

MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2001 MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System was held at the Nebraska State Colleges System Office on Monday, January 22, 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
Willa Kosman, Scottsbluff
Steve Lewis, Lexington
Sheryl Lindau, Wayne
Jeff Renner, Bellevue
Larry Teahon, Chadron

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
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

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Renner called the Committee meetings to order at 10:00 a.m.

ACADEMIC AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Personnel Recommendations

Committee members reviewed the personnel recommendations submitted by the Colleges. The Academic and Personnel Committee unanimously recommended approval of the personnel recommendations to the full Board.

Fall 2000 Enrollment Reports

Board members discussed the fall 2000 enrollment reports submitted by the colleges and the impact of declining high school enrollment throughout the state. Board members and presidents discussed ways to expand recruiting efforts, including the use of alumni groups in out-of-state areas.

Fall 2000 Graduates Summary Report

Board members reviewed the graduate summary reports submitted by the colleges.

Fall 2000 Instructional Load Reports

Board members reviewed the fall 2000 instructional load reports submitted by the colleges.

Five-year Academic Calendar

Board members were informed of the system-wide academic calendars set for 2001-02 through 2005-06.

FISCAL AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

LB 309 Allocations

Committee members reviewed the LB 309 allocations for Peru and Wayne State Colleges. The Fiscal and Facilities Committee unanimously recommended approval of the LB 309 allocations to the full Board.

Peru Revenue Bond Surplus Fund Expenditure

Committee members reviewed the request to expend \$4,346 from the Peru State College revenue bond surplus fund to reimburse Sodexo, the food service contractor, for food that spoiled following the loss of power on campus in October. The Fiscal and Facilities Committee unanimously recommended approval of the expenditure to the full Board.

Wayne Ramsey Theatre Design and Development Documents

Following presentation of the design development documents at the December 8 Board meeting, the Fiscal and Facilities Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Ramsey Theatre design and development documents to the full Board, contingent upon resolving any concerns of analysts reviewing the documents.

Peru Centennial Complex Final Completion

Committee members were informed that the Centennial Complex inspection committee has recommended that final completion status be designated. The Fiscal and Facilities Committee unanimously recommended ratification of the final completion designation to the full Board.

Chadron Mari Sandoz Heritage Center Renovation and Construction Bid

Committee members reviewed the request to accept the low bid of \$1,668,000 from Fuller Construction of Chadron, Nebraska, so that Chadron State College can proceed with the renovation and construction of the Mari Sandoz Heritage Center. The Fiscal and Facilities Committee unanimously recommended acceptance of the bid to the full Board.

Grant Applications and Awards

The Committee reviewed the following grant application and award submitted by Wayne:

*Application to the Nebraska Library Commission for the Basic Research Skills Online program (\$2,950)

*Award from the National Council on Economic Development for the Focus: Economic Systems program (\$1,000).

Physical Plant Status Reports

Committee members reviewed the physical plant status reports submitted by the colleges.

Contracts

The Committee reviewed the following contracts submitted by Chadron and Peru:

Chadron contracts:

*Student Center Snack Bar (professional services) -- \$14,500

*Campus Master Plan (professional services) -- \$38,950

*Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center (asbestos abatement) -- \$14,935

Peru contracts:

*Baseball and Softball Fields (electrical) -- \$1,188; \$2,870; \$455

*Campus Services Building (fire line) -- \$3,200

*TJ Majors (air quality and structural analysis) -- \$4,000

*Al Wheeler Center Natatorium (HVAC upgrade) -- \$23,815

*Field House (submersible sewage pump replacement) - \$20,450

Capital Construction Progress Reports

The Committee members reviewed the following quarterly progress reports:

Chadron:

*Memorial Hall Renovation – interim report

*Burkhiser Technology Complex Renovation – interim report

*Miller Hall Renovation – interim report

Peru:

*Campus Services Building Renovation – interim report

*Water System Renovation – interim report

*Hoyt Science Building Renovation – interim report

- *Centennial Complex Renovation – interim report
- *TJ Majors Renovation – interim report

Wayne:

- *Studio Arts Building Renovation – interim report
- *Connell Hall Renovation – interim report
- *Terrace Hall Renovation – interim report

Governor's Budget Recommendations

A summary of funding included in the Governor's budget for the State Colleges was distributed and discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee meetings were adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Board members reconvened in Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining. The Executive Session was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Renner called the business meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The meeting agenda for January 22 was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 8 MEETING

The minutes of the December 8 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.

