

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on Saturday, February 23, 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 February 11, 2002.

Regents present:

Don S. Blank
Randolph M. Ferlic, Vice Chair
Nathan Fuerst
Chuck Hassebrook
Jay Matzke
Drew Miller
Nancy L. O'Brien
Shay Riggs
Ryan Samuelson
Kent Schroeder, Chair
Charles S. Wilson
Brock Wentz

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**

II. **ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege, Lincoln, Nebraska, Saturday, February 23, 2002. Attendance is indicated above. Regent Riggs arrived at 8:35 a.m.

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

Motion Moved by Matzke and seconded by Ferlic to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of January 19, 2002.

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Action Student Opinion: Aye: Samuelson, Wentz, and Fuerst. Absent: Riggs. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Matzke, Miller, O'Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, and Blank. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

IV. **KUDOS**

Regent Wentz presented a KUDOS award to William F. Halda, Sr., Groundskeeper II in the Facilities Planning and Management division of the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Riggs presented a KUDOS award to David A. Daniels, Assistant Director of Fitness and Wellness for Campus Recreation at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Fuerst presented a KUDOS award to Belinda Gillam, Accounting Clerk in the Biological Systems Engineering department at University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Regent Samuelson presented a KUDOS award to Ron Burke, Director of Dining Services and Food Stores in the Housing Department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

RESOLUTIONS

Regent Blank presented the following Resolution.

Whereas, Nathan D. Fuerst has served with distinction as Student Regent and President of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska since March 29, 2001; and

Whereas, Regent Fuerst very effectively presented the views of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students to fellow Board members, the Nebraska Legislature, and the citizens of the state; and

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Whereas, immediately following the September 11th terrorist attacks Regent Fuerst launched a Red Cross fund drive and urged fellow students to wear blue ribbons to show their concern for the victims and their families; and

Whereas, Regent Fuerst created a Student Emergency Task Force that prepared suggested response plans for future student leaders who might have to react to the occurrence of tragic events; and

Whereas, a broad and representative Budget Reduction Task Force was appointed by Regent Fuerst to help student government evaluate and offer advice regarding budget reduction proposals; and

Whereas, Regent Fuerst has launched an initiative that will offer students an internet site providing greater amounts of information about university courses and the faculty who teach them; and

Whereas, the ASUN internet site and other computer-based student government services will be greatly enhanced by the 2002-03 budget that Regent Fuerst developed.

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Therefore, be it resolved that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses sincere appreciation for Nathan D. Fuerst's dedicated service and effective leadership as a member of the Board, and wishes him well in all of his future endeavors.

Regent Fuerst thanked the Board for excellent experience he had while serving on the Board.

Regent Miller presented the following Resolution.

Whereas, Ryan Samuelson has distinguished himself as a dedicated student body president for the University of Nebraska at Kearney; and

Whereas, Regent Samuelson is the only student in University of Nebraska history to complete two full terms on the Board of Regents; and

Whereas, Regent Samuelson and his student-body cabinet reestablished and expanded the Student Envoy program as a student communication and recruitment vehicle; and

Whereas, Regent Samuelson initiated a review of the student discipline process on the UNK campus and helped develop a procedure to help ensure fair hearings; and

Whereas, Regent Samuelson has served on the University of Nebraska Bioterrorism Preparedness Task Force, the UNK Chancellor Search Committee, the UNK Strategic Planning Committee, and the UNK Technology Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, Regent Samuelson has emphasized student recruitment as a primary goal during both of his terms as student body president; and

Whereas, Regent Samuelson, a/k/a "disc jockey extra ordinaire," has gone above and beyond the call of duty in providing his fellow Regents with an entertaining CD collection of hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s for their lifetime listening (and singing) enjoyment.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents congratulates Ryan Samuelson for his outstanding service on the Board and wishes him well in all his future endeavors.

Regent Samuelson thanked the Board for the wonderful the time he had serving on the board during his two years. Regent Samuelson played and sang the UNK fight song.

Regent Hassebrook presented the following Resolution.

Whereas, Jay Matzke, M.D. was elected to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents in November 2000 and has served with distinction since January 2001; and

Whereas, Regent Matzke has demonstrated a sincere concern for education at all levels, having served as president, vice president, and treasurer of the Millard Board of Education prior to being elected to the Board of Regents; and

Whereas, during his service on the Board of Regents, Regent Matzke has been a strong advocate for quality education for all Nebraska students; and

Whereas, Regent Matzke has demonstrated concern for the ability of students of modest financial means to have access to the University of Nebraska; and

Whereas, Regent Matzke has supported improvements in the effectiveness and efficiency of all the operations of the university; and

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Whereas, Regent Matzke has brought his courtesy, friendliness and good humor to all of his dealings with students, faculty, staff, and administrators, as well as his colleagues on the Board;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents regretfully accepts the resignation of Regent Jay Matzke, thanks him for his excellent service as a member of the Board, and wishes him well as he begins a new phase of his medical career in Sheldon, Iowa.

