

IV.

KUDOS

Regent Daub presented a KUDOS award to Chelsea Swarm, Payroll Manager in the

WHEREAS, Regent Chau's leadership at ASUN facilitated the commitment of financial support for the UNL Health Center's Counseling and Psychological Services, designed to reduce wait times and provide for alternative means to seek help; and

WHEREAS, Regent Chau participated in a national sexual assault prevention campaign to increase commitment to bystander intervention; and

WHEREAS, Regent Chau promoted diversity and inclusion in student government, facilitating involvement for those students often less involved in student government, such as student athletes, veterans, low-income students, minority students; and

WHEREAS, Regent Chau enhanced inter-college relations with other institutions of higher education in Lincoln with the Turbovote partnership and other continuing efforts to maintain communication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses sincere appreciation for Regent Thien Chau's dedicated service and effective leadership as a member of the board, and wishes him well in all his future endeavors.

Regent Clare presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, Evan Calhoun has served with distinction as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and President of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska at Kearney since March 2015; and

WHEREAS, during his term of office, Regent Calhoun's philosophy of and practice of transparency within Student Government established a high level of trust between the President, the President's Cabinet, and the body of the Senate, thereby enabling the entire Student Government to work as one toward mutual goals; and

WHEREAS, Regent Calhoun endeavored to revitalize and enhance the Nebraskan Student Union as a multi-purpose student activity center; and

WHEREAS, Regent Calhoun worked toward this revitalization by introducing and promoting student-centered goals such as 24-hour Union access, the installation of additional televisions for student use and enjoyment, and the re-installation of fitness equipment; and

WHEREAS, Regent Calhoun led a successful campaign to provide a movie rental kiosk at the Nebraskan Student Union; and

WHEREAS, Regent Calhoun introduced and advanced efforts to offer expanded campus dining and restaurant options; and

WHEREAS, Regent Calhoun promoted and actively supported important projects such as the "It's On Us" campaign, the Play-It-Forward charity event in support of Arc of Buffalo County, The Big Event community service day, and the Styrofoam-free initiative; and

WHEREAS, through accessibility and involvement, principled and inspirational leadership, focused effort, and the highest level of integrity, Regent Calhoun has earned the respect of students, faculty, and administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for the outstanding contributions of Regent Evan Calhoun during his term of office and wishes him well in the promising future that awaits him.

Regent Hawks presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, Dara Troutman served the University of Nebraska Central Administration office for a total of 19 years, initially as assistant vice president for external affairs and director of communications and later as senior associate to the president and chief of staff; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her time at the University, Dara has also held many other public service roles, including as a news reporter, press secretary to a Governor, and assistant general manager at Nebraska Educational Telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, during her time at Varner Hall, Dara became known for her deep commitment to the University and its mission, her extraordinary work ethic, her careful attention to detail, and an institutional knowledge that was so unmatched that “Ask Dara” became one of the most commonly heard refrains in the office; and

WHEREAS, Dara’s expertise in a wide range of areas including governmental relations, public relations, strategic planning and others played a vital role in many of the University’s accomplishments in recent history; and

WHEREAS, Dara played an instrumental role in developing the Strategic Framework which guides the planning and decisions of the Board and University leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dara staffed a range of University of Nebraska executive searches, including the most recent UNMC chancellor search, the ongoing UNL chancellor search, and the presidential search that led to the appointment of Dr. Hank Bounds;

WHEREAS, Dara has accepted a new role as chief of staff at the University of Nebraska Foundation, where her skillset will be a tremendous asset to the Foundation’s mission to raise private support to advance the priorities of the University;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents extends its deep gratitude and appreciation to Dara Troutman for her tireless service to the University of Nebraska, the President and the Board; expresses its relief that Dara’s skills, relationships and institutional knowledge are staying within the University family; and wishes Dara continued success in her new role at the University of Nebraska Foundation.

Resolutions Adopted

There being no objections, the resolutions offered for the benefit of Regents Lewis, Chau, and Calhoun, and Dara Troutman were approved and adopted by the general consent of the Board.

Chairman Schroeder recognized the outgoing Faculty Senate Presidents: Dr. Daryl Kelley, University of Nebraska at Kearney; Dr. John Bender, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Dr. Darwin Brown, University of Nebraska Medical Center.

