

Lincoln, Nebraska  
September 5, 2008

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on September 5, 2008, 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 August 25, 2008.

Regents present:  
Randolph M. Ferlic  
Chuck Hassebrook, Chairman  
Howard Hawks  
Jim McClurg  
Bob Phares  
Kent Schroeder, Vice Chairman  
Bob Whitehouse  
Charles S. Wilson  
Tim Hruza  
Curtis McKnight  
Lucas Seiler  
Emily Zimmer

University officials present:  
James B. Milliken, President  
Linda R. Pratt, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Donal J. Burns, Corporation Secretary  
John Christensen, 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  
David Lechner, Vice President for Business and Finance  
Joel Pedersen, 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 September 5, 2008. Attendance is indicated above.

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

Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by McClurg to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of June 13, 2008.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: McKnight, Seiler, Zimmer, and Hruza. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, and Ferlic. Motion carried.

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

**IV. KUDOS**

Regent Ferlic presented a KUDOS award to Jennifer Crozier, Office Associate in General Surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Seiler presented KUDOS awards to Geri Backora and Roxie Freeman, Clerical Assistants for Athletics at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Wilson presented a KUDOS award to Tisha Gilreath Mullen, Proposal Development Coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Marcia Gugelman, Building Service Tech at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Ivy Harper addressed the Board on the topic of college reform/student loan.

**VI. RESOLUTIONS**

Regent Hruza presented the following resolution recognizing the College Student Advisory Committee, formed in collaboration with Secretary of State John Gale:

Whereas, a significant goal of education at all levels in a democracy is to create good citizens with a strong commitment to the duties of citizenship; and,

Whereas, students from the three University of Nebraska institutions in Lincoln, Kearney, and Omaha have identified the importance of democratic participation and have collectively pursued a means to foster civic engagement and democratic participation among their peers; and

Whereas, Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale serves by law as Chief Elections Officer, promoting voter registration and outreach programs and administering statewide elections in cooperation with county election officials to ensure that Nebraska's election system is modern, fair, accessible, efficient and reliable, and that citizens are given every opportunity to register to vote and to vote; and,

Whereas, Secretary Gale has recently created a College Student Advisory Committee, consisting of three state and county election officials and six Student Government representatives from the three aforementioned University of Nebraska campuses to promote, in a strictly nonpartisan manner, good citizenship through both voter registration and good voting habits and to foster civic engagement and democratic participation; and,

Whereas, the College Student Advisory Committee has developed a coordinated campaign to inform University students of registration deadlines, polling locations, election deadlines and methods of voting to help establish good voting habits among college age voters; and,

Whereas, the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska supports the active education of students to become aware and civic-minded citizens who will develop into the business, professional and political leaders of their communities and their state;

Therefore, let it be resolved that the University of Nebraska supports the efforts made by the Student Governments of UNK, UNL, and UNO in collaboration with Nebraska Secretary of State Gale and their combined activities to promote good citizenship and voting awareness on their campuses;



- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Zimmer, Hruza, McKnight, and Seiler. Voting Aye: McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and Hawks. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Ferlic to approve item IX-A-2
- IX-A-2 Approve amendments to the Bylaws of the Faculty of the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hruza, McKnight, Seiler, and Zimmer. Voting Aye: Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, and McClurg. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Whitehouse to approve item IX-A-3
- IX-A-3 Approve the Professional program in Plant Health with a Doctor of Plant Health implemented upon approval at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: McKnight, Seiler, Zimmer, and Hruza. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, and Phares. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Hruza to approve item IX-A-4
- IX-A-4 Approval is requested to create a new graduate degree program, Master of Science in Construction at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Seiler, Zimmer, Hruza, and McKnight. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, and Schroeder. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Ferlic to approve item IX-A-5
- IX-A-5 Approve the proposed revision to Regents' Policy RP-1.5.5 Regents Medal

**RP-1.5.5 Regents Medal**

1. Definition

The Regents Medal is an award to individuals whose service to the University has provided exceptional benefits in furtherance of the goals and mission of the institution.

