

MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2001 MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System was held via conference call initiated from the Nebraska State Colleges System Office on Monday, March 19, 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
Jeff Renner, Bellevue
Larry Teahon, Chadron
Doug Christensen, Lincoln

Student Board Members present:

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, Chadron State College
Donald Green, Dean of Liberal Arts, Chadron State College
Chasidey Mulder, President, Chadron Student Senate
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
John Axtell, KQSK Radio

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Renner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board members convened in Executive Session to discuss the Teaching Excellence Award nominations and an Honorary Doctorate recommendation submitted by Peru State College. The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. to be continued following the Public Session.

PUBLIC SESSION

Chair Renner called the Public Session to order at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The meeting agenda for March 19 was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 22 MEETING

The minutes of the January 22 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.

Peru, Honorary Doctorate

A motion to approve the honorary doctorate degree recommendation submitted by Peru State College was unanimously approved.

Preliminary Notification of New Academic Programs

A motion to approve the following preliminary new program notification list to be submitted to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education was unanimously approved:

Chadron State College Technical Occupations
Applied History

Wayne State College Physical Science
Sports Medicine
System-wide Liberal Arts

Chadron, Bachelor of Applied Science Degree and Technical Occupations Major

A motion to approve a proposed degree designation of Bachelor of Applied Sciences for Chadron State College and a proposed Technical Occupations Major with options in health care, computer and electronics, industrial trades, agriculture operations, and management services was unanimously approved.

Chadron, Applied History Major

A motion to approve a proposed comprehensive major in Applied History for Chadron State College was unanimously approved.

Teaching Excellence Award

A motion to approve the recommendation of the Academic and Personnel Committee for the 2001 Teaching Excellence Award recipient, and submit that recommendation to The Lincoln Foundation for final approval was unanimously approved.

Fiscal and Facilities Committee

Grant Applications and Awards

A motion to approve the following grant applications and awards as submitted by the colleges was unanimously approved:

Chadron Applications
Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (National Institute of Health, via Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center) -- \$325,173
Tiyospaye Center (Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education) -- \$151,476
Wetland Education: Development of a Study Site in Cocodrie, Louisiana (Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program, Louisiana) -- \$28,000

Chadron Award
Principal Incubator Project (Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education) -- \$51,400

Wayne Applications
Computer Initiative & Improvement of Technological Infrastructure (US Department of Education) -- \$691,000
Development of a Family Business Center (US Department of Education) -- \$138,000

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

Contracts and Change Orders

A motion to approve the following contract and change order submitted by the colleges was unanimously approved:

Wayne State College Contract
Memorial Stadium/Track (design of track replacement and ADA seating) -- \$63,800

Wayne State College Change Order
Ramsey Theatre Renovation/Addition (increased fees/change in scope) -- \$59,836

LB 309 Retrievals

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

Chadron State College

Retrieval of \$19,361.28 from the Heating Plant project to reroute steam condensate lines. Project is complete.

Peru State College

Retrieval of \$1,315.80 from the Wheeler Center sidewalk/storm drain renovation project. Project is complete.

Wayne State College

Retrieval of \$2,339.30 from the Carhart Science stair tread replacement project. Project is complete.

Peru, Campus Services Building/Hoyt Project Substantial Completion

A motion to appoint the following Substantial Completion Committee to inspect and designate substantial completion status for the Peru State College Campus Services Building/Hoyt project was unanimously approved:

Steve Lewis, Board member--Fiscal and Facilities Committee Chair

Richard Halbert, Board Member

Jean Dale, Associate Executive Director, Administration and Finance, System Office

Bruce Donelson, Director, Facilities Management and Planning, System Office

Jeffrey Pilus, The Clark Enersen Partners

Steve Hotovy, State Building Division

Linda Jacobsen, Vice President, Administration and Finance, Peru State College

Paul Pate, Director of Campus Services, Peru State College

For Hoyt Science Hall: Dr. Jerry Martin, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Andrew Elkins, Dean of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Richard Clopton, Dept. Head, Natural Sciences

Peru, Health and Fitness Complex Project, Selection of Professional Design Services

A motion to appoint a committee to select professional consulting services for the design and development of the Peru State College Health and Fitness Complex project as follows was unanimously approved:

