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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Work Session

In compliance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 84-1411, printed notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges will convene at The Lied Lodge Conference Center, 2700 Sylvan Road, Nebraska City, Nebraska on August 24, 2011.

Work Session/Retreat

August 24 –

9:00 a.m.

An Executive Session may be held in conjunction with this work session.

This notice and accompanying agenda are being distributed to members of the Board of Trustees, the presidents of the state colleges, the Associated Press and selected Nebraska newspapers.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION**  
**AUGUST 24, 2011**  
**LIED LODGE & CONVENTION CENTER**  
**NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 – Lied Lodge**

<b>9:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION</b>	<b>Marcotte Room</b>
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Timber Dining Room</b>
<b>1:00 – 3:00</b>	<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION</b>	<b>Marcotte Room</b>

**AUGUST 24, 2011  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**2. FISCAL, FACILITIES AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

2.1 Approve Fund Carryforwards

2.2 Approve Designation of Carryforward Funds for Capital Projects

**3. ACADEMIC, PERSONNEL & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

3.1 Approve Chadron State Request to Add Women's and Men's Varsity Cross Country Intercollegiate Athletic Programs

**4. MISCELLANEOUS ACTION & INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 Legislative Action

4.2 Board and System Office Structure

4.3 Campus Facilities Master Planning

4.4 Student Trustee Role

4.5 Population Decline in Rural Nebraska

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges will be held September 8-9, 2011 at Peru State College.

**Fiscal, Facilities & Audit Committee**

*Cap Peterson, Chair*  
*Bill Roskens*  
*Riley Machal*

August 24, 2011

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**ACTION: Approve the Carryforward of the Following Funds for Operations:**

**CASH FUNDS**

<b>Chadron State</b>	<b>\$1,514,101.33</b>
<b>Peru State</b>	<b>\$1,223,617.32</b>
<b>Wayne State</b>	<b><u>\$4,424,600.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,162,318.65</b>

**REVOLVING FUNDS (Revenue Bond)**

<b>Chadron State</b>	<b>\$ 15,954.08</b>
<b>Peru State</b>	<b>\$ 39,634.35</b>
<b>Wayne State</b>	<b><u>\$ 150,000.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 205,588.43</b>

**FEDERAL/RESTRICTED FUNDS**

<b>Chadron State</b>	<b>\$ 1,299.28</b>
<b>Peru State</b>	<b>\$ 84,021.61</b>
<b>Wayne State</b>	<b><u>\$ 499,138.75</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 584,459.64</b>

Priority: Financial Strength of the System

Goal: 1. Ensure financial accountability

Strategy: f. Keep Board of Trustees informed on the financial status of the colleges and system

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The Colleges request the funds identified above for carryforward from FY2010-11 to FY2011-12. In each of the past three years, all remaining appropriation balances automatically carried forward because of specific language in the appropriation bill. The appropriation bill for 2011-13 contains provisions for automatic carryforwards from FY2011-12 to FY2012-13 (in the middle of the biennial budget) but not for the current year. Therefore, Board approval of these carryforward funds is required to meet the outstanding obligations and provide for planned strategic initiatives.

**CASH FUNDS**

Approximately \$3.7 million of the cash funds shown are related to payment on FY2010-11 salaries and benefits paid during the FY2011-12. The majority of the salary and benefit funds are for faculty salaries and benefits. The balance of the cash funds requested above is related to accounts payable on June 30, 2011, self-supporting and revenue-producing activities such as camps, and specific initiatives planned at the Colleges. At Peru State, \$300,000 is for one-time strategic initiatives; \$100,000 is for marketing of the One Rate Any State program, as the result of a cash fund adjustment approved by the Board during FY2010-11 for that purpose; and \$75,000 is in support of the Fitness Center project. At Wayne State, \$75,000 is for a program statement for U.S. Conn Library, \$750,000 is for renewal and replacement projects including the

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frieze/arch in Ley Theater, a possible contribution to the Willow Bowl renovation, and potential athletic field improvements, and just over \$1 million dollars is for strategic one-time priorities.

### REVOLVING FUNDS

The Revolving Funds are for the Colleges' revenue bond programs. These are funds that were available on June 30, 2011 that are related to accounts payable and/or specific revenue bond initiatives at the Colleges.

### FEDERAL/RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Federal/Restricted funds amounts are balances available at year-end and are necessary to complete commitments related to federal or other restricted grants and contracts.

