

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on September 9, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the board room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in a 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 29, 2011.

Regents present:

Timothy F. Clare  
Randolph M. Ferlic  
Chuck Hassebrook  
Howard Hawks  
Jim McClurg, Vice Chair  
Bob Phares  
Kent Schroeder  
Bob Whitehouse, Chairman  
Lane Carr  
Jordan Gonzales  
Elizabeth O'Connor  
Jeremy Peterson

University officials present:

James B. Milliken, President  
Linda R. Pratt, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Carmen K. Maurer, Interim Corporation Secretary  
John E. Christensen, Chancellor, UNO  
Harold M. Maurer, Chancellor, UNMC  
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, UNK

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**Regent Clare presented a KUDOS award to Gui-Jie Zhang**, 1+2+1 Program Coordinator in the Office of International Education at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Regent McClurg presented a KUDOS award to Lisa Runco**, Vice Chair for Administration and Finance in the Department of Internal Medicine, College of Medicine, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Phares presented a KUDOS award to Bob Gier**, Supply Control Supervisor in Moving Services and University Stores at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Earl Hawkey**, Director of the Office of Registration and Records at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Barbara LaCost, President of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Faculty Senate, spoke on the topic of the proposed 120 credit hour baccalaureate degree.

**VI. RESOLUTIONS**

None

**VII. HEARINGS**

None

President Milliken introduced and welcomed Mary Niemiec, Associate Vice President for Distance Education and Director of University of Nebraska Online Worldwide

**VIII. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Schroeder to approve items VIII-A-1, VIII-A-2, VIII-A-3, VIII-A-4, VIII-A-5, VIII-A-6, VIII-B-1, VIII-B-2, VIII-B-3, VIII-B-4, VIII-B-5, VIII-B-6, VIII-B-7, VIII-B-8, and VIII-B-9

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

VIII-A-1 The President's Personnel Recommendation

VIII-A-2 Approve the amendment of *Regents' Policy RP-5.7.4.10(c) of the Board of Regents' Policies of the University of Nebraska*, Tuition Level Guidelines

Section 10(c) of *Regents' Policy 5.7.4, Tuition Level Guidelines* provides that a report on differential tuition rates be submitted to the Board of Regents after each semester and summer session. It is proposed that the information in those three reports be submitted in a single annual report to the Board of Regents, and that section 10(c) of the policy be amended as follows:

10. Differential Tuition Rates: the President may establish a procedure by which the campuses may vary the rate of tuition from that established by the Board. The purpose of such variable rates would be to achieve University goals and objectives. The principles guiding any tuition differential rates shall be as follows:

a. Differential tuition rates should take

- VIII-A-3 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2011-2012 academic year and 2012 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- VIII-A-4 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2011-2012 academic year and 2012 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- VIII-A-5 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2011-2012 academic year and 2012 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- VIII-A-6 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2011-2012 academic year at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

**B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- VIII-B-1 Approve the sole source purchase of a Helix-SFT Noble Gas Mass Spectrometer
- VIII-B-2 Approve the sole source purchase of a Scanalyzer 3D Platform
- VIII-B-3 Approve the sole source purchase of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging Human Brain Scanning System
- VIII-B-4 Approve the sole source purchase of an Omicron SPM/PES Ultrahigh Vacuum System
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- VIII-B-5 Approve the sole source purchase of an upgrade to Next Generation Sequencing instrument
- VIII-B-6 Approve the sole source purchase of an AFM/Raman instrument
- VIII-B-7 Approve the sole source purchase of a custom flow cytometry system
- VIII-B-8 Approve the sole source purchase of a laser capture microdissection system and accessory fluorescence microscope
- VIII-B-9 Approve the sole source purchase of an upgrade to the 7 Tesla small animal MRI
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: O'Connor, Peterson, Carr, and Gonzales. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, and Ferlic. Motion carried.