Steve Lewis, Board member--Fiscal and Facilities Committee Chair

Richard Halbert, Board Member

Jean Dale, Associate Executive Director, Administration and Finance, System Office

Bruce Donelson, Director, Facilities Management and Planning, System Office

Steve Hotovy, State Building Division

Linda Jacobsen, Vice President, Administration and Finance, Peru State College

Paul Pate, Director of Campus Services, Peru State College

Ted Harshbarger, Vice President, Student Services and Enrollment Management

Bart Gray, Athletic Director, Peru State College

Peru, Contingency Maintenance Reallocation

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

From Resolution 4/99, Line 14, \$15,787.07 Student Center Folding Tables, Mattress Covers, and Shower Curtains

To be used for:

1,224.00 Termite repair and treatment at Oak Hill

3,253.09 Replace dining service steam kettle

4,866.94 Replace kitchen shelves as required by health department

1,357.00 Replace kitchen hood fire suppression system as required by fire marshal

4,466.67 Replace water heater elements at Complex

619.37 Portion of replacement cost for ice machine at Student Center

From Resolution 4/00, Line 3, \$ 4,250.63 Replace Carpet in Centennial Complex

To be used for:

1,876.63 Balance of cost for ice machine (see above)

2,374.00 Replacement cost for Neal Hall doors

From Resolution 4/00, Line 8, 31,355.32 Architect and Engineering Fees

To be used for:
14,928.82 Retainage balance for Complex Renovation
16,426.50 Replacement of Complex water softeners

Selection of Revenue Bond Audit Firm

A motion to approve renewal of the agreement with KPMG Peat Marwick to provide revenue bond auditing services for fiscal year 2000-01 for a total fee of \$18,600, which includes out-of-pocket expenses was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Academic and Personnel Committee

Personnel Actions

Personnel actions not requiring Board approval were reported for information.

Board of Trustees Scholarship Application Report

The System Office reported that 282 applications were received as a result of the 2001 scholarship campaign. Once the colleges select the recipients, the System Office will issue press releases. Certificates will be mailed to the high schools for presentation to the student. Board members will also receive a list of all recipients.

Non-Resident Scholars Report

Each of the colleges reported on the number of non-resident scholar participants for 2000-01.

Davis Minority Scholarship

Board members were provided information on the Davis Minority Scholarship. The Ninety-Sixth Legislature of Nebraska, 2000 Session, created LB 1379, the Minority Scholarship Program Act which provides funds to establish an endowment scholarship fund to support a program of undergraduate scholarships for under-represented Black, American Indian and Hispanic students at the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Colleges, and the Nebraska Community Colleges.

The Act provides the sum of \$200,000 for the Minority Scholarship Program at the Nebraska State Colleges. These funds are to serve as a temporary measure for the purpose of eliminating the statistical disparity between the representation of full-time Black, American Indian, and Hispanic minority students in the undergraduate population of the Nebraska State Colleges, and the representation of such minority students in the student population of the primary and secondary schools of this state. The intended purpose of the Act is to develop a more racially diverse student body at the Nebraska State Colleges.

All funds appropriated by the Legislature for minority scholarships are to be used in coordination with private donations for such scholarships and in consultation with major donors, as well as in coordination with federal grant funds available to minority students so as to maximize the level of benefits and accomplish the purposes of the Act.

All monies appropriated for the Program are to be used to support endowed scholarship funds that are to be used, administered, and invested as the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall determine, with only the income to be expended for scholarships.

The awards of all scholarships under the Act are to be determined by a committee selected by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, and the Community College boards of governors. The Act stipulates that the Committee shall include under-represented minority groups and private donors to the endowed scholarship funds created by the Act.

An Agency Agreement has been developed for use by each State College to enter into an agreement with its respective foundation permitting the foundation to manage and invest the funds as a temporary endowment to be used as required by the Act. A copy of the Agreement is available at the System Office.

Campus Safety and Security

In response to a question raised by Trustee Halbert about campus safety and security provisions, the presidents discussed college safety and security matters especially as they related to staffing, security measures and residence hall safety/security.

The colleges have established programs to advise and train students and staff regarding security and safety measures while on campus. These range from escort services and alcohol awareness programs, to self-defense training, to crisis management plans in the event of bad weather or crime on campus. Each of the colleges continues to update safety standards in their buildings (i.e., sprinkler and fire alarm systems), and each has security personnel on campus either as state-funded positions or contracted with the local police department. Campus firearms policies vary, with Chadron and Peru requiring firearms to be checked into secure storage on campus and Wayne allowing no firearms on campus.