Ratification of Union Contracts

A motion to ratify the 2001-2003 Agreements between the Nebraska State Colleges Board of Trustees and the following bargaining units was unanimously approved contingent upon ratification by the various bargaining units:

- The State College Education Association (SCEA)
- The Nebraska State College Professional Association (NSCPA)
- The Nebraska Association of Public Employees, Local #61 (NAPE-AFSCME)

Fiscal and Facilities Committee

LB 309 Allocations

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

Peru State College:

- Acceptance of \$3,400 for TJ Majors HVAC and water penetration study.
- Acceptance of \$21,250 for Wheeler Center/Natatorium HVAC repairs.

Wayne State College:

- Acceptance of an additional \$3,000 for campus sewage pump lift station for changes mandated by the State Electrical Inspector.

Peru's Revenue Bond Surplus Fund Expenditure

A motion to approve the expenditure of \$4,346 from Peru's revenue bond surplus fund to reimburse Sodexo for food spoilage following the power failure at Peru in October 2000 was unanimously approved.

Wayne Ramsey Theatre Design and Development Documents

A motion to approve the Wayne Ramsey Theatre design and development documents contingent upon resolving any concerns of analysts reviewing the documents was unanimously approved.

Peru Centennial Complex Final Completion

A motion to ratify designation of final completion for the Peru Centennial Complex renovation project was unanimously approved.

Chadron Mari Sandoz Heritage Center Bid

A motion to accept the low bid of \$1,668,000 from Fuller Construction of Chadron, Nebraska, so that Chadron State College can proceed with the renovation and construction of the Mari Sandoz Heritage Center was unanimously approved. The project will be funded with monies from private contributors to the Chadron State College Foundation,

the Peter Kiewit Foundation, the Abbott Foundation, an Institute of Museums/Library Services grant, a Save America's Treasures grant, and LB309 funds.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ITEMS

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Carpenter reported that he and Public Relations Director Irwin attended an announcement of the "College Savings Plan of Nebraska" at Peru by State Treasurer Heineman; similar announcements were planned at Wayne and Chadron. The new plan makes saving for college simple and affordable by offering tax-saving advantages and providing multiple investment options. The plan applies to schools nationwide.

He also discussed with the Board implications of LB 401 (and an accompanying constitutional amendment, LR 8CA), introduced by Speaker of the Legislature Doug Kristensen, which calls for eliminating the University Board of Regents, the State College Board of Trustees, and the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Effective July 1, 2003, LB 401 would create a new combined Higher Education Board of Regents to govern and coordinate the University campuses and the State Colleges. The new Board would have eight elected members and seven appointed members. The Coordinating Commission would be eliminated and its powers and duties assumed by the new Board of Regents for Higher Education.

Presidents' Reports

President Krepel announced that the Chadron Radio Club has been revived and will begin broadcasting during evening hours. He also reported that the first Spanish major of the system-wide foreign language degree program would graduate in May. This joint program was initiated in 1997 with approval of the Board and the Coordinating Commission to better utilize existing resources. Chadron has also established a web site for faculty to enter grades and a student web site allowing for course registration. President Krepel also announced that Governor Johanns has given his preliminary acceptance to speak at the May commencement.

President Johnson reported that the Peru State College Foundation has initiated a \$25 million capital campaign to fund refurbishing and an endowment. In addition, the Foundation has recently hired an attorney for deferred giving. President Johnson also announced that the brick schoolhouse, being disassembled and moved to campus, should be reassembled sometime this spring. Restoration work will begin at a later time. When restored, the schoolhouse will serve as a Welcome Center to the campus.

President Stearns announced that Wayne State College won a silver award at the recent CASE conference for their 90th Anniversary celebration events. She called attention to her report of a partnership between Ralston and Papillion-LaVista high schools and Wayne State College and Metropolitan Community College. The partnership will provide metro-area students with the opportunity to begin work on a bachelor's degree program in education, completing their first two years at Metro and then transferring to Wayne to complete the upper division requirements. President Stearns also announced that the administrative restructuring is proceeding, and searches are being conducted for three deans.

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Ward reported on several Chadron activities, including Alcohol Awareness Day, the Winter Magic Formal, and RHOP interviews. He also announced that the Student Senate has joined the Chadron Chamber of Commerce.

Student Trustee Ehmke reported on several events sponsored by the Peru Campus Activities Board, including a dance and multi-cultural activities held in conjunction with Martin Luther King Day. She also announced a play production scheduled for February.

Student Trustee Chleboun reported that all Wayne State College organizations are making plans for spring activities. Martin Luther King Day activities included speakers, and a career fair is scheduled for February.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges will be held on Monday, March 19, 2001, at the NSC Offices in Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.