

**NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES OF APRIL 8-9, 2002 MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System was held at Peru State College, Peru, Nebraska on Tuesday, April 9, 2002.

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 present:

Doug Christensen, Lincoln
Richard Halbert, Falls City
Willa Kosman, Scottsbluff
Sheryl Lindau, Wayne
Jeff Renner, Bellevue
Larry Teahon, Chadron

Student Board Members present:

Tammie Mundil, Peru State College
Katie Watt, Chadron State College

NSC Staff, present:

Larry Schultz, Associate Executive Director for Academic Affairs & Legal Services
Jean Dale, Associate Executive Director for Administration & Finance
Bruce, Donelson, Facilities Management & Planning Director
Sheri Irwin, Public Relations Director
Lynne Olson, Administrative Assistant
Thomas Krepel, President, Chadron State College
Joyce Hardy, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chadron State College
Ed Hoffman, Vice President for Administration, Chadron State College
Ben Johnson, President, Peru 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 for Student Services and Enrollment Management, Peru State College
Kent Propst, Vice President for College Advancement and Institutional Relations, Peru State College
Sheila Stearns, President, Wayne State College
David Fuller, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Wayne State College
Carolyn Murphy, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Wayne State College
Curt Frye, Vice President and Dean of Students, Wayne State College
Mike Hartwell, Director of Physical Plant, Wayne State College

Others present

Clayton Seeba, 2002-03 Student Trustee, Peru State College
Ken West, DLR Group
Mark Brim, DLR Group
Dale Nielsen, DLR Group
Steve Weber, Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects
David Powers, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Patsy Martin, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Kathleen Fimple, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Larry Scherer, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

The Academic and Personnel Committee and the Fiscal and Facilities Committee met via conference call to discuss agenda items. No action was taken.

Monday, April 8, 2002

The Board of Trustees and the Executive Director met with members of the Student Senate and support and professional staff employees throughout the afternoon.

Board members convened in Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the President's evaluations and the distinguished service award recommendation submitted by Peru State College. No action was taken.

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

The Board of Trustees met with members of the Peru State College Faculty Senate.

CALL TO ORDER—BUSINESS MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

The meeting agenda for April 9, 2002 was approved as presented.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Ken West, Mark Brim, and Dale Nielsen, representatives from DLR Group presented the program statement for the construction and renovation of the Health and Fitness Complex for Peru State College. No action was taken. (Copy on file in System Office.)

Steve Weber, representative from Bahr Vermeer and Haecker presented the program statement for the renovation and addition to the Campus Maintenance Facilities for Wayne State College. No action was taken. (Copy on file in System Office.)

Academic and Personnel Committee

Personnel Recommendations

A motion to approve the personnel recommendations submitted by the colleges was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval. (Copies are attached to the official minutes.)

2002-03 Salary Policy

A motion to approve the 2002-03 salary policy as follows was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Unionized Faculty (SCEA): As per collective bargaining agreement (5.5% across the board for all bargaining unit members with satisfactory performance).

Unionized Professional Staff (NSCPA): As per collective bargaining agreement (5.5% across the board to all bargaining unit members with satisfactory or better performance).

Unionized Support Staff (NAPE): As per collective bargaining agreement (4.0% + \$300 across the board to all bargaining unit members with satisfactory or better performance).

Non-unionized Professional Staff: Each college and the System Office is authorized to provide a salary increase of 5.5% over the existing 2001-02 salary base to each non-union professional staff employee with satisfactory performance. A salary increase of more or less than 5.5% is also authorized based on performance.

Non-unionized Support Staff: Each college and the System Office is authorized to provide a salary increase of 5.5% over the existing 2001-02 salary base to each non-union support staff employee with satisfactory performance. A salary increase of more or less than 5.5% is also authorized based on performance.

