



Nebraska State College System

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Executive Session - June 15, 2023

Call to Order - Executive Session

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM by Chair Chaney.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Engles and seconded by Trustee Frison to go into executive 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:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson and Jess Zeiss

The Board went into executive session at 8:04 AM. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 10:47 AM.

Adjournment - Executive Session

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair John Chaney at 10:47 AM.

June 15, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chair John Chaney.

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

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Chair Engles and seconded by Trustee Terrell to approve the Meeting Agenda. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

Public Comments

No public comment.

Minutes Approval

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges - Regular Meeting - Mar 23,
2023 2:30 PM

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges - Special Meeting - Apr 6,
2023 12:00 AM

A motion was made by Terrell and seconded by Zeiss to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2023 and April 6, 2023 meetings. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

1. Items for Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Zeiss and seconded by Terrell to approve the following consent agenda item(s). Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

1.1 Approve Acceptance of Employee Salary Recommendations (AP)

The Chancellor and each President have submitted salary recommendations for the 2023-24 fiscal year. In addition, Board Policy 5405 calls for the employer contribution to the retirement plan to remain at 8.0% for FY 2023-24.

1.2 Approve Board Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024 (AP)**2023-2024 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule**

SEPTEMBER	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING-CHADRON	September 13-14, 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

1.3 Approve Designation of Presidential Associate for Mrs. Jenny Patterson (AP)

In accordance with Board Policy 5024, the President's spouse may be designated as the Associate of the President if approved by the Board. This appointment acknowledges the Associate's oversight responsibility in acting as an official agent of the College for the purpose of performing services that further the official business purposes of the College.

The appointment as an Associate is without salary or benefits and conveys no rights associated with employment by the Nebraska State College System.

1.4 Approve Honorary Doctorate Degrees for Wayne State College (AP)

Board Policy 4510 allows campus Presidents to make recommendations to the Board for Honorary Doctorate Degrees. A recommendation for Honorary Doctorate Degrees has been received from Wayne State College and was provided to Board members.

1.5 Approve Depositories and Signatories (FFA)

Board policy 6006 states: "The Colleges have bank accounts for which they are responsible. Such depositories, the designation of account, and the authority for withdrawal shall be approved by the Board. The approved depositories, description of accounts and authorized signatories to each account shall be recorded with the System Office. Recommendations for depository designation and withdrawal of such funds shall be presented to the Board prior to the start of each fiscal year."

The following accounts and their purpose along with the authorized individuals are presented for Board approval.

Chadron State College
Homestead Bank*Account Name and Purpose:*

Revolving Account - This is a separately maintained account through which petty cash activity flows including athletic team travel, miscellaneous reimbursements, change funds, etc.

Wire Transfer Account - This is a separately maintained operational account where various electronic banking transactions are deposited. All funds in this account are paid to Chadron State College and the account generally maintains a \$0 balance.

Authorized Parties and Signatures:

Ron K. Patterson
Kari Gaswick
James Powell
Melany Hughes
Jordan Haefele

Peru State College
Western National Bank, Peru Branch*Account Name and Purpose:*

Student Escrow - This account may be used to issue student refund checks when timing is critical or to process refunds to the Veterans

Affairs Office or to accommodate payments between a collection agency. International students who send funds by wire transfer to cover their student account balance are deposited in the Student Escrow account.

Revolving Account - This is essentially a petty cash fund established for settlement and equitable adjustments with students, payments for immediate day-to-day operations, and to provide for contingencies. It may be used for student travel, athletic team travel, and conference registration fees. There are occasions when it has been necessary to issue a vendor payment or process a scholarship refund to an organization.

Authorized Parties and Signatures:

Michael Evans
Jennifer Rieken
Eulanda Cade
Jon Robertson
Megan Lempka
Jessica Hopper

Wayne State College
Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust, Wayne

Account Name and Purpose:

Agency Account - This account includes funds held for other people. Specifically, it is used for PayPal and eBay sales of surplus property and In/Out activity.

Revolving Account - This account is the College's petty cash fund used to pay miscellaneous expenses such as entry fees for athletic teams, general student travel, postage, and emergency manual paychecks.

