

# MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2001 MEETING

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A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges System was held via video-conference on Monday, July 16, 2001.

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:

Richard Halbert, Falls City  
Steve Lewis, Lexington  
Sheryl Lindau, Wayne  
Jeff Renner, Bellevue  
Larry Teahon, Chadron

Student Board Members present:

Tammie Mundil, Peru 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  
Sheri Irwin, Public Relations Director  
Kim Rauscher, Administrative Assistant

Others attending:

Thomas Krepel, President, Chadron State College  
Ben Johnson, President, Peru State College  
Sheila Stearns, President, Wayne State College  
Ed Hoffman, Vice President for Administration, Chadron State College  
Linda Jacobsen, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Peru State College  
David Fuller, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Wayne State College  
Carolyn Murphy, Vice President for Administration & Finance, Wayne State College  
Dave Wagaman, Budget Analyst, State of Nebraska  
Hal Stearns, spouse of Sheila Stearns  
John Axtell, KQSK Radio, Chadron

## CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Renner called the special meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The meeting agenda for July 16 was approved as presented.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 18-19 MEETING

Minutes of the June 18-19 meeting were approved with one correction. Voting aye: Halbert, Lewis, Lindau, Renner and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

### Academic and Personnel Committee

System Lobbyist Contract

A motion to approve the appointment of Bruce Cutshall to serve as lobbyist during 2001-02 for the Nebraska State

Colleges System at a fee of \$25,000 was unanimously approved. Voting aye: Halbert, Lewis, Lindau, Renner and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil.

## **Fiscal and Facilities Committee**

### Peru, Library/Old Gym Design Development Documents

A motion to approve the design development documents for the Library/Old Gym project was unanimously approved. Voting aye: Halbert, Lewis, Lindau, Renner and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil.

### Wayne, Ramsey Theatre Renovation/Addition Contract

A motion to approve a contract with R.L. Fauss of Fremont, NE for the Ramsey Theatre Renovation/Addition project at a fee of \$2,046,300 was unanimously approved. Voting aye: Halbert, Lewis, Lindau, Renner and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil.

### Wayne, Energy Plant Contract

A motion to approve the selection of Leo A. Daly of Omaha, NE as engineer for the Energy Plant project in the amount of \$329,340 including reimburseables was unanimously approved. Voting aye: Halbert, Lewis, Lindau, Renner and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil.

### Wayne, Fine Arts Building Naming

A motion to approve the Wayne proposal to name the west portion of Peterson Fine Arts Building as the (Donor Family Name) Performing Arts Center was unanimously approved. Voting aye: Halbert, Lewis, Lindau, Renner and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil.

### Chadron, Change Order

A motion to approve the following Chadron change order was unanimously approved. Voting aye: Halbert, Lewis, Lindau, Renner and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil.

- Maintenance Building (retaining wall, masonry, millwork, doors & windows) – decrease of \$94,927

## **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ITEMS**

### Strategic Planning

Executive Director Carpenter reported he met with Trustees Kosman and Lindau along with Public Relations Director Irwin to outline the process for the Board's strategic planning. Four meetings will be scheduled in October, November (in conjunction with the Wayne Board meeting), January, and February (in conjunction with the Lincoln Board meeting). Approximately 30 representatives from the colleges and the system office will provide input on priorities the Board should address during the next couple of years. Representatives will include presidents, vice presidents, public relations officers, faculty, and system office staff. In addition, an outside consultant will present a broad perspective of higher education, and an expert on Nebraska will discuss state trends.

Executive Director Carpenter also reported on the possibility of a special legislative session this fall to address revenue shortfalls. Trustee Lewis requested that the colleges and system office prepare tentative contingency plans to address a possible budget cut.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.