Program Review

A motion to approve the program review recommendations relating to each degree program and forward the report to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education as follows was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Chadron State College:

Business Education – continue the undergraduate program
Business Administration – continue the undergraduate and graduate programs
Criminal Justice – continue the undergraduate program
Industrial Technology Education – continue the undergraduate program
Industrial Management – continue the undergraduate program
Mathematics Education – continue the undergraduate program
Mathematics – continue the undergraduate programs
Social Sciences – continue the undergraduate program

Peru State College:

Business Administration – continue the undergraduate programs
Mathematics – continue the undergraduate program
Natural Science – (follow-up report) continue the undergraduate program
Graduate Center – continue the center
Lincoln Center – continue the center

Wayne State College:

Business Administration – continue the undergraduate and graduate programs
Criminal Justice – continue the undergraduate program
Mathematics – continue the undergraduate and graduate programs
Industrial Technology – continue the undergraduate program
Social Sciences – continue the undergraduate program

Insurance Renewals

A motion authorizing the Executive Director to renew the current insurance coverages in the most cost-effective manner was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Proposed Policy Revision; Policy 3000-Final Approval

A motion to approve the amendment of Policy 3000 Admissions Requirements; Undergraduate was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Proposed Policy Revision; Policy 3402-Final Approval

A motion to approve the revision of Policy 3402 Non-Residents Working Full-Time in Nebraska was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Proposed Policy Revision; Policy 3403-Final Approval

A motion to approve the implementation of a three-year pilot program, known as the Nebraska State Colleges' Opportunity Award, was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Proposed Policy Revision; Policy 5405-Final Approval

A motion to approve the amendment of Policy 5405, the system retirement plan, was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Proposed Policy Revision; Policy 8035-Final Approval

A motion to approve the amendment of Policy 8035 to permit the use of alcohol on college property was recommended by the committee for full Board approval. Voting aye: Halbert, Kosman, Lindau, Renner and Teahon. Voting nay: Christensen. Student Opinion aye: Mundil and Watt.

Chadron State College Information Management Systems Program Name Change

A motion to approve a Bachelor of Science degree name change from Information Management Systems to Information Science and Technology for Chadron State College was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval

Resolution to Establish the Educational Enhancement Fund

A motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to establish an Educational Enhancement Fund on behalf of the Board of Trustees at the Lincoln Community Foundation, Inc. was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Promotion in Rank and Tenure Awards

A motion to accept the reports on rank promotion granted and tenure awarded to faculty in the Nebraska State Colleges System was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval. (Recommendations are attached to the official minutes.)

Peru State College Psychology/Sociology Major Revisions and Sociology Program Elimination

A motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Psychology/Sociology major at Peru State College including the elimination of the Sociology program was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Wayne State College Health Science Concentration Added

A motion to approve the addition of a Health Science concentration to the Bachelor of Science degree program in Life Sciences at Wayne State College was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Wayne State College Journalism Subject Endorsement Name Change

A motion to approve a name change in the Journalism Subject Endorsement, BA/BS, at Wayne State College to Journalism and Mass Communication was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Wayne State College Technology Major Changes

A motion to approve the revisions of the major in Technology, BA/BS, at Wayne State College including concentration name changes from Technical Competency to Industrial Trades Occupations and from Ag-Tech to Agricultural Occupations, and the addition of two new concentrations in Computer Occupations and Management Services Occupations was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Distinguished Service Award

A motion to approve the Distinguished Service Award recommendation submitted by Peru State College was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Coordinating Commission

The following individuals from the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education attended the meeting to discuss changes in Rule 10 and the Commission's role in approving program offerings: David Powers, Executive Director; Patsy Martin, Communications & Special Projects Officer; Larry Sherer, Planning and Policy Officer and Kathleen Fimple, Academic Program Specialist.

David Powers thanked the Board for asking him and his colleagues to attend the meeting. He explained the role of the Coordinating Commission with regard to program review, the budget recommendation process, non-duplication of programs and designation of geographic and programmatic service regions.

The challenge of assuring that there is no unnecessary duplication of courses is complicated because there are 3-5 public institutions and learning centers within the three service regions in Nebraska covered by the state colleges. Information distributed by Dr. Powers showed the number of high school graduates from Nebraska attending college for the first time. At Peru 37% of its students are over 25 years of age. The data distributed indicated the extent to which each state college was penetrating its market with respect to its competition.

Powers indicated that the NSC's play an important role in economic development, adult education, adult completion programs and are the primary means for assuring that the rural areas of Nebraska prosper. The state colleges help to insure that the rural areas of Nebraska are not depopulated and can remain viable.

Powers also said that PSC is the driver of economic development as well as the social, community and human development for its service region. The Commission believes that Peru must be healthy; and consequently, Peru has been placed at the top of the list for prioritization for remodeling of facilities. CCPE has been enthusiastic about approving Peru's off-campus centers; however, the centers in Sarpy County and Lincoln could be considered distractions from meeting the needs of the southeast counties. Nevertheless, they are in Peru's service region, and to the extent that the programs offered are not duplicates and the centers are not inappropriately using state funds, the commission is enthusiastic and has approved those centers.