Regent Matzke spoke to the Board regarding the great experience he had as a Regent, and thanked the Board for their support.

The Board recessed at 9:00 a.m. to take pictures with the KUDOS and Resolution recipients and reconvened at 9:10 a.m.

V. **STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE**

President Smith made a few introductory comments to the Board regarding the Forecasting Board's report on the amount of shortfall. Smith introduced the panelist speakers:

Senator Bob Wickersham,
Senator Ron Raikes, and
John Jordison, President, Nebraska Tax Research Council.

Each member of the panels presented information about the structural issues surrounding the state's budget and their reviews of the long-term revenue issues.

Discussion was held.

President Smith thanked the speakers for their time and their presentation.

The Board recessed at 10:20 a.m and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

VI. **HEARINGS**

A hearing on the following item was opened by the Chair.

There were no public comments regarding the proposed amendment of Section 3.9 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska*. Addendum IX-B-1.

Chairman Schroeder closed the hearing.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dick Davis spoke to the Board about the need for cooperation from all entities to support need based student aid. The Coordinating Commission on Postsecondary Education released a report entitled, "Blocked Opportunities: Meeting the Financial Aid Needs of Low-Income Students." (For report, see documents file.)

Regent Ferlic and Hassebrook thanked Dick for his persistence on this issue as it is a very important.

Regent Wilson stated that the structural issues need to be addressed to best maximize the number of needy students that can benefit from need based aid to attend higher education.

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VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs

Regent Wilson reported that the committee met on Friday and heard a report from Thomas Gouttierre on the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Center for Afghanistan Studies contribution to rebuilding Afghanistan.

Information Technology

Regent Miller reported that committee met on Friday and heard a report from Walter Weir about the university's statewide networking plan.

Chairman Schroeder accepted the reports.

IX. **UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by Matzke to approve items IX-A-1, IX-A-2, IX-B-1, IX-B-2, IX-B-3, IX-B-4, and IX-B-5.

A. ACADEMIC

IX-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Leave of Absence

John T. Repke Professor (Continuous), Obstetrics and Gynecology; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 03/03/02 to 09/02/02, \$167,680 FY, 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Leaves of Absence

G. Griffith Elder, Associate Professor (Continuous), Mathematics; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$51,552 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Gary Hartzell, Professor (Continuous), Educational Administration and Supervision; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$71,832 AY, 1.00 FTE.

David Helm, Associate Professor (Continuous), Art and Art History; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$45,978 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Harmon Maher, Professor (Continuous), Geography/Geology; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$57,729 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Amy Rodie, Associate Professor (Continuous), Marketing/Management; Faculty Development Fellowship with half pay, effective 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$75,715 AY, 1.00 FTE.

IX-A-2 Approve the request for outside employment at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for Roderick F. Kelly.

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B. BUSINESS

Central Administration

IX-B-1 Approve proposed amendment of § 3.9 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska relating to political activities of employees and curtailment of

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University of Nebraska-Lincoln

X-B-2 Approve University of Nebraska-Lincoln Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for the 2002-2003 academic year.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

X-B-3 Approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha Optional Board Plans for the 2002-03 Academic Year.

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- X-D-9 Semi annual report of licenses for the period ended December 31, 2001.
- X-D-10 Report on members of the University of Nebraska Project Review Board Pool.
- X-D-11 Report on approval of the Cooperative Agreement with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the amount of \$6,509,535 to provide America's Rapid Response to Education Needs in Afghanistan (ARRENA).

Regent Ferlic asked that the University makes an effort to consolidate the University's internal audit functions. Ferlic stated we should have an internal audit team that functions out of Central Administration. President Smith stated that the Board has directed the assembly of an internal audit team, but due to budget cuts it hasn't been done yet. The project is at the top of the list.

Chairman Schroeder accepted the reports.

XI. **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Chairman Schroeder passed out the Strategic Issues that have been set for the year 2002. (For handout, see documents file.) Schroeder also passed out a Legislative Update. (For handout, see documents file.)

Regent Wilson asked for help with ideas for academic affairs committee topics.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim M. Robak
Corporation Secretary

Kent Schroeder
Chair of the Board