2. Nomination

Nominations will be made by members of the Board of Regents and the President. The nomination should be presented in written form addressing:

- a. Brief biography;
- b. Description of achievement(s) of nominee; and
- c. Name of nominator.

3. Guidelines

- a. ~~The award will be given annually at campus spring commencement ceremonies.~~

- ~~b.~~ ~~The Board of Regents will determine the campus commencement ceremonies at which each award is presented.~~
- ~~c.~~a. No more than two (2) Regents Medals may be awarded per year.
- ~~d.~~b. Current employees of the University are not eligible for the award, but past employees or retirees are eligible.
- c. The medal shall be awarded annually as determined by the President and the Chair of the Board of Regents.
- ~~e.~~d. Nominations should be submitted to the Executive Vice President and Provost by December 10 for consideration to be awarded ~~for~~ the following calendar year ~~spring commencement~~. Nominations will be submitted to the Regents for consideration prior to the January meeting.
- f.e. The Regents Medal shall not be awarded to any incumbent of or candidate for any elective state constitutional office, including state senator, or to any incumbent of or candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives or U.S. Senate from the State of Nebraska.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hruza, McKnight, Seiler, and Zimmer. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, and Wilson. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by Whitehouse to approve item IX-A-6

IX-A-6 Approve the proposed revision to Regents' Policy RP-5.7.7 Tuition Assistance Program

**RP-5.7.7 Tuition Assistance Program for ~~Full-Time Pell Recipient Students~~**

1. Eligibility

The economic benefits of a college education have been well established. Statistics show that students from the poorest backgrounds are many times less likely to enjoy these benefits by earning a bachelors degree. To help rectify this situation, the University of Nebraska will provide a Tuition Assistance Program to qualified full-time, undergraduate, Nebraska resident students. The Tuition Assistance Program will cover the cost of up to 30 credit hours in an academic year, but do not include summer sessions. The Tuition Assistance Program does not substitute for but rather supplements existing University of Nebraska need-based aid, which is allocated to students by campus financial aid offices based upon unmet need analyses performed by campus financial aid staff and following federal financial aid guidelines.

2. Criteria

In order to receive a Tuition Assistance Program, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a Nebraska undergraduate resident, full-time (greater than or equal to 12 credit hours per semester).
2. ~~Be a recipient of a Pell grant.~~ Meet university annual guidelines with respect to financial need.
3. Make satisfactory academic progress as defined by the campus for financial aid purposes.
4. Meet general federal financial aid requirements.

5. Each student must maintain a 2.5 minimum grade point average to retain this tuition supplement.
6. If a student drops below 2.5 GPA on a cumulative basis, he/she will be placed on "probation" for the supplement. The student must meet or exceed a 2.5 GPA in the next succeeding semester(s) or summer session(s) attended in order to regain and maintain eligibility for this benefit. This 2.5 GPA will be on a single semester or summer session basis.
7. The 2.5 GPA requirement for this supplemental tuition benefit will begin with the 2005/2006 school year with incoming first-year students and will continue with subsequent entering classes until discontinued by the Board of Regents.
8. The Chancellor of each campus has the right to create and implement an appeals process to deal with extreme circumstances for students who were originally granted this tuition supplement and who subsequently become ineligible.

All scholarship/grant assistance the student receives from all sources, including scholarships received from outside the University of Nebraska, will be taken into account in determining the grant amount necessary to meet the tuition guarantee.

The student and his or her family (in the case of dependent students) must apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 1 and complete the application process with the University no later than June 1 prior to the commencement of the academic year for which financial aid is sought.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: McKnight, Seiler, Zimmer, and Hruza. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, and Ferlic. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by Schroeder to approve items IX-B-1, IX-B-2, and IX-B-3

University of Nebraska at Kearney

IX-B-1 Approve the Resolution authorizing the University Administration to proceed with the purchase of real property in the vicinity of 813-825 West 25th Street & 800 Block West 26th Street, Kearney, Nebraska, for the development of the main entrance (east) into UNK and to address other traffic safety and traffic flow issues, including the initiation of eminent domain proceedings to purchase such property, if necessary

There was discussion

IX-B-2 Approve the program statement and budget for capital improvements to Men's Hall and Randall Hall

IX-B-3 Approve the Resolution to authorize transfer and expenditure of up to \$4,960,000 for Capital Improvements for Revenue Bond Housing Facilities at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Seiler, Zimmer, Hruza, and McKnight. Voting Aye: Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Motion carried.