Data showing areas where Nebraska high school graduates are not attending Nebraska higher education institutions was reviewed. The Omaha area is where most attention is needed according to this data as the number of graduates not attending higher education institutions from the Omaha area is high.

Rule 10 changes were discussed. There are 3-5 public institutions in the service region served by Peru. Trustee Lindau pointed out that the 3-5 institutions are totally different within the region and the CCPE and its staff need to keep that in mind when it makes decisions.

Need and demand are defined by the CCPE as jobs available and students wanting the courses offered. Differences in definition of need and demand are quite evident. Just because a review is triggered doesn't mean that the CCPE will automatically refuse to permit the program or courses to be offered.

President Johnson suggested that some/many students don't want to take UNL courses even though they live in or near Lincoln. He asked how that is factored into the CCPE's decision-making process. He said that students choose which schools they want to attend and the question is, "Should we deny them the opportunity to be educated in a metropolitan area because the CCPE wants them to be educated in a different area?"

Trustee Christensen asked if the CCPE was giving the state colleges blanket authority to have teacher education in whatever area they want?

Dr. Powers stated, "The changes to the rule were a trigger to review any programs or courses being offered within 30 miles of the main campus of another institution. Consultation is a key part of the rule as well. Maybe courses can be offered in cooperation with other institutions in the area. The Legislature expects this to be occurring."

Trustee Kosman said, "NSC students and Nebraskans are the ones with whom the CCPE should be most concerned." She commented that we should strive to make the colleges less territorial, and this rule appears to be making them more territorial. The needs of Nebraskans should be the focus. She went on to say, "if a class is offered and the class is filled, that means the Nebraskans want that class whether it is the most expensive, whether two blocks from their home or for whatever the reason." The citizens who pay the taxes and tuition have chosen to enroll where they want to.

Dr. Powers replied, "Student demand and societal need are the two most important drivers and that those must 'trump' duplication questions."

President Johnson pointed out that Chadron's model of collaboration with Western Community College has been very successful. Likewise, Southeast Community College requested that Peru offer four popular programs because SCC students were having difficulty getting into the University. However, because the University objected, the CCPE gave permission for Peru to offer Business Technology only. Peru was denied permission to offer Education, Business and Criminal Justice. Thus, Peru cannot be successful in collaboration with partner schools even though SCC wants to work with Peru.

Trustee Christensen commented that ultimately the pendulum swings back. "We started this way back when, when all the colleges were doing whatever they wanted anytime and then asking the Legislature to fund all this", he said. Eventually the Legislature said no. The movement that started the Coordinating Commission came from a former member of this Board. Christensen went on to say that he hoped that if these colleges can demonstrate that they can attract students from their service region, whatever that is, that will serve not only a need on the part of what students are demanding but in terms of what society needs, i.e. getting kids who will stay in southeast Nebraska or in our other more rural areas, then that will trump any other institutions need to say "stay out of our area."

David Powers replied, "Absolutely."

President Johnson said, "One of the ways to do that is not to restrict us in offering courses, i.e., to prove ahead of time that there is a need for a program we could offer in the Lincoln center." Rather than get "up front" approval, we should review the program a year later—take a look at the enrollment, and if, in fact, there is a sizeable enrollment there, that would be the indication of need and demand.

Dr. Powers responded that he could not agree more. He went on to state that the CCPE had met with NSC Executive Director, Stan Carpenter, November 13 to talk through the draft of Rule 10 changes. "The premise of offering any course that you want at the Lincoln Center is something that we are not objecting to. The proposed rule says, 'offer a full degree or offer 50% or more of a program and has more than 100 students.'" According to Powers, "You might well find a number of courses that people would like to come to. The trigger we are talking about came from the North Central Association. North Central is saying that if your three institutions want to keep their accreditation you have got to go to North Central and get approval from it if you have a center that offers a full degree program or 50% of a degree program with 100 or more students. Thus, it seemed logical that you should get the Commission's approval in those circumstances as well. This draft suggests using the same trigger as North Central and that the CCPE doesn't even review the request unless you are within a certain distance of the main campus of another institution. This one has a 45-mile strikeout. This one has a 30-mile or one hour or 25-mile distance. If you don't like a trigger we don't have to have a trigger, but what we are saying is that if you are going to lease a facility for more than one year, if you are going to have to go to North Central for approval of accreditation then those are triggers that make sense, those are minimal triggers. When we said how about you not even bringing it to us unless you are within 30 miles of another campus we were trying to relieve you of responsibility of even coming to us."

