



# Nebraska State College System

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## Executive Session - March 23, 2023

### Call to Order - Executive Session

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman John Chaney.

Motion was made by Trustee Engles and seconded by Trustee Terrell to go into closed session as authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1410 for the protection of the public interest, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of persons who have not requested a public hearing for the purpose of holding a discussion limited to the following subjects:

- Litigation
- Personnel matters

Chair Chaney declared that the executive session would be strictly limited to a discussion of:

- Litigation
- Personnel matters

Motion was adopted. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

The Board went into executive session at 9:00 AM. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 11:51 AM.

### Adjournment - Executive Session

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Chaney at 11:51 AM.

**March 23, 2023**

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 PM by Chairman John Chaney

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Chaney	Chairman	Present	
Bob Engles	Vice Chairman	Present	
Jess Zeiss	Trustee	Absent	
Marjean Terrell	Trustee	Present	
Deborah Frison	Trustee	Present	

#### Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Engles and seconded by Trustee Terrell to approve the Meeting Agenda. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

#### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#### President Michael Evans' Welcome

President Evans welcomed everyone to Peru State.

President Evans indicated that Peru State had cleared the ten-year reaccreditation with flying colors thanks to the excellent leadership of Dr. Tim Borchers.

President Evans thanked the Board for participating in the ground-breaking ceremony for the Project ROAR. He noted that it was great to be off and running. PSC is continuing the fundraising efforts in earnest.

President Evans noted that PSC had received a \$500,000 gift from Al Wheeler, Jr. to create the first Distinguished Faculty Chair. PSC is in the midst of that search now.

President Evans further noted that PSC is celebrating the installation of the Dr. Natalie Hahn African Art Collection on September 26, featuring a drumming and dance performance by the African Culture Connection and a keynote lecture by Dr. Henry Glassie.

President Evans indicated that the Quad would be torn up to put down the wellfield to provide geothermal heating and cooling to the Library and CATS building. It is being referred to the Quad Bog 2023. When the project is finished there will be two more buildings on geothermal heating and cooling and the Quad will be rebuilt with a new design making it more attractive, functional and more ADA friendly.

#### Minutes Approval

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges - Regular Meeting - Jan 12, 2023 2:00 PM

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges - Special Meeting - Feb 15, 2023 1:30 PM

A motion was made by Trustee Terrell and seconded by Trustee Engles to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 and February 15, 2023 meetings. Voting **AYES**: John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

## 1. Items for Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Terrell and seconded by Trustee Engles to approve the following consent agenda item(s). Voting **AYES**: John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

### 1.1 Approve Distinguished Service Award for Peru State College (AP)

Board Policy 4500 allows Presidents to make recommendations to the Board for Distinguished Service Awards. A Recommendation for a Distinguished Service Award has been submitted by Peru State President Michael Evans. Information regarding the recommendation was provided to the Board at the meeting.

### 1.2 Approve Appointment of Substantial Completion Committee for Peterson Fine Arts Renovation and Addition Project at Wayne State College

The Peterson Fine Arts Renovation and Addition project is nearing completion. Wayne State recommends appointment of the following committee to perform the substantial completion review in accordance with Board Policy 8069.

Jess Zeiss, Chair of the Fiscal, Facilities and Audit Committee, Board of Trustees

Carter 'Cap' Peterson, Fiscal, Facilities & Audit Committee, Board of Trustees

Steve Hotovy, Vice Chancellor for Facilities, NSCS

Angela Fredrickson, Vice President for Administration and Finance, WSC

David Bohnert, Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, WSC

Kyle Nelsen, Director-Facility Services, WSC

Eileen Korth, Architect & President, Jackson-Jackson & Associates

### 1.3 Approve Grant Application

Board Policy 6704 requires the reporting of grant awards and applications to the Board as information, if they do not have a state maintenance of effort or future fiscal responsibility. For those that do have a maintenance effort or future fiscal impact, the Board is to approve the application in advance when possible.

The NCAA grant application for WSC was reviewed and approved to move forward by the Chancellor in order to meet the January 31 submission deadline. The grant is for \$112,435 to be received from

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. This grant requires matching as well as a maintenance of effort. The grant requires that WSC pay salary and benefits as follows: Year 1 - 25% (\$16,209.), Year 2- 50% (\$32,418), Year 3 - 75% (\$48,626), Year 4 and 5 - 100% (\$64,835). The grant cannot be accepted without Board approval.

## Items for Discussion and Action

### 2. Academic and Personnel

#### 2.1 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 4140; Academic Degrees and Programs and Board 4430; Transfer of Credits and Degrees

The revisions to Policy 4140 include the addition of clarity on the level of programming of a number of definitions (undergraduate vs graduate) and establishes a lower requirement of 30 credits of general studies requirements for a Bachelor of Applied Science degree. The revisions to Policy 4430 update the number of credit hours that will be accepted from accredited two year institutions for students who will complete a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Applied Science degree at one of the Colleges.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 4140; Academic Degrees and Programs and Board 4430; Transfer of Credits and Degrees was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

#### 2.2 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 5002; Conflict of Interest and Deletion of Board Policy 5003; Conflict of Interest; Faculty, Sale of Books and Supplies to Students; Copyrights and Royalties; Patents

Information from Policy 5003 will be consolidated into Policy 5002 which already covers other conflict of interest issues. Moving the directions to employees regarding the sale of books and supplies into Section 8 of Policy 5002 will allow Policy 5003 to be deleted.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 5002; Conflict of Interest and Deletion of Board Policy 5003; Conflict of Interest; Faculty, Sale of Books and Supplies to Students; Copyrights and Royalties; Patents was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

2.3 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 5005; Political Activities; State College Employees

Policy 5005 has been reformatted and updated. Language in Sections 2 and 3 has been revised to be more inclusive and applicable to all employees and positions rather than focused on faculty positions.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 5005; Political Activities; State College Employees was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