U.S. Bank, Norfolk

Account Name and Purpose:

Wayne State College (E-checking) - This account is used for one-time and recurring e-check payments requested by previously enrolled students and initiated by the College for past due accounts. This provides students with an additional electronic payment method in addition to credit/debt cards.

Authorized Parties and Signatures:

Marysz Rames
Angela S. Fredrickson
Barbara J. Meyer
Jeremy Rasmussen
Kari Moormeier
Kaye Young

1.6 Approve LB309 Allocations and Retrievals (FFA)

The following LB 309 allocations and retrievals are presented for Board approval per Board Policy 8050.

Chadron State

1. Retrieval of \$5,884 for roof repair on Burkhiser Complex

Allocation Date/Amount	2/2/22	\$80,000.00
Retrieval Date/Amount	3/14/23	<u>\$ 5,884.00</u>
Estimated Project Cost		\$74,116.00

2. Retrieval of \$4,575 for Steam Line to Maintenance Building repairs

Allocation Date/Amount	8/8/22	\$46,000.00
Retrieval Date/Amount	4/7/23	<u>4,575.00</u>
Estimated Project Cost		\$41,425.00

Wayne State

1. Allocation of \$160,000 for elevator modernization in Carhart Science

Allocation Date/Amount	2/27/23	\$160,000.00
College Contribution		<u>00.00</u>
Estimated Project Cost		\$160,000.00

Items for Discussion and Action**2. Academic and Personnel**

2.1 Approve Chancellor and Presidents' Contract Extensions and Salaries

The Chancellor and Presidents' contracts will be extended until June 30, 2025.

	Salary	Housing
Paul Turman, NSCS Chancellor -	\$308,410	\$42,862
Ron K. Patterson, Chadron State College President	\$255,816*	House provided
Michael Evans, Peru State College President	\$255,816	House provided
Marysz Rames, Wayne State College President	\$261,146	\$42,862

Several adjustments have been made to the calculations used to establish the WSC and Chancellor housing allowance. Primarily, a modification was made to develop a value of an appropriate "college" home for the president at WSC rather than basing it on the replacement values of the houses at PSC and CSC. Additionally, when

the housing allowance was approved in June 2021, the original methodology deducted 8% from the total tax value under the assumption that a retirement match would be applied to the amount annually. Retirement contributions are not made to housing allowances, indicating that an additional \$2,569 should have been included in the initial adjustment. This amount has been added, along with additional modifications noted in the attachment.

*The Board gave the Chancellor the authority to negotiate Dr. Patterson's contract at the April 6, 2023 meeting. Dr. Patterson signed the contract on April 18, 2023.

A motion to approve the Chancellor and Presidents' Contract Extensions and Salaries was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

2.2 Approve Chadron Medical Clinic Agreement for Chadron State College

Chadron State College respectfully requests that the Board of Trustees approve the Medical Services Agreement with Chadron Medical Clinic. Chadron Medical Clinic will provide services for the College's Student Health Program beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, continuing until the end of the Spring academic semester for 2028, unless otherwise terminated.

A motion to approve the Chadron Medical Clinic Agreement for Chadron State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

2.3 Approve Addition of Exercise Science Option within Health, Physical Education and Recreation Major and Tactical Strength and Conditioning Minor 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 the Exercise Science option for the Health, Physical Education and Recreation program and the undergraduate minor in Tactical Strength and Conditioning, beginning Fall 2023. In addition to these new HPER programs, the College is changing the title of the Kinesiology option to Strength and Conditioning and changing the title of the Kinesiology minor to Exercise Science to reflect current trends in the discipline.

A motion to approve the Addition of Exercise Science Option within Health, Physical Education and Recreation Major and Tactical Strength and Conditioning Minor for Peru State College was recommended by the committee to the full

Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

2.4 Approve Addition of Sports and Community Leadership and Operations Option within the Business Administration Major 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 the Sports and Community Leadership and Operations Option for the Business Administration program, beginning Fall 2023.

A motion to approve the Addition of Sports and Community Leadership and Operations Option within the Business Administration Major for Peru State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

2.5 Approve Addition of Creative Writing Undergraduate Certificate 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 the Creative Writing Certificate, beginning Fall 2023.

