

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on January 19, 2007, 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 January 8, 2007.

Regents present:  
Randolph M. Ferlic  
Chuck Hassebrook  
Howard Hawks  
Jim McClurg, Chairman  
Bob Phares  
Kent Schroeder  
Bob Whitehouse  
Charles S. Wilson, Vice Chairman  
Mike Eiberger  
Jonathan Henning  
Matt Schaefer  
Alexander Williams

University officials present:  
James B. Milliken, President  
Linda R. Pratt, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost  
John Christensen, Interim 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 on January 19, 2007. Attendance is indicated above.

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

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by Ferlic to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of November 3, 2006.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Henning, Schaefer, Williams and Eiberger. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Wilson and Ferlic. Abstain: Whitehouse. Motion carried.

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

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IV. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Ferlic to nominate Regent Wilson for the position of Chairman of the Board. Since there were no further nominations, Chairman McClurg declared nominations closed and called for a roll-call vote.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schaefer, Williams, Eiberger and, Henning. Voting Aye: Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic and Hassebrook. Motion carried.

Action Regent Wilson was elected as Chairman of the Board.

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Ferlic to nominate Regent Hassebrook for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board. Since there were no further nominations, Chairman McClurg declared nominations closed and called for a roll-call vote.

Student Opinion: Voting Aye: McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic and Hassebrook. Motion carried.

needs sufficient to sustain a new division of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Nursing in the region.

2. The leadership of the Norfolk community is committed to trying to raise the \$10.7 million for the facility plus at least \$350,000 plus CPI +1%, but not to exceed 7%, annually for operating expenses needed to support the new nursing division. Northeast Community College (NECC), Faith Regional Health Services, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and Sen. Michael Flood have all expressed strong support for the proposal. Dr. Bill Path of NECC has committed to working with UNMC on an educational curriculum, and has agreed to reduce nursing admissions at NECC from 75 to 50 in order to support the enrollment at the UNMC College of Nursing Division.

3. The academic resources at NECC in the Norfolk region are sufficient to provide the general education requirements that are part of the bachelor's in nursing degree. UNMC would provide only the program in nursing education, including the consideration of distance education, especially in the master's and Ph.D. programs.

4. Clinical sites will be necessary for 125 generic baccalaureate students in the program when it reaches full strength in the fourth year of operation. These clinical commitments must include experience in OB/GYN, pediatrics, and medical/surgical units, and clinical sites must be available at least 3-4 week days at Faith Regional as well as Norfolk Regional Center's psychiatric units.

5. Hiring ten full-time equivalent faculty to establish the program, which will include bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degree options, will be a challenge. An associate dean will also be needed. However, Dean Virginia Tilden is an experienced faculty recruiter, and believes that she can hire the faculty needed over a period of time that may take more than two years. When fully established, the Norfolk Division would require a total of fifteen faculty members.

6. The Norfolk community will begin raising funds in 2007. Legislative funds for the Northeast Division would be sought no earlier than the 2008 session of the Legislature.

7. UNMC in general and the College of Nursing in particular have other long-range strategic planning commitments for their budgets. Community funds would need to be permanently committed to assure the long-term feasibility of establishing the Northeast Division.

8. The University must be sure that the long-term funding commitments and academic and hospital partnerships are in place before committing to build the program. The University of Nebraska should not be at financial risk nor should reallocation from other priorities be required for the success of this program.

The University of Nebraska is impressed and encouraged by the interest of the Norfolk community and encourages the formation of community partnerships and fund-raising efforts to establish a North Division of the College of Nursing.

Based upon the foregoing, the Board of Regents adopts the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, that the Board agrees with the concept that the Northeast region needs additional nurses with bachelor's degrees and desires to address that need, if funding and academic program supports are available to provide a nursing program without detracting from the University's existing priorities. In this regard, the highest priorities of the Board remain those reflected in the budget request submitted to the Governor on September 13, 2006.

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VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

VIII. **STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE**

The strategic issue was the University of Nebraska at Kearney Facilities Development Plan for 2006-2015. Chancellor Douglas Kristensen presented the plan.

IX. **UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by McClurg to approve items IX-A-1, IX-A-2, IX-B-1, IX-B-2, and IX-B-3.

A. **ACADEMIC**

IX-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations.

IX-A-2 Approve the name change from the "Department of Family and Consumer Sciences" to the "Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies" at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

B. **BUSINESS**

Central Administration

IX-B-1 Approve the acceptance of the audited financial statements of the University of Nebraska and related entities

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IX-B-2 Approve a Resolution to authorize the expenditures of up to \$394,500 from the Surplus Fund of the Revenue Bonds to provide wireless access in Residence Halls

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IX-B-3 Approve naming the planned plaza at the west entrance of Andersen Hall the "Richard and Margaret Holman Plaza"

There was no discussion.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Henning, Schaefer, Williams and Eiberger. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg and Phares. Motion carried.

