

# MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 1998 MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System was convened at the Burnham Yates Conference Center-Cornhusker Hotel, City of Lincoln, County of Lancaster, State of Nebraska, on Tuesday, January 6, 1998.

In compliance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 84-1411, printed notice of this meeting was mailed to each member of the Board of Trustees and was posted in the Office of the Secretary of the Board. In addition, copies of such notice were sent to the Associated Press, Lincoln Journal Star, and Omaha World-Herald on December 23, 1997. We, each of us, hereby acknowledge due and sufficient service to the above, the foregoing notice of the time and place and object of said meeting, and agree to meet in said meeting at the time and place presented.

## Board Members attending:

Dr. Alfred Gigstad, Nebraska City  
Ms. Frances Grimes, Grand Island  
Mr. Rick Kolkman, North Platte  
Ms. Sheryl Lindau, Wayne  
Ms. Lee-Ellen Matzke, Sidney  
Mr. Jeff Renner, Bellevue (arrived at 10:00 a.m.)  
Dr. Doug Christensen, Lincoln

## Student Board Members participating:

Mr. Broch Muhs, Wayne State College  
Ms. Kimberlee Nelsen, Chadron State College  
Ms. Jessica Damrow for Mr. Andrew Tynon, Peru State College

## System Office Staff participating:

Dr. Carrol Krause, Executive Director  
Dr. Donna Nelson, Associate Executive Director for Fiscal and Facilities Management  
Dr. Larry Schultz, Associate Executive Director for Academic Affairs & Legal Services  
Ms. Suzi Shugert, Public Relations/Information Director  
Ms. Kim Rauscher, Administrative Assistant

## Others attending:

Dr. Samuel Rankin, President, Chadron State College  
Dr. Robert Burns, President, Peru State College  
Dr. Donald Mash, President, Wayne State College  
Mr. Ed Hoffman, Vice President for Administration, Chadron State College  
Dr. David Ainsworth, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Peru State College  
Ms. Susan Udey, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Peru State College  
Dr. Daryll Hersemann, Vice President for Student Services, Peru State College  
Dr. Jo Taylor, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Wayne State College  
Mr. Andy Soll, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Wayne State College  
Mr. Curt Frye, Vice President and Dean of Students, Wayne State College  
Ms. Carna Pfeil, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education  
Ms. Patsy Martin, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education  
Mr. Mike Wemhoff, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education  
Mr. Ron Withem, University of Nebraska  
Mr. Phil Hovis, Legislative Council  
Mr. Dave Wagaman, Legislative Fiscal  
Senator David Maurstad, District #30, Beatrice  
Ms. Esther Divney, City Councilwoman, Peru  
Ms. Ardith Wininger, Peru  
Mr. Dick Stich, Mayor of Peru  
Ms. Sabra Pegler, Lincoln

Ms. Shelley and Mr. David Cygan, Lincoln  
Ms. Sheila Rhodus  
Ms. Michele White  
Mr. Dwight Winger, SBW Consulting  
Mr. Paul Korslund, Mayor of Beatrice  
Mr. Gerald Carnes  
Mr. Jud Douglas III  
Mr. Doug Friedli, President of Otoe County Bank  
Ms. Nancy Hoch, President of River Country Industrial Development Corp., Nebraska City  
Mr. Dale Miller, Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers, Omaha  
Mr. Al Hottovy, Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers, Omaha  
Mr. Lloyd Castner, Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers, Omaha  
Mr. Rich Gardner, The Renaissance Design Group, Omaha  
Mr. William Scully  
Ms. Linda Smith, President of Gage County Economic Development Corporation  
Mr. Larry Keslar, Chairman of the Gage County Economic Development Board and Manager of the First National Bank of Omaha--Beatrice Branch  
Dr. Jack Huck, President of Southeast Community College  
Mr. Dennis Headrich, Southeast Community College--Beatrice Campus  
Dr. Stephen Joel, Superintendent of Beatrice Public Schools  
Ms. Lori Gottula  
Mr. Bruce Cutshall  
Ms. Janice Crose  
Mr. Roger Larsen, NSEA  
Ms. Lillian Schottenhamel, Peru  
Mr. Dan Swanson, Nebraska City  
Ms. Bernice Patterson, Peru  
Ms. Catherine Crose Nannen  
Mr. Ron Witt  
Mr. Paul Fell  
Mr. Otto Rath  
Mr. Bill Thurman  
Mr. James Thurman  
Mr. Bill Beavers  
Ms. Margie Thurman  
Mr. Dale Hoverty, Nebraska City  
Ms. Nadine Fahrlander  
Ms. Linda Meyer  
Mr. Joseph Kincaid  
Mr. Steve Lewis  
Ms. Phyllis Davenport Rosenquist, Peru  
Mr. Lyle McKercher, Peru  
Mr. Lester Russell  
Ms. Wanda Brown  
Ms. Evelyn Neve  
Ms. Dorothy Stepan

