

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2000 MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges was held through a conference call on Friday, December 8, 2000.

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. In addition, copies of such notice were sent to the presidents of the state colleges, Associated Press, and selected Nebraska newspapers. 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:

Alfred Gigstad, Nebraska City
Fran Grimes, Grand Island
Willa Kosman, Scottsbluff
Steve Lewis, Lexington
Jeff Renner, Bellevue

Student Board Members present:

Tom Ward, Chadron State College
Sheryl Ehmke, Peru State College
Jennifer Chleboun, Wayne State College

NSC Office Staff participating:

Stan Carpenter, Executive Director
Larry Schultz, Associate Executive Director for Academic Affairs & Legal Services
Jean Dale, Associate Executive Director for Administration & Finance
Bruce Donelson, Facilities Management and Planning Director
Sheri Irwin, Public Relations Director
Kim Rauscher, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director

Others attending:

Thomas Krepel, President, Chadron State College
Ben Johnson, President, Peru State College
Sheila Stearns, President, Wayne State College
Joyce Hardy, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chadron State College
Ed Hoffman, Vice President for Administration, Chadron State College
Francis Moul, Vice President of Institutional Relations & Exec. Director of Chadron State Foundation
Jerome Martin, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Peru State College
Linda Jacobsen, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Peru State College
Ted Harshbarger, Vice President of Student Services and Enrollment Management, Peru State College
David Fuller, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Wayne State College
Carolyn Murphy, Vice President for Administration & Finance, Wayne State College
Curt Frye, Vice President and Dean of Students, Wayne State College
Michael Alley, Alley Poyner Architecture, Omaha, NE
Mike Thompson, Alley Poyner Architecture, Omaha, NE

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Renner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the November 1-2, 2000 meeting were unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Academic and Personnel Committee

Personnel Recommendations

A motion to approve the personnel recommendations submitted by the colleges was unanimously approved.

Fiscal and Facilities Committee

Grant Applications and Awards

A motion to approve the following grant applications as submitted by the colleges was unanimously approved.

Chadron Application

Principal Incubator Project (Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education) -- \$80,400

Wayne Application

Mathematics Assessment Project for Native American Students (Eisenhower Professional Development Program) -- \$32,181

Wayne Awards

Student Support Services 3rd year (US Department of Education) -- \$214,318

Student Support Services 4th year (US Department of Education) -- \$217,584

Quality Teacher Education Project (Nebraska Dept. of Education) -- \$65,500

LB 309 Allocations

A motion to approve the following retrieval of LB 309 allocations was unanimously approved:

Wayne State College

Retrieval of \$35,627.35 for Carhart Science ADA elevator/controls. Project has been completed.

Retrieval of \$5,100 for Education building ADA elevator modifications. Project has been completed.

Retrieval of \$5,100.00 for Fine Arts building ADA elevator modifications. Project has been completed.

Retrieval of \$4,930.00 for Hahn Administration ADA elevator modifications. Project has been completed.

Retrieval of \$5,100.00 for Humanities ADA elevator modifications. Project has been completed.

Retrieval of \$5,780.00 for US Conn Library ADA elevator modifications. Project has been completed.

Operating Audit Reports

A motion to accept the operations audit reports for the colleges for the year ended June 30, 2000 and approve the responses to the Auditor's comments and recommendations was unanimously approved. Associate Executive Director Dale and Trustees Grimes and Lewis congratulated the colleges on their successful audits and recognized the business office staff for their extra effort during the audit process.

Reallocation of Contingency Maintenance Funds

A motion to authorize the following reallocation of contingency maintenance funds was unanimously approved:

Chadron to reallocate the following funds to Resolution 4/98 Kent Hall elevator project

Resolution 4/98 Crites Hall Electrical Modernization - \$7,249.29

Chadron to reallocate the following funds to Resolution 4/00 Snack Bar renovation:

Resolution 4/98 Student Center Bookstore - \$11,113.56

Resolution 4/97 Edna Work Hall Bathroom Repairs - 15,000.00

Resolution 4/97 Kent Hall Bathroom Renovation - 2,038.26

Total - \$28,151.82

Peru to utilize the following lines from Resolution 4/00 Centennial Complex renovation to pay for Complex wiring project. The items listed below have already been paid from the proceeds of the BANS:

Line 2 - painting/wall covering in student rooms \$ 62,000.00

Line 5 - replace/install rubber stair treads 4,700.34

Line 6 - heating/cooling upgrade 61,400.00

Line 7 - insulation of exterior walls 32,140.00

Line 8 - architect/engineer fees 20,275.93

Total - \$180,516.27

Wayne Use of Capital Improvement Fee Funds for Ramsey Theatre Addition

A motion to approve the request from Wayne State to spend up to \$300,000 from capital improvement fee funds toward the Ramsey Renovation and Addition project to add a lower level to the addition was unanimously approved.

