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The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on December 8, 2011 at 10:40 a.m. in the board room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in a publicly convened session, the same being ope

**Regent Peterson presented a KUDOS award to Jeffrey Bassford**, Business Officer for the Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources Finance and Personnel Office at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Dan McDermott**, Groundskeeper at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Regent Hassebrook presented a KUDOS award to Carmen Brewer**, Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Regent Phares presented a KUDOS award to Alice Weyant**, Compensation Administrator for Human Resources Strategic Staffing and Compensation at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**V.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Regent McClurg presented the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Jeremy Peterson has served as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and as President of the University of Nebraska Medical Center Student Senate during the 2010-2011 term;

**WHEREAS**, Regent Peterson has taken an active and positive role in Board of Regents meetings and events across the state, and has advocated for students on matters of affordable tuition;

**WHEREAS**, Regent Peterson has continued to further develop the Student Senate Outreach Fund to support local healthcare initiatives, and to further ensure the continued funding of this account;

**WHEREAS**, Regent Peterson has chaired the bi-annual Student Senate Blood Drive, has overseen the creation of a student committee to participate in the development of inter-

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation for the outstanding work that Jan Thayer has done on behalf of the Nebraska Medical Center, the University and the State of Nebraska, during her 14 years of service on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Medical Center.

Action The resolutions were adopted by acclamation.

**VI. HEARINGS**

Technical amendments to § 4.14.2(c) (8) and (9) of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska relating to the powers and rules of procedure to be followed by the Academic Freedom and Tenure committees to be created by the faculty governing agencies on each campus.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VIII. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by McClurg to approve items VIII-A-1, VIII-A-2, VIII-A-3, VIII-A-4, VIII-B-1, and VIII-B-2

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

VIII-A-1 The President's Personnel Recommendations

VIII-A-2 Approve Board of Regents Policy RP-4.3.4 concerning authority to appoint Endowed Chairs and Named Professorships

RP-4.3.4 Approval of Appointments to Endowed Chairs and Named Professorships

The University of Nebraska is fortunate to have the resources and private funding necessary to establish and designate a substantial number of Endowed Chairs and Named Professorships. The purposes underlying these Chairs and Professorships are to advance the University's academic goals and objectives; to recognize and support faculty members of exceptional academic distinction; and to assist the University in its efforts to attract and retain outstanding scholars and leaders.

Except when a donor agreement otherwise specifies, the appointment of Endowed Chairs, Named Professorships, and similarly named appointments is governed by processes established by the relevant campus and approved by its Chancellor. In those instances when donor agreements supporting the appointments provide that the selection of the recipient is subject to the approval of the Board of Regents, the Board of Regents hereby delegates to the President the authority to approve these Chairs and Professorships and similarly named appointments, on behalf of the Board of Regents. The University shall provide timely written notice of such appointments to the University of Nebraska Foundation for those Chairs and Professorships funded through the Foundation.

Appointments to Endowed Chairs and Named Professorships shall be included in the quarterly personnel report provided to the Board of Regents.

VIII-A-3 Approve Changes to Board of Regents Policy RP-4.2.6 concerning Emeritus Status

RP-4.2.6 Emeritus Status

Emeritus Status is the rank customarily awarded by the President or Chancellor of each campus given by the Board of Regents to a faculty member an employee at the time of his or her retirement. Emeritus status is given in recognition of substantial service rendered to the University in the field of teaching, or of research, or service and to facilitate retired faculty to continue their research and to provide advice and the benefits of their expertise to colleagues and students of administration in these fields. Emeritus status ~~It~~ may also be given to senior administrators including, but not limited to,

Chancellors, Vice Presidents, Vice Chancellors, Deans, and other administrators whose work with academic programs has contributed to the educational work of the University. a retired librarian, registrar, comptroller, administrative dean, director, or head of other similar division or subdivision whose work impinges directly upon the educational program.