Press:

Ms. Jena Janovy, Omaha World-Herald  
Ms. Karen Griess, Lincoln Journal Star  
Mr. Larry Peirce, Lincoln Journal Star  
Mr. Keith Ludden, Nebraska Public Radio  
Ms. Karen Shanahan, Nebraska City News-Press  
Mr. Jack Ruff, Associated Press

Mr. Jack Wang, KOLN-KGIN TV  
Mr. Darrell Wellman, Auburn Newspapers  
Ms. Debbie Bean, KNCY-Radio, Nebraska City  
Mr. Tom Vint, Associated Press  
Ms. Suzanne Deyo, KETV  
Mr. Andrew Ozaki, KETV  
Mr. Tom Roberts, KLKN TV  
Mr. Doug Kennedy, KWBE Radio, Beatrice

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Kolkman, Chair, called the workshop to order at 8:10 a.m. A roll call was taken: Christensen, Gigstad, Grimes, Kolkman, Lindau, Matzke; Muhs, Nelsen and Damrow were present. Renner was absent.

Dr. Krause reviewed the current role and mission statements for Peru State College, including the statutory assignment, Coordinating Commission Comprehensive Plan statement and the Board of Trustees= mission statement.

Dr. Burns discussed areas that have been identified as academic program enhancements for Peru State College. These include: Management Information Systems, Special Education, Educational Technology, Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Technology, and Biology.

Dr. Krause then shared information with Board members on the demographic profile of southeastern Nebraska, noting projected population growth and decline in the counties located in the Peru State College service region. He also shared information on enrollment trends at Peru State College. He further noted that the cost per student at Peru State College is higher than the cost per student at either Chadron or Wayne State College because of lower enrollment.

Discussion then turned to the cost of renovating the existing facilities and the estimated cost of new construction. Renovation costs have been estimated by The Schemmer Associates at \$21,310,810 (state-owned facilities total \$13,271,245 and revenue bond facilities total \$8,030,565). New construction costs are estimated to be \$35,069,066 (state-owned facilities total \$21,933,188 and revenue bond facilities total \$13,133,878).

Dr. Krause encouraged the Board members to consider both the renovation of existing facilities and the construction of new facilities in light of the value added to the students= educational experience.

## **RECESS**

Communities responding to the Request for Information on the possible relocation of Peru State College were given time to make their presentations to the Board.

The proposal submitted by Beatrice was presented by Ms. Linda Smith, President of the Gage County Economic Development Corporation. Other speakers included Mr. Larry Keslar, Senator David Maurstad, Mayor Paul Korslund, Dr. Steve Joel and Dr. Jack Huck.

The proposal submitted by Nebraska City was presented by Ms. Nancy Hoch, President of the River Country Industrial Development Corporation and Mr. Rich Gardner of the Renaissance Design Group.

The proposal submitted by Peru was presented by Dr. Esther Divney, City Councilwoman, with comments by Mr. Jud Douglas.

## **RECESS 12:20 - 1:30**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Kolkman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. A roll call was taken: Christensen, Gigstad, Grimes, Kolkman, Lindau, Matzke, Renner; Muhs, Nelsen and Damrow were present.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Grimes moved and Mr. Renner seconded a motion to go into executive session at 1:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and legal issues. Ms. Grimes moved and Dr. Gigstad seconded a motion to go out of executive session at 2:00 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ms. Grimes moved and Ms. Matzke seconded a motion to amend the agenda, moving item 5B) Discussion of Options for Obtaining Funds for Facilities for Peru State College at Peru or Another Location to be item 6B4 under the sub-committee agenda. Christensen, Gigstad, Grimes, Kolkman, Lindau, Matzke, Renner; Muhs and Nelsen voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Renner moved and Ms. Grimes seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Christensen, Gigstad, Grimes, Kolkman, Lindau, Matzke, Renner; Muhs and Nelsen voted aye. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Steve Lewis, a Peru alum from Lexington, stated his support for leaving Peru State College in Peru.

Mayor Dick Stich of Peru read a letter from the City Council of Plattsmouth opposing the relocation of Peru State College and a letter from Mayor Hal Daub of Omaha expressing his support of Peru State College.

Dr. Esther Divney reported that a pledge of \$3 million for Peru State College had just been received.

Mr. Joe Kincaid, mathematics instructor, raised questions about the statistics being used by the Board.

Ms. Phyllis Davenport Rosenquist, a Peru native and current adjunct instructor, expressed her opposition to the relocation of Peru State College.

