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The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on December 8, 2001 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 November 26, 2001.

Regents present:

Don S. Blank
Randolph M. Ferlic
Nathan Fuerst
Chuck Hasebrook
Drew Miller
Nancy L. O'Brien
Mallory Prucha
Ryan Samuelson
Kent Schroeder, Vice Chair
Brock Wentz
Charles S. Wilson, Chair

University officials present:

L. Dennis Smith, President
Lee B. Jones, Executive Vice President and Provost
Nancy Belck, Chancellor, UNO
Harold Maurer, Chancellor, UNMC
Gladys S. Johnston, Chancellor, UNK
Harvey S. Perlman, Chancellor, UNL, by conference phone for a portion of the meeting
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 8, 2001. Attendance is indicated above. Regent Matzke was absent.

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

Motion Moved by O'Brien and seconded by Samuelson to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of October 19, 2001.

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Action Student Opinion: Aye: Prucha, Samuelson, Wentz, and Fuerst. Voting Aye: Ferlic, Hassebrook, Miller, O'Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, and Blank. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Matzke. Motion carried.

Chairman Wilson introduced and welcomed University of Nebraska Medical Center Student Regent Brock Wentz to the Board, who attended the meeting in Regent Winterboer's absence. Wilson also introduced newly appointed Regent, Dr. Jim McClurg, who will replace Regent Matzke in early 2002.

IV. **KUDOS**

Regent Ferlic presented a KUDOS award to Mike McGlade, Administrative Director of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Fuerst presented a KUDOS award to Roxann Pierce, Office Coordinator for the Department of Oncology/Hematology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Samuelson presented a KUDOS award to Charles McGraw, Director of Computer Services for the College of Business & Technology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Hassebrook presented a KUDOS award to Kristie Mosher, Staff Secretary in the Department of Physics at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to John Falconer, Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

RESOLUTIONS

Regent O'Brien presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Mallory Prucha has effectively represented the constituents of the University of Nebraska at Omaha during her service on the Board of Regents; and

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Motion Moved by O'Brien and seconded by Samuelson to adopt the preceding Resolution by Acclamation.

Action The Board approved the Resolution by Acclamation.

Regent Prucha thanked the Board for the Resolution and stated it has been an honor to serve with them.

Regent Blank presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, R. Jean McAllister will retire effective December 21, 2001, after serving for nearly 43 years on the staff of the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Jean has served as executive assistant to three presidents of the university, Ronald W. Roskens, Martin A. Massengale, and L. Dennis Smith; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the staff of the Office of the President, Jean was executive assistant to the pioneering general manager of Nebraska Educational Television, Jack McBride; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career at Varner Hall, Jean has dealt on a day-to-day basis with elected officials, foreign diplomats, chief executives of major businesses, and university faculty members, as well as news media, students, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, in all of these relationships, Jean has invariably demonstrated a finely-honed sense of protocol, diplomacy, and tact; and

WHEREAS, in her work on behalf of the pres

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campuses' vision, quality strategic goals, quality indicator assessments, and future quality improvements within the respective vision of each campus. (See documents file for PowerPoint presentations.)

Discussion was held.

Chairman Wilson thanked Maurer and Edwards for the excellent report given and for all the information. Wilson announced that this was the last part of a three-part issue on quality. The question of "how do we achieve quality" is the on-going question. We have quality measures and goals to achieve, but this subject needs to be brought back before the Board to review the progress of our goals.

The Board recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

VI. HEARINGS

None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Affairs

Chairman Wilson reported that the committee met on Friday and was updated and held a discussion of the topic of the Rural Initiative.

Academic Affairs

Chairman Wilson reported that the committee met on Friday and discussed the topics of Engagement with Community and Legacy Students. Wilson stated that Regent Schroeder will bring a revised proposal on Legacy Students to the Board at a later time.

IX. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

President Smith made a presentation to the Board regarding budget cuts for 2001-2003. Information was provided on specific campus cuts for 2001-2002. Budget cut proposals for the year 2002-2003 will come in the future with each campus sharing a portion of the cuts. President Smith stated that proposals for the cuts from each campus will be compiled around February, and the revised budget will be brought before the Board at the April meeting. (See documents file for PowerPoint presentation.)

Discussion was held.

President Smith announced that item IX-B-4 was pulled from the agenda and will not be voted on.

Regent Miller asked that items IX-B-1 and IX-B-2 be pulled off the Consent Agenda and voted on separately. The items were voted on under Administrative Agenda.

Motion Moved by Miller and seconded by Samuelson to approve items IX-A-1, IX-A-2, IX-A-3, IX-B-3, IX-B-5, IX-B-6, IX-B-7, IX-B-8, and IX-B-9.

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A. ACADEMIC

IX-A-1

President's Personnel Recommendations.

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Adjustment

William E. Splinter, Interim Dean (Special), College of Engineering and Technology, Professor Emeritus (Special), Biological Systems Engineering; appoint as Interim Dean College of Engineering and Technology effective 11/12/01, \$179,355 FY (includes \$3,600 FY administrative stipend), 1.00 FTE.

Leaves of Absence

Cecil Blake, Associate Professor (Continuous), Communication Studies; extension of leave without pay for an additional semester effective 01/02/02 to 05/17/02, \$67,471 AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Thomas G. Franti, Associate Professor (Continuous), Biological Systems Engineering; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 01/02/02 to 07/02/02, \$75,691 FY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Roch E. Gaussoin, Associate Professor (Continuous), Agronomy and Horticulture; Faculty Development Fellowship with full pay effective 03/01/02 to 08/31/02, \$83,730 FY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

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Adjustment

Derek J. Hodgson, Vice Chancellor (Special),

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IX-B-3 Approve Regents' Policy 1.7.1 relating to the custodian of Regents' records and Regents' Policy 1.7.2 relating to disposition and/or preservation of Regents' records.

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IX-B-5 Approve the budget for the Panhandle Research and Extension Center Elliot Building roof

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Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Prucha to approve IX-B-2.

IX-B-2 Authorize the transfer of the shares of common stock of UNeMed Corporation owned by the University of Nebraska to the Nebraska Technology Development Corporation or any successor corporation thereof.

Discussion was held.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Fuerst, Prucha, Samuelson, and Wentz. Voting Aye: Miller, O'Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, and Hassebrook. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Matzke. Motion carried.

Central Administration