Fiscal and Facilities Committee

Grant Applications and Awards

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

Chadron Application

· D.D. Eisenhower Professional Development Funds (Nebraska Department of Education) -- \$23,777

Chadron Awards

- D.D. Eisenhower Professional Development Funds (Nebraska Department of Education) -- \$21,879
- Wetland Education: Development of a Study Site on the San Pedro River, Arizona (US Geological Survey, National Wetlands Research Center) -- \$15,000

Wayne Applications

- Consumer Purchasing and Motivation (Corporation for National Service Learn & Serve America/NE Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education) -- \$2,200
- Environmental Concerns for General Ed (Corporation for National Service Learn & Serve America/NE Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education) -- \$2,200
- Human Resource Management (Corporation for National Service Learn & Serve America/NE Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education) -- \$2,200
- Social Welfare (Corporation for National Service Learn & Serve America/NE Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education) -- \$2,200
- Teaching Writing (Corporation for National Service Learn & Serve America/NE Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education) -- \$2,200
- Study Tour on Economic Education Program Delivery (National Council on Economic Education) -- \$5,450

Contracts and Change Orders

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

Peru Contracts

- Wheeler Center/Natorium (replace new sanitation wallboard) -- \$2,675

Chadron Change Orders

- Memorial Hall #1 (match ceiling tiles, floor repairs and patchwork) -- \$6,971
- Crites Hall #1 (elevator renovation) -- \$3,672.50
- Nelson Physical Activity Center #1 (paint striping to courts) -- \$1,725

Physical Plant Status Reports

The colleges provided status reports on their physical plant projects.

Operating Expenditure Reports

Operating expenditure reports for the period ending December 31, 2000, were provided for review.

Financial Reports

Financial reports for the period ending December 31, 2000, were provided for review.

LB309 Progress Reports

Progress reports on LB309 funded renovation and construction projects were provided to the Board.

Occupancy and Income Reports

The colleges provided Fall 2000 occupancy and income reports.

Contingency Maintenance Progress Reports

Progress reports on contingency maintenance projects were provided to the Board.

Revenue Bond Expenditure Reports

Revenue bond expenditure reports for the period ending December 31, 2000, were provided for review.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ITEMS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Carpenter gave a report on the budget hearing before the Appropriations Committee March 12. In addition to his presentation, Farrah Eleson and Trevor Schmidt, both students at Chadron, spoke on the importance of maintaining low tuition and financial access.

Presidents' Reports

President Krepel reported that recent default rate on student loans at Chadron has decreased to 4.3% compared to the state average of 8%. The groundbreaking ceremony for the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center is scheduled for March 23.

President Johnson also reported that the student loan default rate at Peru has decreased to 8.9%. The college is

currently preparing for two upcoming accreditation visits: the State of Nebraska Teacher Education visit later in March and the NCATE visit in April. In addition, the college will be hosting a celebrity roast in honor of Senator Floyd Vrtiska in appreciation of his long-standing support of Peru State College and the Nebraska State College System.

President Stearns expressed appreciation to those who have acknowledged the recent death of a Wayne State student. She also called attention to Brandon Trease, a recent graduate, who was named Delta Sigma Pi National Collegian of the Year. Vice President Fuller reported on a recent planning and coordination retreat for the Academic Quality Improvement Project (AQIP), a North Central Association evaluation program. Faculty, staff, student and community representatives participated in the retreat.

Student Trustee Reports

Chadron Student Senate President, Chasidey Mulder, reported on several upcoming state competitions and leadership conferences. She also noted that the annual Scholastic Day will be held in April, attracting over 2,400 students to campus.

Student Trustee Ehmke reported that the Peru women's basketball team advanced to national competition and several members were designated as NAIA scholar athletes. She reported on numerous student activities, including Spring Fling events, the show choir tour and upcoming state leadership conferences.

Student Trustee Chleboun reported that Wayne held alcohol awareness activities preceding the recent spring break. She also shared a number of community activities planned by student organizations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board members reconvened in Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. The Executive Session was adjourned at 11:20 with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges will be held at Peru State College on April 23-24, 2001.