X. **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

A. **ACADEMIC**

Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Hawks to approve items X-A-1, X-A-2, X-A-3 and X-A-4.

X-A-1 Approve revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws of the College of Natural and Social Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

X-A-2 Approve revisions to the University of Nebraska at Kearney Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty Senate

X-A-3 Approve revisions to the Bylaws of the University of Nebraska at Omaha College of Arts and Sciences

X-A-4 Approve the revised Bylaws of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate

There was no discussion.

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Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schaefer, Williams, Eiberger and Henning. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares and Schroeder. Motion carried.

**B. BUSINESS**

Central Administration

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Ferlic to approve item X-B-1.  
X-B-1 Approve a new system-wide Board of Regents Policy RP-6.4.8 that prohibits the possession of concealed weapons and firearms on all University controlled property, in University vehicles, and at University sponsored events

**RP-6.4.8 Policy on Possession of Concealed Weapons and Firearms**

1. The possession of concealed weapons on property controlled by the University of Nebraska is prohibited. This ban applies to University of Nebraska vehicles, and events sponsored by the University. This policy applies to all members of the general public, students, and University employees, except University employees who are specifically authorized to carry concealed weapons as part of their job responsibilities.
2. Possession of firearms on property controlled by the University of Nebraska, in University vehicles and at events sponsored by the University may only be authorized by the principal business officers of each administrative unit. The rules governing authorized possession of firearms adopted by each administrative unit shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the University General Counsel. Once approved, such rules shall be kept on file by the Corporation Secretary.
3. Notices prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns shall be conspicuously posted as each Chancellor shall determine to be appropriate on property controlled by the University of Nebraska that is open to the public as long as such posting is required by Nebraska Concealed Handgun Permit Act to accomplish enforcement of the Act.
4. For the purposes of this policy, th

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Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Eiberger, Henning, Schaefer and Williams. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse and Wilson. Motion carried.

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Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Eiberger to approve items X-B-3, X-B-4 and X-B-5.

X-B-3 Approve the Facilities Development Plan for 2006-2015

X-B-4 Approve the program statement and budget for renovation of the Bruner Hall of Science

X-B-5 Approve the Joint Operating Agreement between the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney Public School District, and the Kearney Public Schools Foundation for the shared operation of the Robert M. Merryman Performing Arts Center

There was discussion.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Henning, Schaefer, Williams and Eiberger. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson and Ferlic. Motion carried.

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X-B-6 Item held for further analysis

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amounts, principal maturities and redemption provisions of such Revenue Bonds, and (4) approving the preparation and use of a Final Official Statement.

There was discussion. Regent Hawks requested that the record show his preference for a 900-stall parking structure under item X-B-10.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Williams, Eiberger, Henning and Schaefer. Voting Aye: McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook and Hawks. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Ferlic to approve item X-B-12.

X-B-12 Approve a purchase agreement with Douglas County, Nebraska for property at 67<sup>th</sup> and Center Streets

There was no discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Eiberger, Henning, Schaefer and Williams. Voting Aye: Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks and McClurg. Motion carried.



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X-D-8 Strategic Framework: Report on Graduation Rates for 2004-2005

Chairman Wilson accepted the reports.

**XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Regent Wilson asked that he receive input regarding 2007 committee assignment preferences by January 25, 2007.

Regent Wilson indicated that the Board needs to address fire safety and sprinkler issues at residences directly under the ownership, control or administration of the University, including Greek houses. He asked that the administration begin information gathering about projected costs and the timeframe that would be involved in assuring the safety of our students. President Milliken said that such a report was well under way and would be provided at the March meeting.

Closed Session

Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by McClurg that the Board 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 persons who have not requested a public hearing, for the purpose of holding a discussion limited to the following subjects:

- (a) Proposed private gifts to the University of Nebraska Foundation for the benefit of the University;
- (b) Honorary degrees;
- (c) Strategy with respect to collective bargaining; and
- (d) Strategy with respect to the acquisition of real estate.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Henning, Schaefer, Williams and Eiberger. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg and Phares. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 2:54 p.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by McClurg to approve item X-A-5.

X-A-5 Approve the Award of Honorary Degrees and Awards

There was no discussion.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schaefer, Williams, Eiberger and Henning. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, McClurg, Phares and Schroeder. Hawks absent. Motion carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donal J. Burns  
Corporation Secretary

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Charles S. Wilson  
Chairman of the Board