2.4 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 5102; Faculty Employees Excluded from the SCEA Bargaining Unit, Board Policy 5103; Professional Staff Employees Excluded from the NSCPA Bargaining Unit and 5104; Support Staff Employees Excluded from the NAPE/AFSCME Bargaining Unit

Revisions to Board Policies 5102, 5103 and 5104 will more closely align terms and conditions of employment for non-union employees to the terms and conditions of union employees as ratified in 2023-2025 Bargaining Agreements for SCEA, NSCPA and NAPE/AFSCME.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 5102; Faculty Employees Excluded from the SCEA Bargaining Unit, Board Policy 5103; Professional Staff Employees Excluded from the NSCPA Bargaining Unit and 5104; Support Staff Employees Excluded from the NAPE/AFSCME Bargaining Unit was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

2.5 Approve Salary Policy for 2023-2024

**Non-Unionized Professional Staff.** On July 1, 2023, each College and the System Office is authorized to provide a four and one-half percent (4.5%) salary increase to non-union professional staff employees.

**Non-Unionized Support Staff.** On July 1, 2023, each College and the System Office is authorized to provide a four and one-half percent (4.5%) salary increase to non-union support staff employees.

**Non-Unionized Faculty.** On July 1, 2023, each College is authorized to provide a four and one-fourth percent (4.25%) salary increase to non-union faculty employees.

A motion to approve the Salary Policy for 2023-2024 was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

2.6 Approve 2023 Program Review Recommendations

Per Policy 4200, existing academic programs shall be reviewed every seven (7) years by each College to determine the quality and effectiveness of each program, the efficiency with which each is delivered, and to avoid unnecessary duplication. Each program is evaluated based on the minimum threshold requirements established by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE).

**Chadron State College**

Below are the academic programs at Chadron State College that have been successfully reviewed for the 2022-2023 academic year and currently meet the minimum CCPE thresholds, along with the subsequent recommendations for continued offering of each.

- Business Administration - continue program
- Justice Studies - continue program
- Mathematics - continue program
- Organizational Management - continue program
- Technical Occupations - continue program

**Peru State College**

Below are the academic programs at Peru State College that have been successfully reviewed for the 2022-2023 academic year and currently meet the minimum CCPE thresholds, along with the subsequent recommendations for continued offering of each.

- Business Administration - continue program
- Criminal Justice - continue program
- Organizational Management - continue program

**Wayne State College**

Below are the academic programs at Wayne State College that have been successfully reviewed for the 2022-2023 academic year and currently meet the minimum CCPE thresholds, along with the subsequent recommendations for continued offering of each.

## Wayne State

- Business Administration - continue program
- Criminal Justice - continue program
- Engineering Technology - continue program
- Industrial Technology - continue program
- Mathematics - continue program
- Organizational Management - continue program
- Social Sciences - continue program

A motion to approve the 2023 Program Review Recommendations was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

2.7 Approve Continuation of Social Science Program at Chadron State College with Annual Monitoring

Per Policy 4200, existing academic programs shall be reviewed every seven (7) years by each College to determine the quality and effectiveness of each program, the efficiency with which each is delivered, and to avoid unnecessary duplication. Each program is evaluated based on the minimum threshold requirements established by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). Should a program not meet the established thresholds, Nebraska Statute 85-1414 establishes the expectation for the institution and its governing board to complete an in-depth review. Programs continued by the governing board shall be further monitored by the governing board which shall report the status and process of the monitoring to the CCPE.

During its last review, the Social Science Program at Chadron State College did not meet the required minimum 5-year mean threshold for number of graduates for baccalaureate programs, which is seven (7). The program has completed an in-depth review and has recommended continuation of the program. The findings of that review are provided to the Board in the attached report for approval and subsequent submission to the CCPE for consideration for continuation of the program.

The System Office and Chadron State College support the findings of the in-depth review and the recommendation for continuation of the program. The program has outlined strategies/approaches for continuing to improve enrollments and graduate production in the future, which warrants ongoing assessment and evaluation by the Board. An annual review of enrollment and graduate numbers will be shared with the Board each Spring term to monitor progress of the program's growth related to these recruitment efforts.

A motion to approve the Continuation of the Social Science Program at Chadron State College with Annual Monitoring was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

2.8 Approve Continuation of the Mathematics Program at Peru State College with Annual Monitoring

Per Policy 4200, existing academic programs shall be reviewed every seven (7) years by each College to determine the quality and effectiveness of each program, the efficiency with which each is delivered, and to avoid unnecessary duplication. Each program is evaluated based on the minimum threshold requirements established by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). Should a program not meet the established thresholds, Nebraska Statute 85-1414 establishes the expectation for the institution and its governing board to complete an in-depth review. Programs continued by the governing board shall be further monitored by the governing board which shall report the status and process of the monitoring to the CCPE.

During its last review, the Mathematics Program at Peru State College did not meet the required minimum 5-year mean threshold for number of graduates for baccalaureate programs, which is seven (7). The program has completed an in-depth review and has recommended continuation of the program. The findings of that review are provided to the Board in the attached report for approval and subsequent submission to the CCPE for consideration for continuation of the program.

The System Office and Peru State College support the findings of the in-depth review and the recommendation for continuation of the program. The program has outlined strategies/approaches for continuing to improve enrollments and graduate production in the future, which warrants ongoing assessment and evaluation by the Board. An annual review of enrollment and graduate numbers will be shared with the Board each Spring term to monitor progress of the program's growth related to these recruitment efforts.