A motion to approve the Addition of Creative Writing Undergraduate Certificate for Peru State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

2.6 Approve Interlocal Agreement with Wayne Community School District for Wayne State College

Wayne State requests approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Wayne Community School District. Wayne State has had a long-standing agreement with Wayne Community School District to provide access to facilities and library resources. The new Agreement is proposed to be effective for three (3) years (August 2, 2023 until August 1, 2026). Wayne Community School District agrees to pay Wayne State \$28,000 for the first year and \$30,000 per year for the remaining two (2) years for a total amount of \$88,000 over the three (3) years for Wayne Community School District use of Wayne State facilities and library resources. Wayne Community School District agrees to allow Wayne State use of Wayne Community School District facilities at no cost.

A motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Wayne Community School District for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

2.7 Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Teaching Channel for Wayne State College

Per Board Policy 7015 which requires Board action for approval of all academic partnerships, Wayne State requests permission to renew its partnership with the Teaching Channel (formerly Learners Edge) to offer graduate education courses through Wayne State College. WSC has worked with the company for a number of years in offering continuing education courses for teachers.

A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Teaching Channel for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

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

3.1 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3001; Student Criminal History

Proposed revisions to Policy 3001 eliminate the use of criminal background information for purposes of admission and enrollment decisions. Therefore, the criminal background question will be eliminated from the admissions application.

The Colleges will retain the ability to utilize student criminal background information for purposes of housing, employment and as required for athletics. Additionally, the Colleges are still permitted to deny or condition admission, readmission, or continuing enrollment of any individual who presents an unreasonable risk to the safety and welfare of the campus or persons thereon.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3001; Student Criminal History was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

3.2 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3100; Student Conduct and Board Policy 3200; Due Process

Proposed revisions to Policy 3100 define the scope of the policy's application with respect to student conduct; eliminate duplicative provisions; and explicitly direct issues related to academic integrity to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Policy 3200 is being revised to update to the new format and reorganize. No substantive changes have been made to this policy.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3100; Student Conduct and Board Policy 3200; Due Process was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

3.3 Approve Clark Creative Group Contract for Wayne State College

Board Policy 6401 requires that all contracts for services in an amount of \$300,000 and above be approved by the Board. In accordance with this policy, Wayne State is requesting approval to enter into a Contract for Services with Clark Creative Group for radio, television, and digital advertising placement and monitoring services in the amount of \$355,000.

This advertising will run from August 30, 2023 through December 17, 2023 and January 17, 2024 through May 13, 2024. Previously Clark Creative Group provided creative services and advertising placement for the Nebraska State Colleges in 2016-2017 and 2021-2022, and provided Wayne State with advertising placement and monitoring services from 2017-2018 through 2022-2023.

A motion to approve the Clark Creative Group Contract for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4. Fiscal, Facilities and Audit**4.1 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 6500; Tuition Rates**

The policy is being updated to clarify that Blended Courses that include on-line and face-to-face students in the same course are to be charged two different rates, the on-line rate for the distance students, and the on-campus rate for the face-to-face students. The balance of the changes are provided in an effort to clarify the various instructional delivery methods and the rates to be charged. The policy format was also updated.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 6500; Tuition Rates was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.2 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 8002; Acquisition of Real Property

Board Policy 8002 is in need of updates to keep current with the way in which certain properties may be appraised for value. The main revisions to the policy include differentiating between a property purchase and a gift of property, and allowing the Chancellor to grant a process exception for gifts of real property. These changes will allow Colleges to pursue valuations for gifts of farmland and ranch lands using a less expensive method than complex appraisals.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 8002; Acquisition of Real Property was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.3 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 9000; Revenue Bonds; Issuance, Public Corporation and Deletion of Board Policy 9001; Revenue Bonds; Issuance, Refunding, Use of Proceeds

Policy 9000 is being reformatted and titled "Auxiliary Revenue System". Definitions for Auxiliary System, Bond Resolution, Master Resolution, Revenue Bonds and Refunding Bonds were added to the policy. The policy lays out the authority the Board is given to create the Auxiliary System and the authority to issue bonds to finance projects. The revenues used to support the system are also clarified.

The language in policy 9001 - Revenue Bonds; Issuance, Refunding, Use of Proceeds has been incorporated into policy 9000 with appropriate updates.