Powers went on to say, "The CCPE is trying to make this very flexible, and we are still seeking your advice." He commented that the three state colleges are a very valuable component of higher education in Nebraska.

“The NSC and its community college partners are our best hope for the economic development of the rest of the state. And as Trustee Christensen was saying earlier, when you can get people who live in this area to come to your institutions and stay through their sophomore year and graduate and live in that area the state is a winner and you are the economic development engine. We are in this together.”

Trustee Kosman commented that, “One concern we have is that our mission gets squeezed between the university and the community colleges, and I think that the CCPE really needs to be aware of that. As you said the community colleges think they should have the first two years, the university thinks no one should be near them, no one should do this or that and at the same time you want our colleges to be profitable and serve our service areas but we are continually being boxed in. I would make a request that you look at those things closely, because you are chopping off our legs.”

Dr. Powers said that he agreed with Trustee Kosman’s point.

President Krepel asked for clarification about the 30-mile trigger. He asked if the trigger lets the CCPE just look at the proposed offering. Dr. Powers replied that if within the 30-mile limit then it was an approval process. It is not an approval process outside the 30-mile limit.

Dr. Powers thanked the Board for the opportunity to talk to them about the CCPE and proposed changes to Rule 10. Further he indicated that he would be more than happy to come back and meet with the Board at any time.

Trustee Halbert asked if this could be done on an annual basis.

Trustee Christensen suggested that the Board think about scheduling one of its meetings in Lincoln in conjunction with one of the CCPE Board meetings.

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 recommended by the committee for full Board approval. Voting aye: Halbert, Kosman, Lindau, Renner, and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil and Watt.

Chadron Applications

- Wetland Education for Two Sites Along the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail (National Park Service, 2002 Challenge Cost Share Program) -- \$76,118.64
- Planning Grant – Title III, Strengthening Institutions, Part A (US Department of Education, Strengthening Institutions Program) -- \$35,000
- Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network Supplement (National Institute of Health through University of Nebraska Medical Center) -- \$127,748

Chadron Award

- The Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center Trail (State of Nebraska, Department of Roads, Transportation Enhancement Improvement Request) -- \$264,000

Wayne Applications

- Insuring Norm Validation for Evaluation of Standards Taught (INVEST) (Eisenhower Professional Development Program) -- \$47,093

- Wayne State College Track Project-Tire Derived Products/Crumb Rubber Grant (Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality) -- \$34,500
- Wayne State College Field Turf-Tire-Derived Products/Crumb Rubber Grant (Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality) -- \$125,000

Wayne Award

- Nebraska Business Development Center (US Small Business Administration) -- \$54,000

Resolution on Trails Grant

A motion to approve a resolution concerning an agreement with the State of Nebraska Department of Roads for construction of a pedestrian/bicycle trail at Chadron State College was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Contracts and Change Orders

A motion to approve the following contract submitted by Chadron State College was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval. Voting aye: Halbert, Kosman, Lindau, Renner, and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil and Watt.

Chadron State College Contract

- Burkhiser Technology Complex (re-roof) -\$118,493

LB 309 Allocations and Retrievals

A motion to approve the allocations and retrievals of LB 309 funding was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval. Voting aye: Christensen, Halbert, Kosman, Lindau, Renner, and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil and Watt.

Chadron State College:

Acceptance of \$2,550.00 for fire hydrant installation
Retrieval of \$1,700.00 for fire alarm system in Armstrong Complex
Retrieval of \$7,118.59 for pool heat exchanger and filter system
Retrieval of \$10,850.00 for fire sprinkler system in Burkhiser Complex
Retrieval of \$2,550.00 for fire alarm system in Rita King Library
Retrieval of \$6,332.50 for window replacement in Math/Science
Retrieval of \$7,777.50 for ADA north entry stairs/ramp in Armstrong Gymnasium

Peru State College:

Acceptance of \$40,800.00 for Wheeler Activity Center Phase III – mechanical room renovation
Acceptance of \$2,500.00 for ADA restroom modifications in the Administration Building
Acceptance of \$8,500.00 for study of steam system in physical plant
Acceptance of \$2,550.00 for study of east wall structural repair in physical plant
Retrieval of \$2,863.63 for exterior modification to theatre
Retrieval of \$1,309.94 for exhaust make-up air system to Wheeler Center
Retrieval of \$3,237.50 for steam and condensate line repair
Retrieval of \$540.17 for emergency steam/condensate line repair

Wayne State College

Acceptance of \$25,500.00 for west entrance replacement at Rice Auditorium.

