

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on December 14, 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 December 2, 2002.

Regents present:

Don S. Blank
Randolph M. Ferlic, Vice Chair
Chuck Hassebrook
Ryan Hatt
Jim McClurg
Drew Miller
Nancy L. O'Brien
Shay Riggs
Kent Schroeder, Chair
Charles S. Wilson
Ryan Wilkins

University officials present:

L. Dennis Smith, President
Jay Noren, Executive Vice President and Provost
Nancy Belck, Chancellor, UNO
Harold Maurer, Chancellor, UNMC
Doug 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**

Chairman Schroeder introduced Regent-elect Casey Johnston from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

II. **ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege, Lincoln, Nebraska, Saturday, December 14, 2002. Attendance is indicated above. Regent Wentz was absent, but Regent-elect Johnston attended the meeting on his behalf. Regent Riggs arrived at 8:37 a.m.

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

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Hassebrook to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of November 8, 2002.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Wilkins and Hatt. Absent: Riggs. Abstain: Johnston. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, McClurg, Miller, O'Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, and Blank. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

IV. **KUDOS**

Regent Wilkins presented a KUDOS award to Tom Workman, Associate Director of NU Directions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent O'Brien presented a KUDOS award to Mary LaGrange, Director of Accounting, and **Nora Huscher**, Data Specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Hatt presented a KUDOS award to Richard Broderson, Director of Events in

Regent Hassebrook presented the following Resolution.

Whereas, Kendra Papenhausen has been an invaluable member of the Varner Hall Staff since September 1999; and

Whereas, Kendra has proven herself an intelligent, dedicated, highly effective, and skilled member of the team at Varner Hall; and

Whereas, Kendra has made significant contributions to the success of the work of the Office of the President, the Office of the Corporation Secretary, and the Office of External Affairs; and

Whereas, Kendra has provided important assistance in conducting the meetings of the Board of Regents; and

Whereas, Kendra will earn her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on December 21 and will become administrative aide to Senator Doug Cunningham in January 2003.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for the many outstanding contributions of Kendra Papenhausen and wishes her all the best in her new career.

Regent Wilson presented the following Resolution.

Whereas, Nancy L. O'Brien, Ph.D. has served with admirable distinction as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents since 1991, and as chair in 1995 and 1999; and

Whereas, Regent O'Brien has been a strong proponent of excellence in the university's academic programs, emphasizing the need for prioritization to ensure support for those programs of paramount quality; and

Whereas, Regent O'Brien has been a strong advocate for efficiency and effectiveness in the administrative and business operations of the university; and

Whereas, Regent O'Brien has demonstrated a profound concern for equitable treatment of all students, faculty and staff, and the need to provide a welcoming climate for men and women of diverse cultural, ethnic, and racial heritage; and

Whereas, Regent O'Brien has exhibited a strong interest in economic development in Nebraska and in Omaha, exemplified by her service on the Ak-Sar-Ben Futures Trust; and

Whereas, Regent O'Brien has strongly supported improvements in educational and health care facilities and programs in Omaha, including the Lied Transplant Center and the Peter Kiewit Institute of Information Science, Technology and Engineering; and

Whereas, Regent O'Brien provided the impetus for development of the Walter Scott Entrepreneurial Business Award and the Peter Kiewit Student Entrepreneurial Award, both of which are presented annually to help stimulate and recognize innovative entrepreneurial business activities; and

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Whereas, Regent O'Brien has exhibited a keen interest in the intercollegiate athletic programs of the university and lent her support to development of the NCAA Division I hockey program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and

Whereas, in her terms as chair, Regent O'Brien maintained a disciplined and objective decorum as the board addressed a number of controversial and emotional issues; and

Whereas, Regent O'Brien's incisive intellect and refreshing sense of humor have regularly enlivened the board's discussions.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere gratitude to Nancy O'Brien for her outstanding service as a member of the board and wishes her the greatest success in all her future endeavors.

V. **STRATEGIC OR POLICY ISSUE**

Jay Noren, Executive Vice President and Provost, introduced the topic of Homeland Security and the following presenters:

Steven Hinrichs, Director of the Nebraska Public Health Laboratory, UNMC and Chair of the University of Nebraska Bioterrorism Preparedness Task Force;
The Honorable Dave Heineman, Lt. Governor, State of Nebraska;
Richard Raymond, Chief Medical Officer, Nebraska Health and Human Services System;
Steve Taylor, Chair and Professor of Food Science and Technology Department and Director of Food Processing Center, UNL; and
Hesham Ali, Endowed Faculty, Information, Science and Technology, UNO.
(For PowerPoint presentations, see documents file.)

Discussion was held.

The Board recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

VI. **HEARINGS**

None.

Dr. Farr, University of Nebraska Medical Center Faculty Senate president, announced that the Medical Center is holding a set of symposium on bioterrorism as it impacts students and people on the campus.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Seline, Vice Chairman of Waitt Media, spoke to the Board asked that the radio contract be put out to bid.

Tracy Gilliam of Clear Channel spoke to the Board regarding the radio contract and expressed her appreciation for a positive relationship with the university.

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The following people spoke to the Board in favor of the university providing domestic partner benefits:

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Stephen E. Reichenbach, Professor (Continuous), Computer Science and Engineering; leave with 49% pay effective 01/06/03 to 05/16/03, \$97,578 AY, 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Janet E. Cuddigan, Assistant Professor (Health Professions Appointment), College of Nursing; leave without pay, effec

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Motion to Table

Moved by Miller and seconded by Wilkins to table item IX-A-6.

Action on Motion
to Table

Student Opinion: Aye: Hatt. Nay: Riggs and Wilkins. Abstain: Johnston. Voting Aye:

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B. BUSINESS

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CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Blank and seconded by O'Brien that the Board of Regents go into closed session as authorized by Section 84-1410 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska for the protection of public interest for the sole purpose of holding a discussion with respect to collective bargaining.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Johnston, Wilkins, and Hatt. Absent: Riggs. Voting Aye: Hassebrook, McClurg, Miller, O'Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, and Ferlic. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 12:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim M. Robak
Corporation Secretary

Kent Schroeder
Chair of the Board