A motion to approve the Continuation of the Mathematics Program at Peru State College with Annual Monitoring was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

2.9 Approve Continuation of Social Science Program at Peru State College with Annual Monitoring

Per Policy 4200, existing academic programs shall be reviewed every seven (7) years by each College to determine the quality and effectiveness of each program, the efficiency with which each is delivered, and to avoid unnecessary duplication. Each program is evaluated based on the minimum threshold requirements established by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). Should a program not meet the established thresholds, Nebraska Statute 85-1414 establishes the expectation for the institution and its governing board to complete an in-depth review. Programs continued by the governing board shall be further monitored by the governing board which shall report the status and process of the monitoring to the CCPE.

During its last review, the Social Science Program at Peru State College did not meet the required minimum 5-year mean threshold for number of graduates for baccalaureate programs, which is seven (7). The program has completed an in-depth review and has recommended continuation of the program. The findings of that review are provided to the Board in the attached report for approval and subsequent submission to the CCPE for consideration for continuation of the program.

The System Office and Peru State College support the findings of the in-depth review and the recommendation for continuation of the program. The program has outlined strategies/approaches for continuing to improve enrollments and graduate production in the future, which warrants ongoing assessment and evaluation by the Board. An annual review of enrollment and graduate numbers will be shared with the Board each Spring term to monitor progress of the program's growth related to these recruitment efforts.

A motion to approve the Continuation of the Social Science Program at Peru State College with Annual Monitoring was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

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2.10 Approve Certificates of Advanced Studies for Peru State College

Per Policy 4200, which requires all new academic programs to be submitted to the Board for approval, Peru State requests approval of three graduate-level Certificates of Advanced Studies in Economic Development, Strategic Leadership and Communication and Healthcare Administration.

A motion to approve the Certificates of Advanced Studies for Peru State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

## 2.11 Approve Undergraduate Minors in International Studies, Sociology and Healthcare Business for Peru State College

Per Policy 4200, which requires all new academic programs to be submitted to the Board for approval, Peru State requests approval of three undergraduate minors in International Studies, Sociology and Healthcare Business.

A motion to approve the Undergraduate Minors in International Studies, Sociology and Healthcare Business for Peru State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

## 2.12 Approve Elimination of Marketing Option Within Music Major for Peru State College

Peru Policy 4200, which requires all programs for elimination to be submitted to the Board for approval. Peru State requests elimination of the Marketing option within the Music Major.

A motion to approve the Elimination of the Marketing Option Within the Music Major for Peru State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

## 2.13 Approve Continuation of Technology Program at Wayne State College with Annual Monitoring

Per Policy 4200, existing academic programs shall be reviewed every seven (7) years by each College to determine the quality and effectiveness of each program, the efficiency with which each is delivered, and to avoid unnecessary duplication. Each program is

evaluated based on the minimum threshold requirements established by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). Should a program not meet the established thresholds, Nebraska Statute 85-1414 establishes the expectation for the institution and its governing board to complete an in-depth review. Programs continued by the governing board shall be further monitored by the governing board which shall report the status and process of the monitoring to the CCPE.

During its last review, the Technology program at Wayne State College did not meet the required minimum 5-year mean threshold for number of graduates for baccalaureate programs, which is seven (7). The program has completed an in-depth review and has recommended continuation of the program. The findings of that review are provided to the Board in the attached report for approval and subsequent submission to the CCPE for consideration for continuation of the program.

The System Office and Wayne State College support the findings of the in-depth review and the recommendation for continuation of the program. The program has outlined strategies/approaches for continuing to improve enrollments and graduate production in the future, which warrants ongoing assessment and evaluation by the Board. An annual review of enrollment and graduate numbers will be shared with the Board each Spring term to monitor progress of the program's growth related to these recruitment efforts.

A motion to approve the Continuation of the Technology Program at Wayne State College with Annual Monitoring was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

2.14 Approve Addition of Minor in Animation and Motion Graphics for Wayne State College

Per Board Policy 4200, which requires all new academic programs to be submitted to the Board for approval, Wayne State College seeks approval to add the following minor, beginning Fall 2023.

- Animation and Motion Graphics

A motion to approve the Addition of the Minor in Animation and Motion Graphics for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

2.15 Approve Addition of Supplemental Endorsement in High Ability Education within MSE-Special Education for Wayne State College

Per Board Policy 4200, which requires all new academic programs to be submitted to the Board for approval, Wayne State College seeks approval to add the following supplemental endorsement, beginning Fall 2023:

- High Ability Education Supplemental Endorsement

A motion to approve the Addition of the Supplemental Endorsement in High Ability Education within MSE-Special Education for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

2.16 Approve Addition of New Concentrations in Geography, History and Political Science to the Social Sciences Comprehensive Major and Elimination of Geography, History and Political Science Subject Majors for Wayne State College

Per Board Policy 4200, which requires all academic program additions and eliminations to be submitted to the Board for approval, Wayne State College seeks approval to add the following concentrations within the Social Sciences Comprehensive Major, beginning Fall 2023, in conjunction with the elimination of associated stand-alone subject majors.

Add, within the Social Sciences Comprehensive Major:

- Concentration in Geography
- Concentration in History
- Concentration in Political Science

Eliminate:

- Subject Major in Geography
- Subject Major in History
- Subject Major in Political Science

A motion to approve the Addition of the New Concentrations in Geography, History and Political Science to the Social Sciences Comprehensive Major and the Elimination of Geography, History and Political Science Subject Majors for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board,

which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

2.17 Approve Teaching Excellence Award Nomination

Since 1984, the NSCS Board of Trustees has recognized teaching excellence in the State College System annually, through the Teaching Excellence Award. The award is given to one faculty member from the System and includes public recognition of the recipient and a \$3,000 cash award.

The criteria used to make the selection includes demonstrated teaching effectiveness, positive record of academic advising, professional development applied to effective teaching, high quality courses, and professional contributions to students, the College, and the community.