Action Moved by McClurg and seconded by Wilson to approve items IX-B-4, IX-B-5, IX-B-6, and IX-B-7

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- IX-B-4 Approve the Resolution to authorize transfer and expenditure of up to \$447,000 for capital improvements for University Housing facilities from the Student Fees and Facilities Revenue Bond Surplus Funds
- IX-B-5 Approve the supervision of an immediate family member in accordance with University policy
- IX-B-6 Approve the selection of Elness Swenson Graham Architects, Inc. to provide design services for the Abel-Sandoz Dining Center Renovation
- IX-B-7 Approve the sole source purchase of a Genome Analyzer from Illumina, Inc. in the amount of \$540,000
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Zimmer, Hruza, McKnight, and Seiler. Voting Aye: McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and Hawks. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Wilson to approve items IX-B-8 and IX-B-9

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- IX-B-8 Approve a change order to the contract for the construction of the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education building in the amount of \$415,000
- IX-B-9 Approve the program statement and budget for the construction of a new building for the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing-Lincoln Division on the East Campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- There was discussion. Regent Hawks asked that other sites for the College of Nursing-Lincoln Division be considered so as not to displace existing parking.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hruza, McKnight, Seiler, and Zimmer. Voting Aye: Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, and McClurg. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Hawks to approve item IX-B-10
- IX-B-10 Approve the waiver of the requirements of Regents' Policy RP-6.2.7 on the naming of facilities and name the College of Public Health Building at the University of Nebraska Medical Center the "Harold M. and Beverly Maurer Center for Public Health"
- President Milliken commended Chancellor Maurer for his dedication and leadership at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: McKnight, Seiler, Zimmer, and Hruza. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, and Phares. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Hawks to approve items IX-B-11 and IX-B-12

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- IX-B-11 Approve a budget increase in the amount of \$3,000,000 for Mammel Hall
- IX-B-12 Approve the project budget for design of the University Life Complex Phase II
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Seiler, Zimmer, Hruza, and McKnight. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Wilson, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, and Schroeder. Motion carried.

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Motion

Moved by Wilson and seconded by McClurg to approve item IX-B-13



IX-C-5 Proposed revisions to Chapter 6 of the Board of Regents' policies on Business and Financial Management are presented for information purposes only. Approval of these amendments will be requested at the Board of Regents' meeting on November 7, 2008

**D. REPORTS**

IX-D-1 Progress report on Increasing Women and Minority Faculty

IX-D-2 Personnel Reports

IX-D-3 Programs with Tuition Variances

IX-D-4 Semi-annual Report of licenses for the period ended June 30, 2008

IX-D-5 Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests for the period April 1-June 30, 2008

IX-D-6 Bids and Contracts 2008

IX-D-7 Status of Capital Projects exceeding \$5 million as of June 30, 2008

IX-D-8 Quarterly Status Report of Six-Year Capital Plan and Capital Construction Report for the period ended June 30, 2008

IX-D-9 Naming the library garden at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the International Quilt Study Center garden at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln the "Marion E. and Barbara B. Tritsch Gardens"

IX-D-10 Naming purchased farm land in Keith County the "West Central Water Resources Field Laboratory"

IX-D-11 Design report for the Whittier Building Renovation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-D-12 Design Development Report for the renovation of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry building on the East Campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-D-13 Schedule for periodic review of Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching and/or Service

IX-D-14 SAP Prioritization

Chairman Hassebrook accepted the reports

**X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Closed Session

Regent Hassebrook declared that the closed session would be strictly limited to a discussion of:

- (a) A strategy session with respect to real estate improvements and possible purchases.

The Board went into closed session at 3:06 p.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 4:13 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hassebrook at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donal J. Burns  
Corporation Secretary

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Chuck Hassebrook  
Chairman of the Board