

December 13, 2003

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The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on December 13, 2003, 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 December 1, 2003.

Regents present:

Kyle Arganbright  
Joe Bilek  
Don S. Blank, Vice Chair  
Randolph M. Ferlic, Chair  
Chuck Hasebrook  
Howard L. Hawks  
Jim McClurg  
Michelle McGeorge  
Drew Miller  
Kent Schroeder  
Charles S. Wilson

University officials present:

L. Dennis Smith, President  
Jay Noren, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Nancy Belck, Chancellor, UNO  
Harold Maurer, Chancellor, UNMC  
Douglas A. Kristensen, 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, December 13, 2003. Attendance is indicated above. Regent Johnston was absent. Regent Bilek arrived at 8:50 a.m.

Chairman Ferlic introduced and welcomed Regent-elect Ryan Arnold from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

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

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by Schroeder to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of October 17, 2003 and approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the emergency meetings of October 31, 2003, and November 20, 2003.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: McGeorge and Arganbright. Absent: Bilek. Abstain: Arnold. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, and Blank. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

IV. **KUDOS**

**Regent McGeorge presented a KUDOS award to Julie A. Dinsmore**, Professor of Counseling and School Psychology for the College of Education at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Regent Wilson presented a KUDOS award to Cynthia L. Sutton**, Section Administrator for Cardiology, Clinic Manager for Cardiology, and Administrator of the Health Informatics Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent McClurg presented a KUDOS award to Michael A. Fields**, Data Warehouse Analyst in the University of Nebraska's Computing Services Network.

**Regent Arganbright presented a KUDOS award to Gail Ann Meyer**, Degree Audit Reporting Systems Coordinator in the Office of Registration and Records at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Hassebrook presented a KUDOS award to John Allen Specht**, Team Leader of the Animal Science, Biometry and Entomology Business Center in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Regent Miller presented the following resolution:**

Whereas, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, in concert with the Creighton University School of Medicine, has received the 2003 Outstanding Community Service Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges; and

Whereas, this prestigious award recognizes outstanding efforts to meet the medical needs of people not well served by traditional health-care systems; and

Whereas, the winners of this award are selected from among all 125 medical schools in the United States; and

Whereas, AAMC President Jordan J. Cohen, M.D. praised the two Nebraska institutions for "supplying essential health services to the medically underserved, while providing students with the clinical training and experience necessary to become competent, compassionate physicians;" and

Whereas, receipt of this award is a clear indication that UNMC students and faculty share in the traditional Nebraska spirit of volunteerism and acceptance of responsibility for the well-being of others.

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Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Regents congratulates the faculty, staff, and students of University of Nebraska Medical Center on its receipt of this important national recognition.

**Regent Blank presented the following resolution:**

Whereas, the University of Nebraska at Kearney women's basketball team, under the leadership of Head Coach Carol Russell and her staff, has represented the university in an exemplary manner both on and off the court; and

Whereas, in addition to the team's outstanding record in intercollegiate athletic competition, its members have achieved the highest combined cumulative grade-point average – 3.723 – in academic year 2002-2003 of any team in the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, or junior college programs; and

Whereas, while maintaining this outstanding level of academic performance, the team won UNK's seventh championship in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, and scored its highest point-total in school history – 116 points during the 2003 Holiday Isle Classic.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Regents congratulates the University of Nebraska at Kearney women's basketball team for its outstanding academic and athletic achievements, for the sportsmanship its members have exhibited, and for the honor it has brought to the university.

**Regent Hawks presented the following resolution:**

Whereas, Joe Bilek has effectively represented the student body of the University of Nebraska at Omaha during his service as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents; and

Whereas, Regent Bilek led UNO students in a proactive effort to communicate the needs to members of the Nebraska Legislature as they dealt with state revenue shortfalls; and

Whereas, Regent Bilek has used student-opinion surveys to help generate increased feedback from the student body regarding operations of student government; and

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Whereas, Marcus, Quincy, Jeremy, Dustin, and Greg bravely and without hesitation assisted Professor Maddux in this most critical situation by administering cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and summoning professional emergency medical assistance; and

Whereas, because of their assistance, and a successful open-heart surgery, Professor Maddux is returning to good health.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation to Marcus Doughty, Quincy Cromer, Jeremy Clouse, Dustin Huber, and Greg Wright for their selflessness assistance to a person in need.

Peter Maddux, son of Professor Maddux, read a statement from the professor in which he expressed his thanks to the students and to the Regents for recognizing the efforts of these students.

The Board recessed at 8:58 a.m. and reconvened at 9:01 a.m.

V. **STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE**

Ron Withem, Associate Vice President and Director of Governmental Relations, introduced the topic of Tax Policy as it Relates to Higher Education and introduced the following speakers:

Senator David Landis, Chair of the Revenue Committee;  
Senator Kermit Brashear, Chair of the Judiciary Committee;  
John Bartle, Associate Professor of Public Administration, UNO; and  
John E. Cederberg, CPA, Cederberg & Associates.