Each College nominates one candidate for the Award. The Academic & Personnel Committee evaluates the three nominees and recommends one candidate to the full Board. The name of the recipient is announced by the Board, with the recipient recognized during his/her College's spring commencement program. The System award winner is formally recognized at their college during the Board meeting held the following academic year.

Teaching Excellence Award Nominees for 2023

Chadron State College	Dr. Mary Keithly, Associate Professor of Physical Science
Peru State College	Dr. Charles Hicks, Associate Professor of English
Wayne State College	Dr. Randa Garden, Professor of Communication Arts

A motion to approve the Teaching Excellence Award Nomination for Dr. Mary Keithly was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

### 3. Student Affairs, Marketing, and Enrollment

#### 3.1 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy By-Laws and Board Policy 2100; Student Trustees

Proposed revisions to the Bylaws and Policy 2100 seek to ensure the selection committees formed for purposes of nominating candidates for the position of student trustee are representative of the diversity and interests of the students. Revisions require the committee to be comprised of students from athletics, student organizations or student activities and limit the number of students on the committee from student senate.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy By-Laws and Board Policy 2100; Student Trustees was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

#### 3.2 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3000; Undergraduate Admission and Board Policy 3010; Graduate Admission

Proposed revisions to policies 3000 and 3010 clarify that requirements to demonstrate English proficiency applies to international applications and provides greater flexibility with respect to the accepted assessments for measuring proficiency.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3000; Undergraduate Admission and Board Policy 3010; Graduate Admission was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

3.3 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3300; Student Organization Conduct

Revisions to Policy 3300 include providing a definition of student senate, requiring recognized student organizations to provide their bank and account information as part of their annual filing, and specifying the permissible and prohibited uses for student activity fees allocated to recognized student organizations.

Additionally, the policy is revised to designate all activities and events taking place on College property as College activities and events for insurance purposes and any travel to and from recognized student organization events and activities to be within the College's travel accident policies. Finally, all recognized student organizations engaging in overnight travel are required to be accompanied by an advisor or other College employee unless the requirement is waived.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3300; Student Organization Conduct was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

3.4 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3400; Tuition Remission

When the remission banks were created in FY20, the Chancellor and Presidents had agreed on how the remission banks would be determined and how the remission banks would work. The current policy does not mention the tuition remission banks and how they can be used to offset years where remissions are higher than 22%. The policy is being updated to make it clear how the remission banks are determined and how they are figured into the 22% cap on remissions.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3400; Tuition Remission was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

3.5 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3710; Athletics Program Guidelines; Board Policy 3720; Student Athletic Injury Insurance; Board Policy 3730; Athletics; Name, Image and Likeness Activities and Board Policy 3740; Athletics; Disclosure of Interpersonal Violence, Sexual Violence and Other Acts of Violence

Proposed revisions to policies 3710, 3720, 3730, and 3740 are intended to clarify the scope of the Colleges' responsibilities with respect to intercollegiate sports, auxiliary programs, and College club sports. More specifically, definitions have been provided for auxiliary

program, College club sport, intercollegiate sport and student athlete.

Revisions to policy 3710 place intercollegiate sports, auxiliary programs and College club sports within the Colleges' athletic programs and sets forth requirements for conference and governing association memberships; eligibility requirements for student athletes; and scholarships, fee waivers, and other support.

Revisions to policy 3720 sets forth the various personal health insurance requirements, physical and waiver requirements and College provided insurance requirements related to intercollegiate sports, auxiliary programs, and College club sports.

Revisions to policy 3730 include student athletes participating in College club sports and auxiliary programs within the name, image, and likeness policy currently governing intercollegiate sports.

Revisions to policy 3740 require student athletes participating in College club sports and auxiliary programs to disclose acts of interpersonal violence, sexual violence, and other acts of violence as currently required of those participating in intercollegiate sports.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3710; Athletics Program Guidelines; Board Policy 3720; Student Athletic Injury Insurance; Board Policy 3730; Athletics; Name, Image and Likeness Activities and Board Policy 3740; Athletics; Disclosure of Interpersonal Violence, Sexual Violence and Other Acts of Violence was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

#### 4. Fiscal, Facilities and Audit

##### 4.1 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 8040; Security Operations and Deletion of Board Policy 8005; Trespass; Policy and Procedure

Board policy 8005 - Trespass; Policy and Procedure, and policy 8040 - Security Operations, have been combined into one policy 8040 - Campus Access and Security.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 8040; Security Operations and Deletion of Board Policy 8005; Trespass; Policy and Procedure was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss



## 4.2 Approve Contracts for Audits

Proposed rates for audit work performed by FORVIS for FY23 are as follows:

Revenue Bond	\$51,130
Facilities Corporation	\$11,625
Federal Awards	\$24,085
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund	\$ 9,370

A motion to approve the Contracts for Audits was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

## 4.3 Approve Use of Additional Capital Improvement Fee Funds for Memorial Hall Renovations and Addition Program Statement for Chadron State College

Chadron State College seeks to commit an additional \$23,990 of Capital Improvement Fee (CIF) Funds toward the Program Statement for the Memorial Hall Renovation and Addition.

Chadron State respectfully requests that the Board of Trustees approve the use of additional Capital Improvement Fee Funds for the Memorial Hall Renovation and Addition Program Statement.

There are ample funds available to cover this request from the CSC CIF funds.

A motion to approve the Use of Additional Capital Improvement Fee Funds for Memorial Hall Renovations and Addition Program Statement for Chadron State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

## 4.4 Approve Use of Capital Improvement Fee Funds for Geothermal Utilities Project for Peru State College

Peru State requests approval to use \$200,000 of Capital Improvement Fee (CIF) Funds for ADA walkways and landscaping upgrades that will be undertaken in the Campus Quadrangle as part of the Geothermal Utilities project.

