

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on March 25, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. via videoconference at these locations: the board room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Streets, Lincoln, NE; the Panhandle Research & Extension Center board room, 4502 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE; and 46-650 West Eldorado Drive, Indian Wells, CA, 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 March 15, 2011.

Regents present:
Timothy F. Clare
Randolph M. Ferlic (via video conference)
Chuck Hassebrook
Howard Hawks
Jim McClurg, Vice Chair
Bob Phares (via video conference)
Kent Schroeder
Bob Whitehouse, Chairman
Michael Crabb
Justin Solomon
Nathan Summerfield

Not present:
Jeremy Peterson

University officials present:
James B. Milliken, President
Donal J. Burns, Corporation Secretary
John Christensen, Chancellor, UNO
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, UNK
David Lechner, Vice President for Business and Finance
Joel Pedersen, Vice President and General Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 8:00 a.m. via videoconference at these locations: the board room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Streets, Lincoln, NE; the Panhandle Research & Extension Center board room, 4502 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE; and 46-650 West Eldorado Drive, Indian Wells, CA, on March 25, 2011. Attendance is indicated above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by McClurg to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of March 11, 2011.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Solomon, Summerfield, and Crabb. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, and Clare. Not Present: Peterson. Motion carried.

Regent Whitehouse announced the availability of copies of the Open Meetings Act in the board room.

IV. MOTION TO MODIFY THE STANDING RULES

Motion Moved by Schroder and seconded by McClurg to approve the Motion to Extend the Time for Public Comment Standing Rule 5.1 “Right of Public to Appear”: In order to allow for a greater number of participants, and an expanded opportunity for public comment, I move that for the purposes of today’s meeting, Standing Rule 5.1 be suspended and the total time for public comment be extended from 30 minutes to 90 minutes and that each individual speaker is limited to a three minute presentation.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Solomon, Summerfield, and Crabb. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, and Ferlic. Not Present: Peterson. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke on the subject of the University of Nebraska at Omaha’s acceptance of an invitation to join The Summit League (an NCAA Division I Intercollegiate Athletic Conference)

1. Jason Bartling
2. Senator Tyson Larson
3. Jimmie Foster
4. Mike Denney
5. Deb Smith-Howell
6. Chris Denney
7. Don Leahy
8. Parker Adair
9. Rita Henry
10. Terry Hynes
11. Jim Olafson
12. Ben Titus
13. Jose Michado
14. Dave Boocker
15. David Carey
16. Connie Claussen
17. Troy Kush
18. Randy Coleman
19. Jacinda Brooks
20. Harry Gaylor
21. Jim Moorhouse
22. James Reynolds
23. Jeff Spain
24. Mario Morgan
25. Ron Higdon
26. Elizabeth Kraemer
27. Ron Diffendaffer (Scottsbluff location)
28. Chris Bober
29. Bob Lingenfelter

VI. RESOLUTION

Regent Hawks presented the following resolution regarding conference alignment:

WHEREAS, the Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) recommends that UNO accept the offer of membership in The Summit League, effective July 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, this recommendation is forwarded to the Board of Regents with the support of the President of the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, having considered the best interests of the University, the Board of Regents has determined that membership in The Summit League offers an excellent opportunity for its metropolitan campus;

subject to the NCAA's acceptance and approval of UNO's membership application, the Board of Regents hereby fully authorizes the integration and membership of UNO into The Summit League effective and upon such terms and conditions as may be negotiated and approved by the UNO Chancellor.

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by McClurg to pass the resolution on alignment with The Summit Conference

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Summerfield, Crabb, and Solomon. Voting Aye: Hawks, McClurg, Phares, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Not Present: Peterson. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Whitehouse at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donal J. Burns
Corporation Secretary

Robert L. Whitehouse
Chairman of the Board