Chadron Maintenance Building Design and Development Documents

A motion to approve the Chadron State College Maintenance Building design and development documents was unanimously approved.

Chadron Mari Sandoz Center Design and Development Documents

A motion to approve the Chadron State College Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center design and development documents was unanimously approved.

Peru Library Building Program Statement

A motion to approve the revised program statement for the existing Peru State College Library Building renovation project was unanimously approved.

Wayne Ramsey Theatre Design and Development Documents

Representatives from the Alley Poyner architectural firm reviewed the design development documents that had been provided to Board members. A motion to accept the design development documents for the Wayne State College Ramsey Theatre Addition was unanimously approved.

Nebraska City Regional Technology Center

A motion to approve the designation of the Nebraska City Regional Technology Center (Lots 2, 3, and 4, Wildwood Heights Annexation to the City of Nebraska City, Otoe County, Nebraska) as excess property was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Academic and Personnel Committee

Collective Bargaining

Associate Executive Director Schultz reported that negotiations are currently underway with the SCEA, NSCPA and NAPE bargaining units. The general objective with all three units is to reach a voluntary agreement by January 15, 2001.

Personnel Actions

Personnel actions not requiring Board approval were reported for information.

College Diversity Plans

Each of the colleges provided an executive summary on their activities related to campus diversity.

Athletic Gender Equity Plans

Each of the colleges reported on their plans to reach compliance with Title IX requirements.

Quantitative Academic Report

The annual Quantitative Academic Report provided Board members with a status of all undergraduate and graduate programs. The report identified the number of graduates on average for the past five years by major, and the average number of student credit hours provided by full-time equivalent faculty assigned by department.

Off-Campus and Early Entry Course Offerings Report

Board members were provided a summary of off-campus and early-entry courses offered during 1999-00. Nearly 800 courses were offered at 93 locations throughout the state to over 9,500 students.

Fiscal and Facilities Committee

Grant Applications and Awards

The following grant applications and awards were presented to the Board for information.

Chadron Application

Wetland Education: Development of a Study Site on the San Pedro River, Arizona (US Geological Survey, National Wetlands Research Center) -- \$16,300

Chadron Awards

Panhandle Unified Rural Education Project (Nebraska Dept. of Education) -- \$22,000

NETC On-line Course Development Workshop (Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission) -- \$8,300

Wayne Application

Economic Systems (National Council on Economic Education) -- \$1,000

Wayne Award

Celebration of International Education Week (National Council on Economic Education) -- \$1,500

Physical Plant Status Reports

The colleges provided status reports on their physical plant projects.

Contracts and Change Orders

The following contracts and change orders were provided to the Board for information.

Chadron Contracts

Kent Hall (fire alarm system) -- \$3,982

Snack Bar (remodel) -- \$85,600

Chadron Change Order
Memorial Hall (stair enclosure, light fixtures, ramp & curb work) -- \$6,912

Peru Contract
Administration Building (asbestos abatement) -- \$650

Peru Change Orders
Campus Water System (adjustment of final quantities) -- (\$13,700)
Centennial Complex (sinks at 15 kitchenettes, 1 set of cabinets) -- \$13,434
Wheeler Activity Center Southside (additional work required due to drainage grates) -- \$1,871

Revised 1999-00 Year-end Operating Expenditure Report

Chadron submitted a revised year-end expenditure report for 1999-00, reflecting the reassignment of SAP/SSAP from PCS 1.0 to PCS 8.0.

Peru Centennial Complex Final Completion Inspection

The August 14, 2000 substantial completion inspection resulted in a conditional designation. Board members will be asked to ratify the final completion designation in January.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Chair Renner expressed his thanks on behalf of the Board to Trustees Grimes and Gigstad whose terms will end December 31. Executive Director Carpenter also expressed his thanks for their role in bringing him and his family to Nebraska.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the NSC Board of Trustees will be held in Lincoln on January 22, 2001.

ADJOURNMENT -- The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.