Geothermal wells for the Library and CATS buildings will be installed in the "Quad" and this work provides an opportunity to incorporate ADA and landscaping upgrades, including a new plaza, when the wells are complete. The 309 Task Force for Building Renewal has also allocated

\$200,000 toward these important Quad upgrades.

After reserving funds equal to the debt service requirement for FY24, there are sufficient funds available in the Peru State CIF account to allocate \$200,000 for this project.

A motion to approve the Use of Capital Improvement Fee Funds for the Geothermal Utilities Project for Peru State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

4.5 Approve Naming of Areas in Peterson Fine Arts & Athletic Recreation Complex for Wayne State College

Board Policy 8020 provides for the naming of Nebraska State College System (NSCS) buildings and other facilities. According to paragraph 4 of the policy, "The proposed name shall come to the Board as a recommendation of the President." Pursuant to this policy, Wayne State proposes to name rooms in the newly renovated Peterson Fine Arts building in recognition of substantial contributions designated for the project in the amount of \$2.4 million and the Athletic Recreation Complex Project in the amount of \$5.5 million. Wayne State proposes to name the following rooms and areas in honor of the donors who have provided substantial financial gifts and service to the College.

Peterson Fine Arts Building:

Brad Weber Percussion Suite  
Carhart Family Practice Room

Athletic Recreation Complex:

Carter 'Cap' & Nana M. Peterson Family Suite by Northeast Nebraska Insurance

These naming requests bring honor to the donors and their family members, to Wayne State and to the Nebraska State College System.

The Chancellor supports these requests and recommends approval.

A motion to approve the Naming of Areas in Peterson Fine Arts & Athletic Recreation Complex for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

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4.6 Approve Acquisition and Demolition of Real Property for Wayne State College

Wayne State respectfully requests authorization to acquire real property and dispose of the structures located as follows:

- 1119 Walnut Street, Wayne, Nebraska. The legal description of the property is Lot 1, Crest View Addition (Alumni House) to the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska. The appraised value of the property is \$220,000.00.
- 502 Hillcrest Road, Wayne, Nebraska. The legal description of the property is Lot 1, Hillcrest Addition to the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska. The appraised value of the property is \$241,000.00.
- 506 Hillcrest Road, Wayne, Nebraska. The legal description of the property is Lot 2, Hillcrest Addition to the City of Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska. The appraised value of the property is \$222,000.00.

The Wayne State College Facility Master Plan - 2030 Strategic Facilities Vision calls for a new suite-style residence hall being constructed where these three properties are located. The 2022-2025 Residential Life Master Plan outlined a goal of diversifying housing options for students to include suite-style units. The acquisition of these properties will allow the College to move forward with the construction of an approximate 171 bed suite-style housing unit.

The Wayne State Foundation (Foundation) currently owns these three properties. The request is for the College to purchase the properties from the Foundation for one dollar (\$1) and then demolish any remaining structures in order to prepare the land for the suite-style housing project. Each of the three properties currently have a house on the property. The Foundation is actively trying to sell the houses and have them removed from the properties prior to the College's acquisition, however if they cannot get them sold then the College will plan to demolish the houses along with the basements and foundations. The demolition costs are estimated to be approximately \$15,000 per lot if the houses are removed by the Foundation and therefore just the foundations and basements need to be removed by the College. If the houses need to be removed by the College, the demolition costs are estimated to be approximately \$30,000 per lot.

The acquisition and demolition of these properties is in compliance with Board Policy 8002 and 8004.

A motion to approve the Acquisition and Demolition of Real Property for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

4.7 Approve Use of Capital Improvement Fee Funds for Athletic & Recreation Complex for Wayne State College

Wayne State College requests Board approval for the use of \$2,200,000 of capital improvement fee funds for the Athletic and Recreation Complex project costs. This funding was outlined in the design development document which the Board approved on November 10, 2022. The College plans to make a transfer of \$1,700,000 upon Board approval and the remaining \$500,000 would occur in July 2023. The capital improvement fee fund balance adequately supports this request, utilizing all available funds through FY24.

Approval of this item will allow the College to move forward with the project as planned.

A motion to approve the Use of Capital Improvement Fee Funds for the Athletic & Recreation Complex for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

4.8 Approve Interlocal Agreement Between City of Wayne and Wayne State College for Sewer Line Cost Share

Wayne State respectfully requests approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wayne for the sharing of costs for the installation of a sewer line on College property.

The College owns property and desires to install a new sewer line and related manholes on said property, which will serve the future College athletic and recreation dome as well as connect to an existing sewer line where an existing lift station will be eliminated. The new sewer line will make connections to the City's existing line at the north point. The City desires to have the size of a portion of the line increased from 8 inches in diameter to 12 inches in diameter and desires to have an additional portion installed for the City's future development.

The College and City recognize the benefit to both parties to extend the sewer line as above-described and as indicated on Appendix A of the Agreement, and are desirous to share the construction cost for this work, therefore the City agrees to reimburse the College in the amount of \$72,700.39. It is further agreed that the cost of engineering and

design will be funded by the College.

A motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Wayne and Wayne State College for Sewer Line Cost Share was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

4.9 Approve FY23 Cash Fund Adjustment and Revised Operating Budget for Peru State College

A cash fund appropriation reduction is requested for Peru State College in the amount of \$430,000. The budget established in June reflected higher enrollments than what has transpired. PSC has completed an analysis of revenues for the current year and determined that cash balances do not support the current operating budget. As a result, the College requests that its Cash Fund appropriation level be reduced by \$430,000, and that a new FY23 Operating Budget be approved.

With Board approval, the System Office will work with the state budget office to adjust Peru State's cash fund appropriation.

A motion to approve the FY23 Cash Fund Adjustment and Revised Operating Budget for Peru State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

4.10 Approve FY24 Room and Board Rates

Board Policy 9010 requires the maintenance of reasonable rates for room and board charges, subject to the approval of the Board, insuring maximum occupancy and/or an adequate flow of revenue to support the operations of the revenue bond facilities. Board Policy 9016 requires that each College establish student board rates to be approved by the Board of Trustees.