Proposed Distribution of 2002-03 Funds

A motion to tentatively approve the distribution of funds for fiscal year 2002-03 was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval. Voting aye: Christensen, Halbert, Kosman, Lindau, Renner, and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil and Watt.

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS 2002-03					
	CSC	PSC	WSC	SO	TOTAL
2001-02 General Funds	12,628,426	6,859,237	15,162,532	891,207	35,541,402
2001-02 Cash Funds	5,106,536	3,011,224	6,757,512		14,875,272
Total GF/CF Base 2001-02	17,734,962	9,870,461	21,920,044	891,207	50,416,674
<u>General Fund Increases:</u>					
Salaries	688,334	385,947	834,920	35,814	1,945,014
Additional Salary \$	27,287	10,000	62,828	0	100,115
Health Insurance	91,540	60,015	113,058	4,118	268,731
Operating/Instructional Equip. Expense Increase	180,523	110,842	217,326	8,523	517,214
Instructional Equipment Increase	0	0	0	0	0
LB 1100 Depreciation	93,333	89,583	120,488	0	303,404
New Bldg. Openings	57,868	0	16,499	0	74,367
TSB Rates	0	0	0	0	0
DAS Accounting Rate Increase	3,170	1,710	3,695	99	8,673
Tri-State Grad Center				1,391	1,391
WSC Additional Utilities			7,800		7,800
Mari Sandoz Director	55,200				55,200
Total General Fund Increase	1,197,255	658,096	1,376,614	49,945	3,281,909
LB 1100 Adjustments per LB 1	19,914	37,933	(44,410)	0	13,437
LB 1 Special Session Reductions (1%)	(11,770)	(6,393)	(14,132)	(831)	(33,126)
Regular Session Adjustments:					
LB 1310: LB 1100 Reductions	(62,422)	(87,192)	(76,078)		(225,692)
LB 1309:					
Additional 1% Reduction	(139,346)	(75,687)	(167,308)	(9,834)	(392,175)
Health Insurance Deficit	74,811	49,047	92,397	3,365	219,621
Revised General Fund Increase	1,078,442	575,804	1,167,083	42,645	2,863,974
2002-03 General Funds	13,706,868	7,435,041	16,329,615	933,852	38,405,376

Contingency Maintenance Requests

A motion to approve the resolutions authorizing the state colleges to spend revenue bond surplus funds for contingency maintenance projects on their campuses was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval. Voting aye: Halbert, Kosman, Lindau, Renner, and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil and Watt. (Resolutions are attached to the official minutes.)

Chadron-\$252,500
Peru-\$25,000
Wayne-\$325,000

Renew Contract for Revenue Bond Audit

A motion to approve the renewal of the agreement with KPMG to provide revenue bond auditing services for fiscal year 2001-02 for a total fee of \$19,200, which includes out-of-pocket expenses was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Food Service Contracts

A motion to approve the 2002-03 food service contract recommendations submitted by Chadron and Wayne State Colleges as follows was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Chadron – CHARTWELLS
Wayne – CHARTWELLS
Peru is in the process of negotiating their food service contract and will submit their recommendation at the June board meeting.

Bookstore Contracts

A motion to approve the 2002-03 bookstore contracts submitted by Chadron, Peru and Wayne State Colleges as follows was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Chadron – NEBRASKA BOOK COMPANY
Peru – PERU STATE ADVANCEMENT, INC.
Wayne – BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSTORES, INC.

Chadron Armory Land Exchange

A motion to approve negotiations with the Nebraska Army National Guard for a land exchange with Chadron State College was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

WSC Campus Master Plan

A motion to approve the Wayne State College campus master plan update was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval. (Copy on file in System Office.)

Program Statement for WSC Maintenance Building Renovation/Addition

A motion to accept the program statement for the Wayne State College Maintenance Building Renovation/Addition was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval. (Copy on file in System Office.)

Program Statement for PSC Health & Fitness Complex Project

A motion to accept the program statement for the Peru State College Health and Fitness Complex project was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval. (Copy on file in System Office.)

