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Chancellor for Academic Affairs David Crouse from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion Moved by Wilson and seconded by Blank to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting of April 6, 2002.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Riggs, Wentz, Wilkins, and Hatt. 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 Sara Granberg-Rademacker, Graduate Student Services Coordinator in the Office of Graduate Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Wilson presented a KUDOS award to Mark Powell, Assistant Director for Intramural Sports in the Campus Recreation Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Hatt presented a KUDOS award to Diane Ciecior, Senior Accountant in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Wentz presented a KUDOS award to Barbara Jackson, Director of the Department of Education and Child Development for the Munroe-Myer Institute and Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Riggs presented a KUDOS award to Brenda Lee Kouba, Staff Assistant in Medical Technology in the School of Allied Health Professions of the College of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

RESOLUTIONS

~~At the 61st meeting of the Board of Regents, June 1, 2002, the following resolutions were adopted:~~

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commends them for their outstanding achievements, and wishes them success in all their future endeavors.

Regent Blank presented the following resolution:

Whereas, the University of Nebraska Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award was established in 1992; and

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Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents congratulates these exceptional students for their outstanding entrepreneurial accomplishments and wishes them success in all their future endeavors.

Regent Miller presented the following resolution:

Whereas, the Walter Scott Entrepreneurial Business Award was created by the Board of Regents in 1999 to encourage businesses with a presence in Nebraska to create partnerships and links with the University of Nebraska in the area of technology; and

Whereas, this award recognizes a business which has created innovative opportunities for students to explore a broad spectrum of practical experiences and helped the university provide students with skills, aptitudes and competencies needed to meet the technology demands of business; and

Whereas, the 2002 winner of the Walter Scott Entrepreneurial Business Award is Archrival Inc., a multidisciplinary design firm that specializes in building, refreshing, and extending brands as well as offering internships and design competitions for University of Nebraska-Lincoln students.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents congratulates Archrival Inc., and the company's president, Charles Hull, for working in partnership with the university to provide outstanding learning opportunities for students.

Regent Blank presented the following resolution:

Whereas, Dr. William O. Berndt has served the University of Nebraska Medical Center with distinction and class since 1982; and

Whereas, Bill Berndt is admired and respected for the 20 years he has worked in key leadership positions at UNMC, including Professor of Pharmacology, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Interim Chancellor, and Chancellor; and

Whereas, during his tenure, Bill Berndt has played an important role in strengthening the research enterprise, helping position UNMC as a leader in targeted research areas; and

Whereas, Bill Berndt led UNMC during the critical process that resulted in the successful merger of University Hospital and Clarkson Hospital to form the Nebraska Health System; and

Whereas, Bill Berndt is an accomplished researcher in his own right, having advanced the level of knowledge in the fields of pharmacology and toxicology, particularly the effects of chemicals on renal function.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents congratulates William O. Berndt for his outstanding contributions to the University of Nebraska, confers on him the status of Chancellor Emeritus, and wishes him well in all his future endeavors.

Dr. Berndt thanked the Board for the resolution and for the opportunity of working with the Board for the last 20 years.

Regent O'Brien presented the following resolution:

Whereas, Gladys Styles Johnston, who has served with distinction as chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Kearney since August 1993 has announced her intention to retire effective July 1, 2002; and

Whereas, Chancellor Johnston has provided vigorous leadership during the critical years in which UNK completed the transition from its former status as a state college to become a highly regarded campus of the University of Nebraska; and

Whereas, under her leadership, UNK has excelled in the use of technology to support instruction and services to students; and

Whereas, Chancellor Johnston has launched efforts to enhance the welcoming climate of the UNK campus for all students, faculty and staff, including those of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds; and

Whereas, Chancellor Johnston has established a national reputation for leadership, including service as executive committee member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and chair of Division II, chair of the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, member of the Board of Directors of the American Council on Education, and chair of the Omaha Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; and

Whereas, Chancellor Johnston is always in attendance at every meeting of the President's Council – irrespective of weather conditions, and takes her rightful position to the immediate left of the President.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents congratulates Gladys Styles Johnston for her outstanding service to the university, confers upon her the status of Chancellor Emeritus, and wishes her well in all of her future endeavors.

Chancellor Johnston thanked the Board for the resolution and gifts. Johnston stated she has enjoyed her time while at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and thanked the Board and President Smith for their support.

The Board recessed at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 9:15 a.m.

Motion

Moved by Wilson and seconded by O'Brien to adopt the following resolution.

The Board of Regents recognizes that it is important for University of Nebraska undergraduate students to be able to earn their bachelor's or first-professional degrees in timely fashion.

