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Lincoln, Nebraska  
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The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on April 6, 2002, at 8:30 a.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, Daily Nebraskan, The Gateway, The Antelope, Kearney Hub and Omaha World Herald on March 25, 2002.

Regents present:

Don S. Blank  
Randolph M. Ferlic, Vice Chair  
Chuck Hassebrook  
Ryan Hatt  
Jim McClurg  
Drew Miller  
Nancy L. O'Brien  
Shay Riggs  
Kent Schroeder, Chair  
Charles S. Wilson  
Brock Wentz  
Ryan Wilkins

University officials present:

L. Dennis Smith, President  
Lee B. Jones, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Nancy Belck, Chancellor, UNO  
Harold Maurer, Chancellor, UNMC  
Gladys S. Johnston, Chancellor, UNK  
Harvey S. Perlman, Chancellor, UNL  
John Owens, Vice President and Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Kim M. Robak, Vice President for External Affairs and Corporation Secretary  
David Lechner, Vice President for Business and Finance  
Richard R. Wood, Vice President and General Counsel

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Schroeder welcomed new UNL Student Regent Ryan Wilkins, UNK Student Regent Ryan Hatt, and newly appointed Regent Jim McClurg.

II. **ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 8:30 a.m. in the Cedar Room at the Nebraskan Student Union, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, Nebraska, Saturday, April 6, 2002. Attendance is indicated above.



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V. **STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE**

Chairman Schroeder introduced the topic of Maintenance Costs on Capital Construction Gifts. Rebecca Koller, Assistant Vice President and Director of Facilities Planning and Management, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the topic. (See Documents File for PowerPoint presentation.) Koller spoke about the following points:

- 1) What are capital construction gifts?
- 2) Why did the university start seeking capital construction gifts?
- 3) How are capital construction gifts maintained?
- 4) Why are capital construction gifts important to the university and State of Nebraska.

Discussion was held.

VI. **HEARINGS**

None.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Robinson, employee at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, spoke to the Board about his concerns regarding the budget and the management in the facilities department.

Discussion was held on the appropriate procedure Mr. Robinson should follow in order to get his concerns addressed. Chancellor Johnston offered to speak with Mr. Robinson personally.

VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Business Affairs

Regent Ferlic reported that the committee met on Friday and received a briefing on NU Values. Ferlic stated that this program needs to be initiated as soon as possible.

Academic Affairs

Regent Wilson reported that the committee met on Friday and discussed the issue of completing bachelors degrees in four years. The Board examined the issue of how many students graduate in four years and looked at the reasons why some students do not graduate in four years. Wilson intends to bring to the Board at the next meeting a written statement that will offer an assurance/guarantee that the university will do what it can to allow students to graduate in four years provided they meet certain criteria.

Regent Miller stated his opinion that there shouldn't be pressure for student to graduate in four years.

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**A. ACADEMIC**

IX-A-1

President's Personnel Recommendations.

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Leaves of Absence

Rick A. Bevins, Associate Professor (Continuous) Psychology; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$60,750 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Christina E. Brantner, Associate Professor (Continuous) Modern Languages and Literatures; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$46,248 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Albert Casullo, Professor (Continuous) Philosophy; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$80,771 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Alan C. Christensen, Associate Professor (Continuous), School of Biological Sciences; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$55,835 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Steve R. Dunbar, Professor (Continuous), Mathematics and Statistics; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$76,911 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

William Grange, Associate Professor (Continuous), Theatre Arts; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$52,299 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Rumiko Handa, Associate Professor (Continuous), Architecture; Leave with 20% pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$61,742 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

James Hendrix, Assistant to Vice Chancellor for Research (Special), Professor (Continuous), Chemical Engineering; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$179,355 FY current salary; includes \$3,600 stipend which will not be paid out during leave, 1.00 FTE.