The Colleges have submitted proposed room and board Rates for FY24. The proposals take into consideration the capital needs of the Colleges' revenue bond programs, ongoing debt service needs, as well as operating cost increases. The proposed rates are found in the attached tables, along with a comparison to the prior year's rates. The justification for the requested increases follow for each College.

**CSC Justification****Food Service**

As of the end of January 2023, the Consumer Price Index for food away from home increased 8.2%; this is for January 2022 to January 2023. Last year as of February 2022 the increase was 8.6%. Over the last two years the food away from home has increased almost 17%.

The food management contract increased by 8.6%, however this represents a small portion of the cost increase since CSC assumes all risks on food costs and staffing. CSC continues to work with Aladdin to manage food and labor costs, but even with these efforts CSC saw an overall increase in costs of 23.5% in fiscal year 2022, and have seen an increase in costs of another 10% so far in fiscal year 2023. CSC is projecting an overall increase in costs for fiscal year 2023 to be 12% and we anticipate another 5% for fiscal year 2024.

CSC is proposing rate increases of 8-9% on most meal plans. The 280 Meal Block Plan is already at the high-end of competitors and so the increase is being held to 1.8%. The increases will bring the per meal rates between \$8.91 and \$12.25 per meal. All you can eat buffet prices, in our region, range from \$9.89 (breakfast) to \$16.99 (dinner) per meal per person.

The total estimated increase in board revenue for 2023-24 is approximately \$120,000 and this will offset the estimated increase of \$120,000 in food service operation costs.

**Residence Halls**

As of the end of January 2023, the Consumer Price Index for electricity increased 11.9%, natural gas increased 26.7%; all items less energy and food increased 5.6% from January 2022-January 2023. While working through the proposed room rates Chadron State College took the increases in utilities and supplies into account as well as the support and professional staff salary and benefit increases into account. CSC has held their room rates as low as possible over the years through expense cutting efforts including closing residence halls.

CSC is proposing an increase of 8% to residence hall rates. The total estimated increase in room revenue for 2023-24 is approximately \$105,000 and this will help offset the estimated increase of approximately \$71,000 in salaries and benefits, \$24,000 in non-personal services, and \$32,000 in utility costs. Additional increases needing additional analyzation is the impact in the minimum wage increase for 2023 and 2024. Minimum wage increased 15.8% from calendar year 2022 to 2023 and it will increase another 13.6% between 2023 and 2024. CSC is looking at ways to minimize the impact to the budget.

CSC also took into consideration the rates of local competitors: Black Hills State, for the 2022-2023 per semester, has room rates ranging from \$1,773 to \$3,797 and board rates ranging from \$1,720 to \$1,924; Western Colorado University, for the 2022-2023 per semester, has room rates ranging from \$2,652 to \$3,120 and board rates ranging from \$2,200.50 to \$2,729.50; and the University of Nebraska at

Kearney has, for the 2022-2023 per semester, room rates ranging from \$2,733 to \$3,598 and board rates ranging from \$2,568 to \$2,754.

CSC will continue to research and evaluate cost savings measures and will reduce these rates in the future, if possible.

### **PSC Justification**

#### **Food Service**

Most food service rates increased around 5%, the same percentage increase that the food service contract went up that was approved in January. The 75 meal plan increase of 3.09% is to keep the price per meal in this plan lower than if they were to purchase single meals. This is to encourage purchase of the meal plan. The additional revenue generated will be about \$98,212, which will cover the food service contract increase and other costs associated with food service equipment and supplies.

#### **Residence Halls**

The increase for double occupancy residence halls went up by 4.03%. Single occupancy room rates in the residence halls increased by 5%. Apartment rental rates increased by 5%.

PSC will receive an estimated increase in revenue of \$98,318. The increase will cover projected cost increases for salaries and benefits (\$36,013), insurance cost (\$11,320), utilities (\$23,746), and the balance to repairs, supplies and materials.

### **WSC Justification**

#### **Food Service**

The board rates are increasing from 4.94% to 5.57%. The increase in rates is intended to cover the food service contract rate increases approved in January of 8.0%. Revenue generated from board rates is higher than the food service contract expense in order to cover other food service-related expenses and therefore the percentage increase in the board rate is not as high as the percentage increase of the food service contract increase. The proposed board rate increases are estimated to generate approximately \$252,000 and intended to cover the food service contract rate increases estimated to cost that same amount.

#### **Residence Halls**

The rate increases range from 4.54% to 7.08%. The anticipated additional revenue associated with the proposed room rate increases is estimated to generate approximately \$285,000. The revenue generated from the rate increase is planned to offset anticipated increased residence hall expenses (such as staff salary and benefits, insurance, and utility rates) estimated to cost that same amount.

A motion to approve the FY24 Room and Board Rates was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

4.11 Approve Transfer of Capital Improvement Fee Funds from the System Office to the Colleges

The Colleges assess a Capital Improvement Fee (CIF) of \$12.00 per credit hour. The funds are remitted to the central CIF account and revenues are tracked by the Colleges. The first priority use of the funds is debt service requirements that are a part of the bonds issued by the Facilities Corporation. The debt service is prorated annually among the Colleges based on overall collections using a three-year rolling average. For the FY23 debt, the debt is prorated using the FY20-FY22 revenues. CIF funds remaining after debt service requirements are available to support other capital improvement projects for State buildings, including planning costs for the projects. When the Board approves an allocation for a project, the funds are transferred to the College and tracked in a separate account. Any unused funds must be returned to the central CIF account or can be re-purposed for another project with approval from the Board.