VI. HEARINGS

None

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke on the topic Electrical and Computer Engineering Labs

1. Brian Felderman [See the Documents file for a copy of the handouts distributed by Mr. Felderman]
2. Trenton Evans

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Chau to approve item VIII-A-1

VIII-A-1 Approval is requested to create a Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Lewis, Calhoun, and Chau. Not present: Shaw. Voting Aye: Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, and Daub. Motion carried.

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Motion

Moved by Phares and seconded by Pillen to approve item VIII-A-2

- Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Clare to approve item VIII-B-6
- VIII-B-6 Approve the purchase of network switches
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Calhoun, Chau, and Lewis. Not present: Shaw. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Schroeder. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Hawks to approve item VIII-B-7
- VIII-B-7 Approve the sole source purchase of 3D and virtual reality development hardware/software and stereoscopic CADWall
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Calhoun, Chau, and Lewis. Not present: Shaw. Voting Aye: Clare, Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, and Whitehouse. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Daub and seconded by Hawks to approve item VIII-B-9
- Additional Item – University of Nebraska at Omaha
- VIII-B-9 Approve the amended and restated University Rights Agreement between the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Learfield through fiscal year 2026
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Chau, Lewis, and Calhoun. Not present: Shaw. Voting Aye: Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, and Clare. Motion carried.

C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- VIII-C-1 University of Nebraska Strategic Planning Framework
- VIII-C-2 University of Nebraska Strategic Framework Accountability Measures
- VIII-C-3 Calendar of establishing and reporting accountability measures
- VIII-C-4 University of Nebraska Strategic Dashboard Indicators
- VIII-C-5 Board of Regents agenda items related to the University of Nebraska Strategic Framework
- VIII-C-6 Amend Section 2.11 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents* of the University of Nebraska. This item is presented for information only and will be brought back to the Board for approval at its next meeting.

D. REPORTS

- VIII-D-1 Quarterly Personnel Report
- VIII-D-2 Spring Student Credit Hour and Summary Enrollment reports
- VIII-D-3 Renaming the Division of Clinical Laboratory Science to the Division of Medical Laboratory Science in the College of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- VIII-D-4 Quarterly Status of Capital Construction Projects
- VIII-D-5 Status Report of Six-Year Capital Plan
- VIII-D-6 Members of the University of Nebraska Project Review Board Pool

- VIII-D-7 Business Affairs Committee Approval of Intermediate Design Reports: UNK University Village Housing, and UNL Library Depository Retrieval Facility Addition
- VIII-D-8 Quarterly Report of Gifts, Grants & Contract
- VIII-D-9 Report of Bids and Contracts
- VIII-D-10 Semi-annual Report of Licenses
- VIII-D-11 Financial Aid Strategic Framework Accountability Measure Results [1-a-iii and 3-b-ii]
- VIII-D-12 Results for the Strategic Framework Graduation Rate Accountability Measures [1-b-iii]
- VIII-D-13 Strategic Framework Report on Entrepreneurship [5-d]
- VIII-D-14 Strategic Framework report on Workforce Development Opportunities and Academic Program Alignment [3-h-i & iii]
- VIII-D-15 Strategic Framework Report on Research [4-a-i]
- VIII-D-16 Annual Fire and Safety Report

Chairman Schroeder accepted the reports on behalf of the Board

IX. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion Moved by Lewis and seconded by Whitehouse that the Board go into closed session as authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1410 for the protection of the public interest, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of persons who have not requested a public hearing, for the purpose of holding a discussion limited to the following subjects:

- a. Strategy Session on Personnel;
- b. Strategy Session on gifts to the University;
- c. Strategy Session on Litigation; and
- d. Strategy Session on potential Real Estate acquisitions.

Chairman Schroeder declared that the closed session would be strictly limited to a discussion of:

- a. Strategy Session on Personnel;
- b. Strategy Session on gifts to the University;
- c. Strategy Session on Litigation; and
- d. Strategy Session on potential Real Estate acquisitions.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Lewis, Calhoun, and Chau. Not present: Shaw. Voting Aye: Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, and Daub. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 11:45 a.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 1:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Schroeder at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kent A. Schroeder
Chairman of the Board