board