The System Office CIF account receives all interest earnings on the CIF funds held centrally. The System Office fund is used to pay billings related to financial advisor services, audits for the Facilities Corporation, bond counsel and arbitrage calculation services. The System CIF fund has grown to \$938,000. As stated, the account is used to pay administrative expenses and serves as a buffer for cash flows needed for debt service. When the account grows beyond what is deemed necessary for these purposes, a portion of the fund may be redistributed to the Colleges. Given overall stable credit hour production and growing interest earnings, it is recommended to reduce the fund to \$750,000 at this time. This would allow for a \$188,000 distribution to the Colleges based on the three-year rolling revenue average. The fund will be allowed to grow to \$1.0M dollars moving forward and reassessed at that time. The following is the recommended distribution to the College's CIF accounts:

**CIF Revenues FY20 TO FY22**

	<b><u>CSC</u></b>	<b><u>PSC</u></b>	<b><u>WSC</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b>FY20</b>	\$665,597	\$522,160	\$1,144,302	\$2,335,060
<b>FY21</b>	\$652,960	\$496,560	\$1,240,038	\$2,389,559
<b>FY22</b>	<u>\$661,496</u>	<u>\$488,716</u>	<u>\$1,256,463</u>	<u>\$2,406,674</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$1,983,053	\$1,507,436	\$3,640,804	\$7,131,293



Revenue 3-Year Average	\$661,018	\$502,479	\$1,213,601	\$2,377,098
% Share	27.81%	21.14%	51.05%	
CIF Allocation	\$52,279	\$39,740	\$95,981	\$188,000

This action will move \$52,279 to the CSC account, \$39,740 to the PSC account and \$95,981 to the WSC account. The balance remaining in the System account will be \$750,000.

A motion to approve the Transfer of Capital Improvement Fee Funds from the System Office to the Colleges was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** John Chaney, Bob Engles, Marjean Terrell, and Deborah Frison.

**ABSENT:** Jess Zeiss

## Items for Information and Discussion

### 5. Chancellor Informational Items

#### 5.1 Annual Review of Low-Threshold Programs Approved for Continuation

During the March 2021 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the implementation of an annual review process for Low-Threshold Programs to monitor the ongoing efforts of the individual programs at each State College. The Spring 2023 NSCS Low-Threshold Report provides updated data for NSCS academic programs which have been approved for continuation, with annual monitoring. The data in the report represent the number of students who graduated during that academic year and the 5-year graduate mean.

#### 5.2 Five Year Academic Calendar

The five-year academic calendar is provided to the Board for information.

#### 5.3 NSCS Funding Request for CSC Foundation

According to the Board's Agreement with the Chadron State Foundation, a formal request for funding must be submitted, no later than June 15 each year. Following is the request that will be submitted for 2023-2024.

- Unrestricted funds to a discretionary account for the CSC

- President in the amount of \$4,500
- Unrestricted funds to a discretionary account for the NSCS Chancellor in the amount of \$500
- Annual contribution of funds not to exceed \$1,600 for the NSCS Senator's Reception
- Provide \$3,000 for the NSCS Teaching Excellence Award when the recipient is a Chadron State College faculty member

**5.4 Reports of Personnel Actions**

The personnel action reports are provided to the Board for information.

**5.5 Financial Reports**

The mid-year Financial Reports from each of the Colleges are provided to the Board for information according to policy 6011.

**5.6 Operating Expenditure Reports**

The Operating Expenditure Reports from each of the Colleges and the System Office are provided to the Board for information. Board Policy 6011 requires that expenditure reports be submitted every six (6) months of the fiscal year.

**5.7 LB 309 Project Status Reports**

LB 309 Project Status Reports from each of the Colleges are provided to the Board for information according to Board Policy 8050.

**5.8 Auxiliary System Expenditure Reports**

The Auxiliary Expenditure Reports from each of the Colleges are provided to the Board for information. The Revenue Bond indentures require the submission of periodic financial reports to the Board.

**5.9 Fall Occupancy and Income Reports**

Room occupancy and revenues are reported following each fall and spring term according to Board policy 6801.

**5.10 Capital Construction Quarterly Reports**

Pursuant to Board Policy 8050, Capital Construction Progress Reports from each of the Colleges are provided to the Board for information on a quarterly basis. For the Capital Construction Quarterly Reports for the period ending December 31, 2022, the following project reports are provided to the Board.

In total, three interim reports, two initial reports and one final report

from the Colleges are provided in the attachments that includes the following:

**Chadron**

1. Math Science Addition & Renovation - Interim report
2. Stadium Facility - Interim report

**Peru**

1. Indoor Recreational Complex - Initial report

**Wayne**

1. Athletic Recreation Complex - Initial report
2. Benthack Hall Renovation - Final report
3. Peterson Fine Arts Renovation - Interim report

#### 5.11 Contingency Maintenance Progress Reports

Contingency Maintenance Progress Reports from each of the Colleges are provided to the Board for information according to Board Policy 8050.

These reports are organized in order of contingency maintenance resolutions approved by the Board, which typically contains a set of projects to be addressed within a specific fiscal year. Individual projects are listed for each resolution, along with the original approved amount of funds dedicated to each project. Current expenditures, and approved reallocations of funds, are then tracked for each project, and the resulting current balances are provided. The final column of the report indicates the general status of each project.

#### 5.12 Grant Applications and Awards

Board Policy 6704 requires the reporting of grant awards and applications to the Board as information if they do not have a state maintenance of effort or future fiscal responsibility. For those that do have a maintenance effort or future fiscal impact, the Board is to approve the application in advance when possible. The following table is a summary of the grant applications that have been reviewed and approved by the Chancellor and the awards received as of March 2023.