President Smith spoke to the Board regarding projected share of state general fund appropriations.

(For powerpoints and related materials, see documents file).

Discussion was held.

The Board recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

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Regent Joe Bilek introduced Regent-elect Jono Croskey, University of Nebraska at

VI. **HEARINGS**

None.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Walter Broer spoke to the Board regarding agenda item X-A-3 in which the Board is asked to establish a School of Architectural Engineering and Construction at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Mr. Broer stated that the name should be School of Construction and Architectural Engineering.

Dick Buhman spoke to the Board in opposition to agenda item X-A-4 in which the Board is asked to eliminate the UNL Department of Industrial Systems Technology in the College of Engineering and Technology.

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VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs

The Academic Affairs committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was Status Report of UNO Dual Enrollment Pilot Program.

Information Technology/Outreach & Service Committees

The Information Technology/Outreach & Service Committees met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was Distance Education Update.

Business Affairs

The Business Affairs committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was Deferred Maintenance.

Regent Miller proposed that the Information Technology Committee work on a plan for improving and fully leveraging distance education technology. Provost Noren said the Distance Education Task Force has set forth some recommendations and will be working on them and any of the Regents' concerns.

IX. **UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Blank and seconded McClurg to approve items IX-A-1, IX-A-2, IX-A-3, IX-A-4, IX-A-5, IX-A-6, IX-A-7, IX-A-8, IX-B-1, IX-B-2, IX-B-3, IX-B-4, IX-B-5, and IX-B-6.

**A. ACADEMIC**

IX-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Adjustment

Lois Flagstad, Dean of Students and Director of Residential and Greek Life (Special), effective 07/01/03, \$84,000 annual salary FY, 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

New Appointment

David Brinkerhoff, Interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Special) Professor Emeritus (Special) Sociology, Associate Vice Chancellor Emeritus (Special) Academic Affairs; effective 01/01/04, \$198,000 FY, 1.00 FTE

Leaves of Absence

Charlyne Berens, Associate Professor (Continuous), News-Editorial; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/05/04 to 5/14/04, \$63,152 AY, 1.00 FTE.

Gary Krause, Associate Professor (Continuous), Civil Engineering; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/05/04 to 05/14/04, \$62,416 AY, 1.00 FTE

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Linda Ruchala, Associate Professor (Continuous), School of Accountancy; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/05/04 to 05/14/04, \$105,857 AY, 1.00 FTE.

David L. Smith, Professor (Continuous), Chemistry; Leave without pay effective 01/05/04 to 03/31/04, \$52,651AY, 0.50 FTE.

Jean B. Smith, Research Professor (Special), Chemistry; Leave without pay effective 01/05/04 to 05/14/04, \$19,562 AY, 0.10 FTE.

Jeffrey A. Spinner-Halev, Professor (Continuous), Political Science; Extended leave

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**B. BUSINESS**

Central Administration

IX-B-1

Approve appointment of two members, Ha

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- Action Student Opinion: Aye: Arganbright, Bilek, Arnold, and McGeorge. Voting Aye: McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, and Hawks. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by McClurg to approve item X-A-3.
- X-A-3 Approval is requested to establish a School of Architectural Engineering and Construction at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Discussion was held.
- Motion to Amend Moved by Wilson and seconded by Schroeder to amend the name to School of Construction and Architectural Engineering.
- Discussion was held.
- Action on Amendment Student Opinion: Nay: Bilek, Arnold, McGeorge, and Arganbright. Voting Aye: Schroeder and Wilson. Voting Nay: Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, and McClurg. Abstain: Miller. Motion failed.
- Action on original motion Student Opinion: Aye: Arnold, McGeorge, Arganbright, and Bilek. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, and Miller. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Bilek to approve item X-A-4.
- X-A-4 Approval is requested to eliminate the UNL Department of Industrial Systems Technology in the College of Engineering and Technology, and the Department of Health and Human Performance in the College of Education and Human Sciences.
- Discussion was held.
- Action Student Opinion: Aye: McGeorge, Arganbright, Bilek, and Arnold. Voting Aye: Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, and Schroeder. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

**B. BUSINESS**

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Motion Moved by Blank and seconded by McClurg to approve item X-B-1.
- X-B-1 Approve the UNL program statement and budget for the Nebraska Redox Biology Center-Veterinary Basic Science Laboratory Renovation.
- Action Student Opinion: Aye: Arganbright, Bilek, Arnold, and McGeorge. Voting Aye: Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, Hawks, McClurg, Miller, Schroeder, and Wilson. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Miller to approve item X-B-2.
- X-B-2 Approve the project budget for the UNL Othmer Hall-Finishing of Basement for Shell Space.





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XI.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim M. Robak  
Corporation Secretary

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Randolph M. Ferlic  
Chair of the Board