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Embryonic stem cell research holds enormous promise, and if the University of Nebraska is to be a leading research university it should be appropriately engaged in this research. The guidelines for that engagement are now set by federal law and regulations, state law and Board policy. I believe that to do otherwise would unnecessarily limit the opportunities for discoveries to save and improve lives. In my view, it would also risk great harm to the reputation of the University and damage our ability to recruit and retain outstanding research and clinical faculty.

Thus my recommendation to the Board to be considered today or at any time in the future is that it maintain its current policy that permits embryonic stem cell research authorized by federal and Nebraska law. Thank you.

Chancellor Maurer and Chancellor Perlman made remarks in support of human embryonic stem cell research at the University of Nebraska being consistent with state and federal laws and associated regulations and guidelines. [For Chancellor Maurer's comments, see document file]

VII. HEARINGS

None

VIII. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Ferlic to approve items VIII-A-1, VIII-B-1, and VIII-B-2

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

VIII-A-1 The President's Personnel Recommendations

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

VIII-B-1 Authorize the Chancellor to approve a contract for a 2009 postseason football game

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Approve the selection of Holland Basham Architects to provide architectural design services for the renovation of Roskens Hall at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Collins, Craig, Bohn, and Bonacci. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, and Ferlic. Motion carried.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Moved by Hawks and seconded by McClurg to approve items IX-A-1 and IX-A-2

Approve dissolution or merger of University of Nebraska Medical Center Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching and/or Service

Approve dissolution of University of Nebraska-Lincoln Centers for Research, Teaching and/or Service

Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Craig, Bohn, Bonacci, and Collins. Voting Aye: Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Moved by McClurg and seconded by Phares to approve items IX-B-1 and IX-B-2

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Approve the attached Resolution to authorize expenditure of up to \$1,694,154 for capital improvements for the Nebraska Unions, University Health Center and University Housing facilities from the Replacement Fund of the Student Fees and Facilities Revenue Bonds at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Approve the Resolution to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,116,500 from the Surplus Fund of the UNL Parking Revenue Bonds to improve certain property and equipment

There was discussion

Student Opinion: Aye: Bohn, Bonacci, Collins, and Craig. Voting Aye: McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and Hawks. Motion carried.

Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by McClurg to approve items IX-B-3 and IX-B-4

University of Nebraska at Omaha

IX-B-3 Approve the Purchase Agreement by and between NS-The Heritage, L.L.C. (Heritage), the Pappas-Missouri River Natural Resources District (NRD) and the Board of Regents for approximately 83 acres of land adjacent to University of Nebraska at Omaha's Allwine Prairie Preserve

IX-B-4 Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$300,000 from the Sixth Series Surplus Fund to partially fund parking lot addition

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Bonacci, Collins, Craig, and Bohn. Voting Aye: Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, and McClurg. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Hassebrook to approve items IX-B-5 and IX-B-6

University of Nebraska Medical Center

IX-B-5 Approve the interlocal agreement with the Omaha Public Power District for the implementation of energy re5otid. 4

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Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Hawks to approve items IX-b-7and IX-B-9

University of Nebraska Medical Center

IX-B-7 Approve the program statement of a new Eye Institute building on the campus of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), which authorizes UNMC to hire outside consultants and spend up to 3% of the prelimin

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