Phyllis Japp, Associate Professor (Continuous), Communication Studies; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$53,594 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Kathleen H. Keeler, Professor (Continuous), School of Biological Sciences; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$66,174 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Patricia F. Kennedy, Associate Professor, Marketing; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$85,617 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Bettina-Elizabeth Klaus, Assistant Professor (Specific Term), Economics; Leave without pay effective 06/15/02 to 05/16/03, \$73,997 FY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Stephen J. Lavin, Associate Professor (Continuous) Anthropology and Geography; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$60,985 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

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Merlin P. Lawson, Professor (Continuous), Geosciences; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 07/01/02 to 01/05/03, \$141,641 (includes \$3,600 stipend which will not be paid out during leave) FY current salary, 1.00 FTE

Peter Maslowski, Professor (Continuous), History; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$70,092 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Ruth S. Nisse, Associate Professor (Continuous) English; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$53,136 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Hilda Raz, Professor (Continuous), English; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$83,200 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Robert F. Schopp, Professor (Continuous), Law; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 08/19/02 to 01/05/03, \$96,555 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE

Norman D. Smith, Professor and Chair (Continuous), Geosciences; Leave without pay effective 06/16/02 to 07/13/02, \$139,702 FY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

James B. Swinehart, Professor (Continuous), Conservation and Survey Division; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 07/01/02 to 12/31/02, \$76,206 FY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Adjustment

Benjamin Rader, Professor (Continuous), History; James L. Sellers Professor of History (Special), effective 05/01/02, \$99,318 AY (includes \$10,000 Professorship), 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Adjustment

William O. Berndt, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Special), and Dean, Graduate Studies (Special), University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Professor (Continuous), Pharmacology, College of Medicine; effective 02/01/02, \$192,580 FY, 1.00 FTE. Change organizational unit from Graduate Studies and Research.

- IX-A-2 Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for Dean Sicking.
- IX-A-3 Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for Kaushik P. Patel and Stephen I. Rennard, M.D.
- IX-A-4 Approval of the College of Medicine's request to change the name of the Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy to the Department of Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- IX-A-5 Approve discontinuance of the Dental Interdepartmental Area Graduate Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- IX-A-6 Approve the proposed amendment to Regental Policy 2.8.1 "Eligibility to Hold Office."
- IX-A-7 Approve the name change for the UNO Center for Discipline-Based Art Education to Center for Innovation in Arts Education.
- IX-A-8 Approve the Award of Honorary Degrees.

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**B. BUSINESS**

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- IX-B-1 Approve the agreement with the City of Omaha for the construction of a roundabout or Alternative Improvement in Elmwood Park adjacent to the UNO campus.
- IX-B-2 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) 2002-2003 Allocation for the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- IX-B-3 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF): 2002-2003 Allocation for the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- IX-B-4 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) 2002-2003 Allocation for the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- IX-B-5 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) 2002-2003 Allocation for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- IX-B-6 Approve and grant a Permanent Public Pedestrian and Vehicle Way Easement and Temporary Construction Easement to The Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission (NETC).
- IX-B-7 Approve the project budget for the Othmer Hall–Finishing of Shell Space Project.
- IX-B-8 Approve the First Amendment to the Project Interest Installment Purchase Agreement

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X. **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

A. **ACADEMIC**

Motion Moved Hassebrook by and seconded by Wilson to approve item X-A-1.

X-A-1 Approve Master of Science major in Telecommunications Engineering at the University of

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Action Student Opinion: Aye: Riggs, Wentz, and Hatt. Voting Nay: Wilkins. Voting Aye: O'Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, McClurg, and Miller. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

**C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

None

**D. REPORTS**

- X-D-1 Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Tuition Rates for the University of Nebraska (including Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture).
- X-D-2 University of Nebraska at Omaha Housing Rates for 2002-2003 for University Village and Scott Hall.
- X-D-3 Othmer-Topp Endowment Fund, second priority uses, for the year ended December 31, 2001.
- X-D-4 Status of Capital Projects exceeding \$2 million as of December 31, 2001.
- X-D-5 Changes in Construction Projects by Budget Categories.
- X-D-6 Monthly Report of Bids and Contracts for the period ended March 15, 2002.
- X-D-7 Report of Expedited Approval of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Certificate Program in Family Financial Planning.

Chairman Schroeder accepted the reports.

**XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim M. Robak  
Corporation Secretary

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Kent Schroeder  
Chair of the Board