Budget Revision for CSC Administration Building Renovation

A motion to approve the Chadron State College Administration Building Renovation budget revision was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval. Voting aye: Halbert, Kosman, Lindau, Renner, and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil and Watt.

Plan for Distributing Capital Improvement Funds

A motion to approve a plan for distributing capital improvement fund interest earnings was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval. The plan would retain \$175,000 in interest earnings in the system account and distribute any excess above that amount to the individual colleges' accounts on a quarterly basis. Voting aye: Halbert, Kosman, Lindau, Renner, and Teahon. Voting nay: None. Student Opinion aye: Mundil and Watt.

Ratify Substantial Completion of Peru State College Hoyt Science Building South Remodel

A motion to ratify the substantial completion of the Peru State College Hoyt Science Building South Remodel was unanimously recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

Renaming of Sandoz Center

A motion to approve the renaming of the Old Library at Chadron State College as the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center was recommended by the committee for full Board approval.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Academic and Personnel

Personnel Actions

Personnel actions not requiring Board approval were reported for information. (Copies are attached to the official minutes.)

Non-Resident Scholars Program Report

A summary of the 2001-02 non-resident scholars report was presented to the Board.

Fiscal and Facilities

Grant Applications and Awards

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

Wayne State College Applications

- Yesterday's Tomorrows: Past Visions of the American Future (Nebraska Humanities Council) -- \$2,000
- Determination of Caloric Content & Percent Protein in Soybeans (Nebraska Soybean Board) -- \$24,742

Wayne State College Awards

- Mathematics & Economics: Connections for Life (National Council on Economic Education) -- \$2,500
- Research Grade Software (Gaussian 98W) (EPSCoR/Nebraska Academy of Sciences) -- \$1,000
- Synthesis & Characterization of Aluminum with Hydroxy Carboxylates in Aqueous Solutions (EPSCoR/Nebraska Academy of Sciences) -- \$1,000
- Breaking New Ground: Carbon Management at the Farm Scale (Nebraska Environmental Trust/Center for Rural Affairs) -- \$1,500

Contract and Change Orders

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

Chadron State College Contracts

- Miller Hall – (replace condensate line between Miller Hall & Boiler House) -- \$9,323
- Armstrong Gymnasium – (structural assessment) -- \$15,000
- Heat Plant – (biomass fuel assessment) -- \$11,534
- Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center – (fiber optic cable installation) -- \$6,292.67
- Maintenance Services Building – (fiber optic cable installation) -- \$8,075.92
- Student Center – (fiber optic cable installation) -- \$19,268.07

Peru State College Contracts

- Al Wheeler Activity Center – (asbestos removal) -- \$1,070
- Boiler/Campus – (steam system evaluation) -- \$8,988
- Al Wheeler Activity Center – (mechanical room update) -- \$34,353
- Al Wheeler Activity Center – (monitoring during asbestos abatement) -- \$1,150
- AD Majors Hall – (annual lease) -- \$29,960.82 plus \$7,423.92 for utilities
- Rock Parking Lot – (lease) -- \$600
- Boiler/Campus Services Building – (replace fuel oil heater) -- \$9,747.56

Wayne State College Contracts

- South of Studio Arts – (site preparation for art project) -- \$36,507
- Energy Plant – (energy plant renovation/addition) - \$2,927,100

Chadron State College Change Orders

- Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center – (#1 fiber optic cable installation) -- \$1,050 deduct
- Andrews Hall Dormitory – (#2 dormitory suite renovation) -- \$8,500
- Memorial Hall – (#6 framing, electrical changes, masonry repair) -- \$11,741
- Administration Building – (addendum to program statement) -- \$7,650

Wayne State College Change Orders

- Ramsey Theatre – (#5 changes to utilities, catwalk, repair balcony wall, misc. others) -- \$15,236
- Ramsey Theatre – (#6 reinsulate ductwork above auditorium) -- \$19,678
- Ramsey Theatre – (#7 reinsulate piping above auditorium) -- \$18,739

Physical Plant Status Reports

Physical plant status reports from each state college not requiring Board approval were reported for information. (Copies are attached to the official minutes.)

Capital Construction Progress Reports

The following capital construction progress reports not requiring Board approval were reported for information. (Copies are attached to the official minutes.)

