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IV.

KUDOS

Regent McClurg presented a KUDOS award to Linda D. Rossiter, Administrative Assistant for the Department of English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Weichman presented a KUDOS award to Alecia J. Kimbrough, Senior Auditor in the Department of Operations Analysis at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Miller presented a KUDOS award to Brian L. Synek, Senior Auditor in the Operations Analysis Department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Croskey presented a KUDOS award to Vicki L. Adolf, the Nurse Coordinator in the Geriatric Psychiatry Department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Arnold presented a KUDOS award to Mark H. Fleisher, Associate Professor in the Geriatric Psychiatry Department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Hawks presented a KUDOS award to Jane E. Christensen, Associate Director of the Honors Program at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Chloupek presented a KUDOS award to William Murphy, Head Athletic Trainer at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Hassebrook presented a KUDOS award to Jon D. Larsen, Head Strength and conditioning Coordinator for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion

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Whereas, census data have demonstrated that Hispanic and African-American children are much less likely to have access to computers; and

Whereas, the CTC provides 45 work stations, two network printers, two projectors, and Internet service for low-income families; and

Whereas, the CTC provides improved access to technology, supports citizens on the path to self-sufficiency, and provides a community-based learning laboratory for UNO students.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents recognizes the powerful potential of the Community Technology Center and the positive impact of the campus and community partnerships that support it, and commends the UNO faculty and staff and the leadership of the Urban League who are responsible for the Center's success.

Regent Wilson presented the following resolution:

Whereas, Ryan Arnold 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 2003-2004 term; and

Whereas, Regent Arnold made communication a priority, providing information about issues that might impact the educational experience and professional preparation of UNMC students, including participation in the design of the Student-to-Student Guide to Medical School section of the new UNMC online pre-matriculation program; and

Whereas, Regent Arnold effectively brought to the Board of Regents and the administration of the university the perspective of health professions students on appropriate issues and has provided valuable input as a member of the UNMC Center for Health Science Education Steering Committee, the UNMC Legislative Team, the Student Affairs and General Affairs Committees, and the Information Technology Planning Committee; and

Whereas, Regent Arnold and the student senate participated in several important activities, including the design and planning of the new UNMC Center for Health Science Education, the selection process for the new president of the University of Nebraska, the coordination of the I-Notes student e-mail pilot program, and the selection of the Alvin Earle Teaching Award for the UNMC College of Medicine Faculty; and

Whereas, during his term, Regent Arnold has taken an active and positive role in the meetings and activities of the Board of Regents.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for the contributions and dedicated service of Regent Ryan Arnold during his service on the Board and wishes him well in all of his future endeavors.

Regent Hassebrook presented the following resolution:

Whereas, Jonathan (Jono) Croskey has served with distinction in his roles as president of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Student Body and member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents; and

Whereas, Regent Croskey has led the UNO Student Government in communicating to state legislators the potential impact of budget cuts on academic programs; and

Whereas, Regent Croskey has emphasized volunteer activities, including establishment of a volunteer program with students of Walnut Hill Elementary School in Omaha; and

Whereas, Regent Croskey has served effectively as a senator from the College of Arts and Sciences, as Director of Legislative and Public Relations for student government, and as a member of the Emerging Leaders program; and

Whereas, Regent Croskey has shown tremendous school spirit, especially through his encouragement of student attendance at UNO athletic events.

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Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents commends Regent Jonathan Croskey for his accomplishments during his service on the board and expresses its gratitude for his efforts on behalf of the student body of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Hawks presented the following resolution:

Whereas, Don Blank has served with great distinction as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents since January 1987; and

Whereas, Regent Blank served as chairman of the board in 1990, 1991, 1996, and 2004, and as vice-chairman in 1995 and 2003, establishing a strong record of leadership on the board; and

Whereas, as chairman, Regent Blank led the Regents during the interview and selection process for a new president of the university; and

Whereas, during his tenure, Regent Blank traveled over 250,000 miles to fulfill his responsibilities to the university;

Whereas, during his years on the board, Regent Blank has provided keen insight into highly significant issues, including academic program prioritization and difficult budget cuts; and

Whereas, Regent Blank has consistently presented his views in the execution of his responsibilities and openly discussed issues in an effort to reach constructive compromises; and

Whereas, Regent Blank's sense of humor and cordial treatment of all members of the university community, including students, faculty, staff and administrators, as well as his interaction with colleagues on the Board, have contributed to his effectiveness as a Regent.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere gratitude to Regent Don Blank for his admirable contribution of 18 years of service to the University of Nebraska and to the citizens of this state and wishes him and his wife, Jan, all the best in their future endeavors.

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by Ferlic to adopt the preceding resolutions.

Action The resolutions were adopted by acclamation.

V. **STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE**

Gerry Oligmueller, State Budget Administrator and Mike Calvert, Director of the Legislative Fiscal Office, gave a presentation on the 2005 State Fiscal Outlook.

(For handout, see Documents File.)

VI. **HEARINGS**

None.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs

The Academic Affairs committee met on Friday afternoon and the topic of discussion was University Response to LR 174.

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Business Affairs

The Business Affairs committee met on Friday afternoon and the topics of discussion were LB 1100-2 and Mead Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study.

Information Technology

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X-D-3 Bids and Contracts for the period ended November 11, 2004.

X-D-4 Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests for the period July 1 through September 30, 2004.

Discussion held on X-D-1 and X-D-4.

Chairman Blank accepted the reports.

XI. **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

CLOSED SESSION