The Board of Regents must approve emeritus status for a retiring president.

Designations of emeritus status are reported to the Board of Regents in the regularly scheduled personnel reports.

While length of service is not necessarily material, employment for at least ten years is to be presumed, although exceptions to this term may be made by the President or Chancellor awarding the emeritus rank. Board of Regents.

1. General Principles

While it is believed that, because of past service, there are substantial perquisites and privileges which should accrue to persons who have retired from active service to the University because of having reached retirement age or because of ill health, emeritus status this rating normally signifies non-activity in connection with all assigned duties. It is not intended, however, that Retirement should not shall sever all appropriate connection between the person and the University, and emeritus members are. In fact, a retired staff member is encouraged to maintain their his or her associations and to continue study, and scholarly investigation, and professional advising of students. to such a degree as his or her health and strength may permit.

The practical development of this program of continuation is indicated in essence in the following paragraphs.

2. ~~Special~~ Privileges

- a. Office space or desk room, while ordinarily not assigned to emeritus faculty a retired staff member, may be so assigned by the dean or director of the division concerned if, in his or her judgment, such location is especially desirable in a given instance and it is recommended by the staff of the department.
- b. Similarly, research facilities, while not ordinarily available to emeritus faculty a retired employee, may be granted, where practicable, by the dean or director, if

- c. When emeritus members ~~retired employees~~ are called upon to act as references for former students, to furnish information to earlier associates, or to perform any other similar University service stemming from a responsibility which

~~enforcement officer~~ in the manner provided for subpoenas in the Nebraska Court Rules of Discovery.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Peterson, Carr, Gonzales, and O'Connor. Voting Aye: McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Not present: Hawks. 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 department of Industrial and Management Systems Engineering (IMSE) the College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Carr, Gonzales, O'Connor, and Peterson. Voting Aye: McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Ferlic to approve item IX-A-3

IX-A-3 Approval is requested to create a Ph.D. in

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Additional Item – University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by McClurg to approve item IX-B-8
- IX-B-8 Approve the Building and Ground Lease agreement between the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Midwest Roadside Safety Facility (MwRSF) and the Airport Authority of the City of Lincoln
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Peterson, O’Connor, Carr, and Gonzales. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, Hassebrook, McClurg, Phares, and Schroeder. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.

**C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- IX-C-1 University of Nebraska Strategic Planning Framework
- IX-C-2 University of Nebraska Strategic Framework Accountability Measures
- IX-C-3 Calendar of establishing and reporting accountability measures
- IX-C-4 University of Nebraska Strategic Dashboard Indicators
- IX-C-5 Board of Regents agenda items related to the University of Nebraska Strategic Framework

**D. REPORTS**

- IX-D-1 Quarterly Personnel Report
- IX-D-2 Leaves of Absences approved during the period July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011
- IX-D-3 Expedited approval of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Certificate in Early Literacy
- IX-D-4 Intermediate Design Report – UNL Life Sciences Annex
- IX-D-5 UNMC Facilities Development Plan Update
- IX-D-6 Six Year Capital Plan and Capital Construction Report
- IX-D-7 Gift, Grants, Contract & Bequests
- IX-D-8 Bids and Contracts
- IX-D-9 Strategic Framework Report – Endowments
- Chairman Whitehouse accepted the reports.



**X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Closed Session

Motion Moved by Carr and seconded by Ferlic 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 subject:

- (a) proposed private gifts to the University of Nebraska Foundation for the benefit of the university.

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

- (a) proposed private gifts to the University of Nebraska Foundation for the benefit of the university.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Carr, Gonzales, O'Connor, and Peterson. Voting Aye: Clare, Ferlic, Hassebrook, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, and Whitehouse. Not present: Hawks. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 11:27 a.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 12:12 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Whitehouse at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carmen K. Maurer  
Corporation Secretary

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Robert L. Whitehouse  
Chairman of the Board