Chadron State College

- Maintenance Services Building Construction – interim report
- Memorial Hall Renovation – interim report
- Miller Hall Renovation and Conversion – interim report
- Burkhiser Technology Complex Renovation – interim report
- Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center Renovation/Construction – initial report

Peru State College

- Eliza Morgan Hall – interim report
- T.J. Majors Hall – interim report
- Centennial Complex – final report
- Campus Services Building – interim report
- Hoyt Science Building – interim report
- Library/Old Gym Renovation – interim report

Wayne State College

- Connell Hall Renovation – interim report
- Studio Arts Building Renovation – interim report
- Ramsey Theatre Renovation/Addition – interim report
- Terrace Hall Renovation – interim report
- Energy Plant Purchase/Renovation – initial report

Potential Occupancy and Income Reports

The colleges provided potential 2002-03 occupancy and income projections.

Peru Fourth-Year-Free Program

Peru State College provided an update on the retention/housing incentive program and its impact three years after implementation. The program was designed to keep students on campus past the initial two years and to reward students for making above average academic progress toward their degree goals. After three years, the program will be discontinued for new students starting with the 2002-03 school year in light of the cost to the College's revenue bond program. All current students will be allowed to participate in the program, if they meet the requirements as identified during the remainder of their attendance at Peru State.

Peru, Majors Hall Lease Renewal

Peru's request to renew the A.D. Majors Hall lease agreement for July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 at a rate of \$1.13 per square foot for 26,514 square feet (for a total of \$29,960.82) has been approved by the Executive Director. The college is also authorized to use general funds to pay annual utility costs, with the cost not to exceed \$7,423.92.

Review of Preliminary Operating and Capital Construction Budget Reports

The Colleges and System Office are in the process of preparing budget request items based on the guidelines approved by the Board at the February meeting. The requests, both operating and capital construction, are still undergoing refinement. The budget requests will be brought to the Board for approval at the June meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ITEMS

Executive Director's Report

Associate Executive Director for Administration & Finance, Jean Dale, informed the Board that Executive Director Stan Carpenter was in Lincoln working with the Legislature regarding the potential override of the Governor's veto on the appropriations and revenue bills.

Associate Executive Director Dale then gave the Executive Director's report in his absence. She thanked the outgoing student trustees, Katie Watt-Chadron, Tammie Mundil-Peru and Jennifer Chleboun-Wayne for their service on the Board of Trustees. She also announced the new student trustees recently appointed by the Governor—Kelly Bitner-Chadron, Clayton Seeba-Peru and Traci Coover-Wayne. She welcomed Clayton Seeba to the meeting.

Dale reported 317 applications had been received for the Board of Trustees scholarship. New efforts to market the program helped to increase the number of applications by 36 from last year.

Associate Executive Director Dale discussed preliminary budget information.

The following members of the Board of Trustees will be bringing greetings from the Board to the May commencement exercises at the three colleges—Larry Teahon-Chadron, Jeff Renner-Peru and Sheryl Lindau-Wayne.

Presidents' Reports

Chadron State President Krepel reported that several additional activities had been held recently at Chadron including, Scholastic Day, Teacher Interview Day and a presentation by Congressman Tom Osborne. He further reported the tutoring program had received College Reading and Learning Association certification and the Students In Free Enterprise group were crowned champions at the regional competition.

Wayne State President Stearns announced the WSC strategic planning session held recently in Schuyler was a success. Many quality improvement projects undertaken as part of the AQIP process of accreditation will be displayed/shared with the campus community on April 16.

Peru State President Johnson announced several competitions for high school students had been held recently. The winners of these competitions received \$500 scholarships to attend Peru. These students and their parents have been invited to attend a brunch in recognition of their accomplishments.

Student Trustees' Reports

Student Trustee Watt reported everyone was preparing for the final weeks of the academic year and commencement.

Student Trustee Mundil reported that the "Early Start" program day for grade school students was held recently.

2002-03 Board Meeting Schedule

A proposed meeting schedule will be presented at the June meeting for approval.

Appointment of Board Nominating Committee

Board Chair Renner appointed Trustees Christensen, Kosman and Lewis to serve as the nominating committee for the 2002-2003 Board officers.

Strategic Planning

The Board of Trustees decided to postpone strategic planning discussions until the June Board meeting.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the NSC Board of Trustees will be held at Omaha, Nebraska on June 10-11, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT -- The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Dale
Associate Executive Director
for Administration and Finance

Persons interested in source documents relating to the above agenda items may consult the Board Book for this meeting kept on file in the Nebraska State Colleges System Office in Lincoln.