The University of Nebraska therefore commits itself to providing each student all assistance necessary to help him or her graduate within four years of entering, provided the student has appropriate high school preparation, pursues a course of study that is intended for four-year completion, and adheres to prudent practices in pursuing a degree.

These prudent practices include:

- selecting a major early in college and adhering to the same;
- working closely with academic advisors to develop a four-year curricular plan;
- pre-registering early during each semester's pre-registration period;
- registering for and completing 15-18 credit hours per semester, with acceptable grades;

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- working at a job fewer than 20 hours per week; and
- in case of a possible delay caused by unavailability of a course, notifying the department chair prior to the end of the semester before that in which the course is needed.

For its part, the University guarantees the student that he or she will be able to enroll in courses that permit graduation in four years, or, if for any reason that is not possible, mutually acceptable alternatives may be provided, including allowing the student to substitute a different course.

The mutual commitment by the university and the student outlined in this resolution will result in four-year graduation.

Discussion was held.

Regent O'Brien asked that the Board, at a later time, look into the idea that if a student pledges to graduate in four years that their tuition remain the same for those four years.

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- Ellen Davis-Hall, Ph.D., Associate Professor & Academic Coordinator, Physician Assistant Education, UNMC;
- Theresa Barron-McKeagney, Ph.D., Presidential Fellow & Associate Professor, Social Work, UNO, by video;
- Karen Falconer Al-Hindi, Ph.D., Director of Women's Studies & Associate Professor, Geography, UNO;
- Myrna Newland, M.D., Director of Equity Office & Professor, Anesthesiology, UNMC;
- Linda Crump, Assistant to the Chancellor for Equity, Access & Diversity Programs, UNL; and
- Jane Ziebarth-Bovill, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Teacher Education Department, UNK.

Discussion was held.

Regent Wilson asked that the Board's seven point directive on gender equity/diversity be distributed to all deans and directors. He also requested that the committee review the original goals of the gender equity committee.

The Board recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

VI. HEARINGS

None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Affairs

Regent Ferlic reported that the committee met on Friday and received a briefing on the Management Letter of Recommendations for the year ended June 30, 2001. Also discussed two topics with regard to the Burns/Best Business Practices Update, which were: 1) Control and Risk Evaluation (CARE) Risk Assessment Program and 2) Employee and Dependent Scholarship Processing.

General Affairs

Regent Hassebrook reported that the committee met on Friday and received a briefing on Rural Health Professional Programs.

Academic Affairs

Regent Wilson reported that the committee met on Friday and received a briefing on Professional Development Leaves.

Chairman Schroeder accepted the reports.

IX. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Blank requested that item IX-A-4 be removed from the Consent Agenda and be taken up after the vote on the Consent under the Administrative Agenda.

Regent Ferlic requested that the "chancellor appointment" be removed from item IX-A-1 from the Consent Agenda and be taken up under the Administrative Agenda.

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Motion Moved by O'Brien and seconded by Wilson to approve items IX-A-1 (with the exception of the "chancellor appointment"), IX-A-2, IX-A-3, IX-A-5, IX-A-6, IX-B-1, IX-B-2, IX-B-3, IX-B-4, IX-B-5, IX-B-6, IX-B-7, IX-B-8, and IX-B-9.

A. ACADEMIC

IX-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Leave of Absence

Charles Bicak, Professor (Continuous), Biology, Faculty Development Leave with full pay, effective 01/05/03 to 05/16/03, \$62,220, AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Anita Hart, Professor (Continuous), Modern Languages, Faculty Development Leave with full pay, 08/19/02 to 12/20/03, \$57,550, AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Robert Luscher, Professor (Continuous), English, Faculty Development Leave with full pay, 01/05/03 to 05/16/03, \$61,970, AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

Don Sluti, Associate Professor (Continuous), Management/Marketing, Faculty Development Leave with half pay, 08/19/02 to 05/16/03, \$63,560, AY current salary, 1.00 FTE.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

New Appointment

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- IX-A-5 Approve recommendations relating to degree program reviews required by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (NCCPE) and approve the forwarding of the program review reports to the NCCPE.
- IX-A-6 Approve the revised Rules and Regulasi

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X. **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

Motion Moved by McClurg and seconded by Blank to approve the “chancellor appointment” on item IX-A-1 from the Consent Agenda.

IX-A-1 Central Administration

New Appointment

Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney (Special), Vice President (Special), University of Nebraska, effective 07/01/02, \$168,480 FY, 1.00 FTE.