**Grant Applications and Awards  
Reported as of March 2023**

<b>College</b>	<b>Grant Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Chadron State College</b>		
Award:	Nebraska Panhandle Para-to-Teacher Partnership Academy (U.S. Department of Education)	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$100,000</b>

<b>Wayne State College</b>		
Applications:	Nebraska Collegiate Prevention Alliance (NECPA) Mini-Grant for COVID Emergency Relief Funding for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (Department of Health & Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)	\$9,260
	Undergraduate Research Experiences at Small Colleges and Universities (National Science Foundation Award #1557417 to Board of Regents of University of Nebraska)	\$5,000
	Nebraska Business Development Center (U.S. Small Business Administration)	\$73,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$87,260</b>
<b>Wayne State College</b>		
Awards	Nebraska Collegiate Prevention Alliance (NECPA) Mini-Grant for COVID Emergency Relief Funding for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (Department of Health & Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)	\$9,260
	Undergraduate Research Experiences at Small Colleges and Universities (National Science Foundation Award #1557417 to Board of Regents of University of Nebraska)	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$14,260</b>

### 5.13 Contracts and Change Orders

Pursuant to Board Policies 6401 and 8064, the following contracts and change orders are provided to the Board for information. Individual contracts and change orders for each of the three Colleges and the System Office are provided in the attachments, and include the following:

#### Peru State Change Orders

- Marketing (#4-amendment to extend contract for an additional year) - \$57,438.63
- Campus Services (#2-Geothermal Utility Project deleted work on CATS and Library) - \$721,875
- Football Indoor Rec Center & Baseball Indoor Rec Center (#1-site layout rotation option) - \$68,048

## Wayne State Contracts

- Indoor Athletic and Recreation Complex (Athletic & Recreation Renovation and Addition Project Partial GMP) - \$3,761,119 (supersedes prior GMP Amendment)
- Southwest Section of Campus (install 72 strand indoor/outdoor fiber at various locations across campus) - \$169,330
- Central West Section of Campus (install 72 strand indoor/outdoor fiber at various locations across campus) - \$178,330

## Wayne State Change Orders

- Anderson Hall (December 2022 water damage) (#1-water damage mitigation in Anderson Hall) - \$841,000
- Carhart Science Building (December 2022 water damage) (#1-repair and bring elevator up to code) - \$53,369

## 5.14 Chancellor's Travel

The Chancellor's Travel Report is provided to the Board for information.

**6. College Informational Items**

## 6.1 Annual Board Meeting Schedule 2023-2024

**2023-2024 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule**  
(Five Meetings Per Year Plus a Retreat)

**SEPTEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING-CHADRON** September 20-21, 2023

Wednesday-Thursday

**NOVEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING-WAYNE** November 15-16, 2023

Wednesday-Thursday

**JANUARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING-LINCOLN** January 10-11, 2024

Wednesday-Thursday

**APRIL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING-PERU**

**April 17-18, 2024**  
Wednesday-Thursday

**JUNE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING-LINCOLN**

**June 12-13, 2024**  
Wednesday-Thursday

**JULY BOARD OF TRUSTEES RETREAT-LINCOLN**

**July 18-19, 2024**  
Thursday-Friday

**Remind Board Representatives About Spring 2023 Commencement**

The following trustees or Governor nominated trustee candidates will provide greetings from the Board at the May 6 commencement exercises: Marjean Terrell at Chadron State, John Chaney at Peru State and Cap Peterson at Wayne State.

**Student Trustee Reports**

Student Trustee Sullivan Jones noted that a sophomore student from Gering had been killed in a car accident recently. He also noted that while every accident is preventable, all can always do more to encourage safe driving: from a simple announcement to drive safe before spring break to a safe driving course during freshman orientation.

He further noted that he had heard on the radio about a relatively new tech advancement called ChatGPT. It is the newest model of the artificial intelligence language model and is a mainstream topic among students, teachers and school boards across the country. It is like having the entire World Wide Web at your disposal, to not just answer any question you have within seconds but respond as an intelligent human being would. It can write anything, even code for computer programs. All should prepare for the inevitable consequences of the incursion. Colleges should work together to prevent and stop widespread cheating and plagiarism, consider offering more and improving current degree programs for careers that will always require a human touch, and continue promoting our institutions as preparers for a drastically changing world.

Student Trustee Sullivan Jones also thanked the Board and System Office staff for their support throughout his term. He then introduced the incoming student trustee, Cooper Reichman.

Student Trustee Matthew Leininger reported on the basketball team's amazing season, the Math Day Competition, the Jazz Band Festival and the Research and Creativity Expo happening on campus. He noted that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The 1<sup>st</sup> Freshman Orientation would be held in April during the time the Quad would be torn up for water line installation. Everyone is excited about the Project ROAR.

He stated to the Board that he was proud to be a product of the State College System. He then introduced the incoming student trustee, Olivia McAsey.

Student Trustee Brett Hilbers noted that the Admissions Department indicated that 160 international students potentially start attending Wayne State this fall. They have also had double the campus visits and group visits compared to fall 2021 and spring 2022. One hundred and two potential students attended the Start Your College Search event. Other data indicated that 1,275 students made the fall 2022 dean's list.

He further noted that mental health support became much easier because the Counseling Center rolled out Therapy Assistance Online for all students and staff just after mid-term break. Wayne State held a March to the Majestic event January 16 in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Twenty eight singers were selected for the Music Theater Honor Choir with a performance to be held April 5 in Ley Theatre. A comedy group ,Second City, will be performing in Ramsey Theatre April 13. Vito Cole, a learning skills specialist at WSC, had received been inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame for his music ability.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM

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Paul Turman, Chancellor

The meeting notice and agenda have been published in the Omaha World Herald March 13, 2023 and posted on the Omaha World Herald website. The meeting notice and agenda have also been distributed via email to members of the Board of Trustees, the presidents of the State Colleges, the Associated Press and selected Nebraska newspapers.