Ms. Nancy Hoch thanked the Board for inviting Nebraska City to make a presentation as a possible host site for the relocation of Peru State College.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 1997 MEETING**

Dr. Gigstad moved and Ms. Grimes seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 1997 meeting. Christensen, Gigstad, Grimes, Kolkman, Lindau, Matzke, Renner; Muhs and Nelsen voted aye. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Status Report of MGT Recommendations**

Dr. Krause distributed the December status report of MGT recommendations to the Board. Recommendations with December 31 deadlines have been addressed and are discussed in the document. He asked that Board members review the status report and direct any questions to the System Office. The next status report will be due June 30.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Personnel Recommendations** (attached to official minutes)

**Grant Applications and Awards** (included in official minutes)

**Contracts and Change Orders** (included in official minutes)

**LB309 Allocations** (included in official minutes)

**Campus Physical Plant Reports** (attached to official minutes)

**Quarterly Capital Construction Reports** (attached to official minutes)

Ms. Matzke moved and Mr. Renner seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Christensen, Gigstad, Grimes, Kolkman, Lindau, Matzke, Renner; Muhs and Nelsen voted aye. Motion carried.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**

## **Academic Affairs, Student Life & Personnel Subcommittee**

**Lee-Ellen Matzke, Chair**

### **1998-2003 System-wide Academic Calendar**

The system-wide academic calendars for 1993-2003 were distributed for information.

## **Business Affairs Subcommittee--Physical Plant**

**Fran Grimes, Chair**

### **Wayne State College/Northeast Community College Lease Agreement**

Ms. Grimes moved and Mr. Renner seconded a motion to approve the Wayne State College/Northeast Community College lease agreement at a cost of \$10.50 per square foot or \$6,930 plus \$2,310 annually for operating costs. Christensen, Gigstad, Grimes, Kolkman, Lindau, Matzke, Renner; Muhs and Nelsen voted aye. Motion carried.

## **Business Affairs Subcommittee--Revenue Bond**

**Al Gigstad, Chair**

### **Wayne State College, Connell Hall Resolution**

Dr. Gigstad moved and Ms. Grimes seconded a motion to approve a Resolution to change the ADefinitions@ section in the Wayne State College Series 1988 Bond Resolution to delete any reference to the third floor faculty apartments located in Connell Hall as one of the revenue bond facilities providing revenue support to the Wayne State College revenue bond program. Christensen, Gigstad, Grimes, Kolkman, Lindau, Matzke, Renner; Muhs and Nelsen voted aye. Motion carried.

## **Business Affairs Subcommittee--Physical Plant**

**Fran Grimes, Chair**

### **Discussion of Options for Obtaining Funds for Facilities for Peru State College at Peru or Another Location**

Board members discussed the three proposals presented by Beatrice, Nebraska City and Peru for the relocation or renovation of Peru State College. Following discussion, Ms. Grimes moved and Ms. Matzke seconded a motion that the Board of Trustees seek Legislative approval for statutory changes in reference to the location of Peru State College to allow relocation of the institution to Nebraska City. Further, an appropriation of \$16,000,000 for state resources be requested for construction of new facilities. It is understood that additional construction costs for the state-supported facilities would be off-set by community contributions of a minimum of \$8,000,000. Legislative approval will also be requested to issue revenue bonds for construction of student service facilities. Christensen, Gigstad, Grimes, Kolkman, Lindau, Matzke, Renner; Muhs and Nelsen voted aye. Motion carried.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Executive Director, Presidents and Student Trustee Reports**

Ms. Jessica Damrow, Peru State College Student Senate President, spoke on behalf of Student Trustee Andy Tynon. She relayed Mr. Tynon=s disappointment at not being able to attend the meeting.

Dr. Burns reminded the Board that spring semester begins January 12 and students and faculty would soon be returning to the camps.

Ms. Nelsen also mentioned that classes do not begin at Chadron until next week, so she had little to report. She did announce her recent engagement to be married.

Dr. Rankin highlighted the Chadron State College forensic team, which had a very successful fall term. He also reported on a recent donation of Mari Sandoz artifacts and records that will be placed in the newly remodeled library.

Mr. Muhs had little to report from Wayne State College, but did announce his recent marriage.

Dr. Mash reported that the faculty at Wayne State College would be returning for in-service training on January 12 to begin the new semester.

Dr. Krause informed Board members that the on-campus interviews for a new president at Chadron State College will take place later in January. Preliminary dates for finalist interviews with the Board in Lincoln were set for February 9 and 10.

He also asked that Board members interested in attending the April 18-21 Association of Governing Boards Conference in Nashville, Tennessee contact the System Office so arrangements can be made.

**ADJOURNMENT** -- The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.