Regent Ferlic stated that he appreciates all the hard work that President Smith put into this appointment. While Ferlic personally likes Senator Kristensen, he disagrees with the appointment because he believes that is necessary for a chancellor to have the knowledge and experience of the academic environment. Although, if Kristensen is appointed chancellor, Kristensen will have Ferlic’s full support

Regent Miller stated that he was in support of Kristensen because he is from Nebraska and will not use the university as a stepping stone. Although, no academic experience may be a concern, Miller supports the non-traditional approach.

Regent McClurg stated that Kristensen has his strong support as he believes that Senator Kristensen will be good addition to the leadership team.

Action Student Opinion: Aye: Wilkins, Hatt, and Wentz. Nay: Riggs. Voting Aye: McClurg, Miller, O’Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, and Hassebrook. Voting Nay: Ferlic. Motion carried.

Due to some confusion, Regent Wilson requested to speak about an item on IX-A-1 and was granted permission. Regent Wilson spoke about the issue of President Smith’s salary and the need to be willing to pay competitive salaries if the university wants competent people. There is no formal peer group for Central Administration. Regent Wilson asked if there is consensus on the Board that Chairman Schroeder be in charge of establishing an appropriate peer group for Central Administration. Chairman Schroeder stated he has had informal conversations with President Smith with regard to the subject and will continue to move forward on this subject. President Smith stated he would be delighted to go forward with this request. He will commission a consultant to create a peer group for central administration. Regent O’Brien reinforced Wilson’s comments that it is important that we are competitive because our administrators and faculty can always leave and go elsewhere to make more money.

Motion Moved by Blank and seconded by McClurg to approve item IX-A-4 from the Consent Agenda.

IX-A-4 Approve the creation of a new position, Dean of Undergraduate Studies and add the title and duties of Dean of Graduate Studies to the Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Discussion was held.

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

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- Motion Moved by Miller and seconded by Hassebrook to approve item X-A-1.
- X-A-1 Approve establishment of the Rural Policy Research Institute Great Plains Center for Health Statistics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- Action Student Opinion: Aye: Riggs, Wentz, Wilkins, and Hatt. Voting Aye: O'Brien, Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, McClurg, and Miller. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by O'Brien and seconded by Ferlic to approve item X-A-2.
- X-A-2 Approve the Master of Architectural Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Action Student Opinion: Aye: Wentz, Wilkins, Hatt, and Riggs. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, Hassebrook, McClurg, Miller, and O'Brien. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Ferlic and seconded by O'Brien to approve item X-A-3.
- X-A-3 Approve an undergraduate nonresident tuition scholarship program for children of alumni who are nonresidents of Nebraska.
- Chairman Schroeder gave a PowerPoint presentation with regard to the agenda item. (See Documents File, for a copy of the PowerPoint.)
- Discussion was held.
- Regent Hassebrook stated his disagreement with this program because there are many in-state students, who pay Nebraska taxes, who want to come to the university and do not have resources. Also, due to budget cuts, it can be assumed that the university doesn't have excess capacity to bring in additional out-of-state students.
- Friendly Amendment Regent Blank proposed that the university offer this program for a five-year trial period and then have the Board readdresses this issue to check on the status of the program. Regent Schroeder, Ferlic, and O'Brien agreed to the amendment.
- Regent O'Brien inquired about what would happen if the Board would terminate the program after five years and there were student enrolled under this program. It was noted that the students would be grandfathered in with the tuition waiver.
- Discussion was held.
- Action Student Opinion: Aye: Wilkins, Hatt, Riggs, and Wentz. Voting Aye: Wilson, Blank, Ferlic, McClurg, Miller, O'Brien, and Schroeder. Voting Nay: Hassebrook. Motion carried.

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B. BUSINESS

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D. REPORTS

- X-D-1 University-wide Committee on Gender Equity 2002 Report.
- X-D-2 Report on Laboratory, Student, and Miscellaneous Fees for 2002-2003.
- X-D-3 Quarterly Personnel Actions for the period January 1 through March 31, 2002.
- X-D-4 Naming a room in the Donald F. Othmer Hall “The William A. and Emily E. Scheller Chemical Engineering Biofuels Research Laboratory.”
- X-D-5 Monthly Report of Bids and Contracts for the period ended May 10, 2002.
- X-D-6 Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests report for the period January 1 through March 31, 2002.
- X-D-7 Management Letter of Recommendations for the year ended June 30, 2001.

Regent Blank inquired with regard to item X-D-2 and the costs of fees and how these are determined. President Smith stated that these fees go through a group of people on each of the campuses through the Chancellor’s office and then are forwarded to the President’s office. The Provost and the President, in this particular case, went through each fee and the justifications. In some cases they were sent back to the campus and asked for clarification or a reduction.

Chairman Schroeder accepted the reports.

XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim M. Robak
Corporation Secretary

Kent Schroeder
Chair of the Board