**Fiscal, Facilities & Audit Committee**

*Cap Peterson, Chair*  
*Bill Roskens*  
*Riley Machal*

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**ACTION: Approve Designation of Carryforward Cash Funds for Capital Projects**

<b>Chadron State</b>	<b>Rangeland Agricultural Center and Pavilion</b>	<b>\$ 775,000.00</b>
<b>Chadron State</b>	<b>Armstrong Gymnasium</b>	<b>\$ 775,000.00</b>
<b>Chadron State</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Renovations</b>	<b>\$ 410,213.32</b>
<b>Wayne State</b>	<b>Carhart Science Phases III and IV</b>	<b>\$4,946,100.00</b>
<b>Wayne State</b>	<b>Hahn Codes Upgrade</b>	<b>\$ 160,000.00</b>

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Chadron State and Wayne State request the carryforward of cash funds to be designated for specific projects.

Chadron State requests \$775,000 of carryforward for the Rangeland Center project. The College is in the process of establishing a phasing plan for the project. The Foundation has raised a significant portion of the \$2,000,000 fund raising goal for the building and the College has saved the funding noted to assist in the staging of the project. Chadron also requests approval of the designation of \$775,000 for the Armstrong Gymnasium project. The College is working on a phasing plan for this project, as well. The funding requested will assist with the cost of design services and the phasing of the project. Finally, Chadron requests \$410,213.32 for miscellaneous renovations related to a library reorganization project. This project will include the purchase of compact storage for the basement, while on the first floor the College will remove a majority of the stacks and add computer kiosks, furniture and a coffee shop to draw students into the building.

Wayne State requests \$4,946,100 of carryforward for the Carhart Science project. This funding would supplement any potential assistance from the LB309 Task Force for Building Renewal in completion of Phases III and IV of the Carhart Science renovation. The College also requests \$160,000 be carried forward to supplement the Hahn codes upgrade to fund technology and architectural improvements.

Adequate unspent appropriations remained in the Colleges' cash funds on June 30, 2011 to support the amounts requested.

**Academic, Personnel & Student Affairs Committee**

*Gary Bieganski, Chair*  
*Roger Breed*  
*Katelyn Olenich*

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**ACTION: Approve Chadron State Request to Add Women's and Men's Varsity Cross Country Intercollegiate Athletic Programs**

Priority: Educational Excellence Throughout the System  
Goal: 5. Create a diverse intellectual and social environment

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Chadron State College seeks to add Division II NCAA women's and men's Cross Country to its array of athletic offerings. This is a plan the College has had on the drawing board for several years. The addition would do two very important things for Chadron, it would add an additional women's sport, which is important for prong II of Title IX because it demonstrates that CSC continues to increase the number of opportunities for women athletes at Chadron, and it would immediately bring an additional 20 FTE residential students to campus.

Currently many of the top track and field athletes go elsewhere because they want to go to a college where they can also run cross country. Consequently, adding cross country to an already competitive track and field program will make it easier to recruit the highest quality athletes in the field. In addition, track athletes tend to be some of the Colleges best and brightest students academically. The men's track and field team at CSC had the highest cumulative GPA in the nation in Division II two years ago and the women's team was close behind.

Strong athletic programs are critical to small rural colleges like Chadron State for two important reasons. First, they draw new residential students to campus, who historically demonstrate the highest rate of persistence to graduation. Second, competitive athletic programs garner positive publicity for the college. In short, adding the sport of Cross Country will benefit the college.

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**Legislative Action**

Priorities: Educational Excellence Throughout the System  
Financial Strength of the System  
Greater System Prominence

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Discussion of recent legislative action. Information will be provided to the Board at the meeting.



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**Board and System Office Structure**

Priorities: Educational Excellence Throughout the System  
Financial Strength of the System  
Greater System Prominence

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Discussion of Board and System Office structure. Information will be provided to the Board at the meeting.

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## **Campus Facilities Master Planning**

Priorities: Educational Excellence Throughout the System  
Financial Strength of the System  
Greater System Prominence

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Campus Facilities Master Planning is required by Board Policy to take place every 10 years. The process is currently underway at each of the three Colleges and is being lead by the combined efforts of Bahr Vermeer and Haecker Architects, The Clark Enersen Partners, and Olsson Associates Engineering. The project utilizes a common format for each of the College's, but will result in a unique Facility Master Plan for each institution.

After consultant selection the process began in early May and is expected to conclude in January of 2012. Elements of the plan include; Project Orientation, Data Gathering, Need and Project Analysis, Master Plan Concepts, and Final Master Plan Preparation.

The planning process is currently on time. We do not currently anticipate any delays in realizing our January completion date.

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**Student Trustee Role**

Priorities: Educational Excellence Throughout the System  
Financial Strength of the System  
Greater System Prominence

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Discussion of the student trustees' role. Information will be provided to the Board at the meeting.

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**Population Decline in Rural Nebraska**

Priorities: Educational Excellence Throughout the System  
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Discuss the impact the population decline has on the enrollment for the Nebraska State College System.