President Milliken introduced and welcomed Juliann F. Sebastian, Dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center; Archie Clutter, Dean of the Agricultural Research Division and Director of the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station within the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; and Sharon Stephan, Vice President for University Affairs at the University of Nebraska.

**IX. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by McClurg to approve item IX-A-1
- IX-A-1 Approval is requested for a new *University of Nebraska Board of Regents Policy* RP-5.1.4 to standardize University of Nebraska baccalaureate degrees at 120 credit hours

**RP-5.1.4 Policy on the Baccalaureate Degree**

1. Purpose

The University of Nebraska adopts the following policy to ensure that students have the opportunity to graduate in four years, if they take 15 hours in each of eight semesters.

2. Policy

The University of Nebraska baccalaureate degree shall require 120 credit hours.

3. Exceptions to the Policy

(a) Exceptions to the 120 hour baccalaureate degree shall be approved by the Provost and reported to the Board of Regents if any of the following criteria are documented.

1) Professional accreditation requires more credits for licensing than can be completed to meet standard graduation requirements.

2) A degree is governed by State requirements for certification that require more than 120 hours to meet standard graduation requirements.

3) The degree is defined as a five-year degree.

(b) Any other exception to the 120 credit hours baccalaureate degree must be approved the Board of Regents of the University.

4. Procedure

This policy will be required for students first entering the University in the fall of 2012. Students previously enrolled may be eligible for the 120 hour degree option.

There was discussion

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Peterson, Carr, Gonzales, and O'Connor. Voting Aye: Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Phares to approve item IX-A-2
- IX-A-2 Approval is requested to eliminate the Bachelor of Science Degree in the Plant Protection Sciences Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Carr, Gonzales, O'Connor, and Peterson. Voting Aye: McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and Hawks. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by McClurg to approve item IX-A-3
- IX-A-3 Approval is requested to merge the Department of Engineering Mechanics and the Department of Mechanical Engineering and name the new unit the Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Gonzales, O'Connor, Peterson, and Carr. Voting Aye: Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, and McClurg. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Hassebrook and seconded by McClurg to approve item IX-A-4
- IX-A-4 Approval is requested to create a new undergraduate certificate in Civic Engagement at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: O'Connor, Peterson, Carr, and Gonzales. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, and Phares. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Hawks to approve item IX-A-5
- IX-A-5 Approval is requested to transition the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree from the Graduate College to the College of Nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

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Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Peterson,

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by McClurg to approve items IX-B-4 and IX-B-5

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-B-4 Approve the program statement and budget for the 4-H Building Renovation at the Nebraska Innovation Campus

IX-B-5 Approve the program statement and budget for construction of the Life Science Research Collaboration Center at the Nebraska Innovation Campus

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Carr, Gonzales, O'Connor, and Peterson. Voting Aye: McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and Hawks. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by McClurg to approve item IX-B-6

IX-B-6 Approve the project budget for the Life Sciences Annex East Wing Rehabilitation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Gonzales, O'Connor, Peterson, and Carr. Voting Aye: Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, and McClurg. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Phares to approve item IX-B-7

IX-B-7 Approve the form of Asset Purchase Agreement with Jewish Publication Society

Regent Hawks requested a pro forma statement on the Jewish Publication Society to be presented to the Business Affairs Committee.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: O'Connor, Peterson, Carr, and Gonzales. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, and Phares. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Hawks to approve item IX-B-8

University of Nebraska Medical Center

IX-B-8 Approve the replacement of two chillers in the University of Nebraska Medical Center Central Utilities Plant

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Peterson, Carr, Gonzales, and O'Connor. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, and Schroeder. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by McClurg to approve item IX-B-9

IX-B-9 Approve the naming of the student plaza and greenway on the campus of the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Carr, Gonzales, O'Connor, and Peterson. Voting Aye: Clare, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, and Whitehouse. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Hassebrook to approve item IX-B-10

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture



**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Whitehouse at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carmen K. Maurer  
Interim Corporation Secretary

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Robert L. Whitehouse  
Chairman of the Board