The proposed policy changes were reviewed by the Board's bond counsel, legal counsel and have been approved by the appropriate councils.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 9000; Revenue Bonds; Issuance, Public Corporation and Deletion of Board Policy 9001; Revenue Bonds; Issuance, Refunding, Use of Proceeds was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.4 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 9002; Revenue Bonds; Leases, Rental of Property, Pledge of Fees and Revenue and Deletion of Board Policy 9003; Revenue Bonds; Amortization

Board Policy 9002 is being reformatted, updated, renumbered and renamed 8026 - Lease-Purchase Financing. This policy has substantive changes that significantly alter the original language and significantly change the previous policy guidance. After several exchanges with Bond Counsel, it was determined that the current policy had combined statutes related to the Auxiliary System with statutes that relate to the potential lease-purchase financing of a facility that fits the definition of facilities found within the Auxiliary System, but would never be part of the System. For example, a housing development that was acquired through a lease-purchase arrangement, would not be part of the Auxiliary System. For this reason, the policy is being moved to the Facilities section of the Board's policy manual.

The updated language in the policy clarifies that the Board cannot commit revenues from the Auxiliary System to finance or support a lease-purchased facility. The revenues from the Auxiliary System are committed to bond holders and cannot be used to support non-Auxiliary facilities. Other revenues could be committed with approval of the Legislature.

Policy 9003 which talks about committing revenues is being deleted because the specific revenues that can be pledged to the Auxiliary System is addressed in 9000, and the funding for lease-purchased facilities is addressed in policy 9002.

Language related to establishing and setting fees is being moved to policy 9200. The language related to the leasing of properties is duplicative of policy 8027 so it is being removed.

The policy revisions were reviewed by Board bond counsel, legal counsel and the appropriate councils.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 9002; Revenue Bonds; Leases, Rental of Property, Pledge of Fees and Revenue and Deletion of Board Policy 9003; Revenue Bonds; Amortization was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.5 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 9004; Revenue Bonds; Fees; Charges, Use

Board policy 9004 is being updated, reformatted, renumbered and renamed - 9200 - Auxiliary System Rates. The numbering change puts the policy with other policies related to rate setting.

The proposed policy lays out the various obligations of the Auxiliary System which must be considered when setting rates, including: bond debt satisfaction, reserve funds, operating costs, and surplus funds used for maintenance or replacement. Language related to legislative approval already found in policy 9000 is being removed as is language related to surplus funds which is addressed in policy 9100.

This policy was reviewed by legal counsel and the appropriate councils.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 9004; Revenue Bonds; Fees; Charges, Use was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.6 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 9005; Revenue Bonds; Debt Service Coverage; Payment of Utilities

Board policy 9005 is being updated, reformatted and renamed Debt Service Coverage Ratio. The proposed policy will now only deal with the required Master Resolution Coverage Ratio requirement of 110% and the Board's imposed coverage ratio. The previous policy required that PSC have a coverage ratio of 135%, with WSC and CSC at 125%. The approval of the policy will make the individual coverage ratio requirement 125% for all three colleges.

Language related to the setting of fees is already addressed in policy 9004 so is being removed. The language regarding the use of state funds to pay utilities is being moved to a new policy 9006.

The draft policy has been reviewed by the appropriate councils and legal counsel.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 9005; Revenue Bonds; Debt Service Coverage; Payment of Utilities was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.7 First and Final Round Approval of Board Policy 9006; Utility Support of Auxiliary System

Policy 9006 - Utility Support of Auxiliary System is a new policy. The ability to pay for heat, power and other utilities for the Auxiliary System using Cash or State appropriated dollars was previously referenced in policy 9005, but it has now been moved to this policy to make it easier to find. The format of the policy is also updated, but there are no substantive changes.

The policy has been reviewed by the appropriate councils and legal counsel.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Board Policy 9006; Utility Support of Auxiliary System was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.8 First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 9007; Revenue Bonds; Audits

Policy 9007 is being updated, reformatted, renumbered and renamed 9700 - Audits. The policy is being moved to a section of policies related to audits. There are no substantive changes to the policy.

The policy has been reviewed by the appropriate councils and legal counsel.

A motion to approve the First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 9007; Revenue Bonds; Audits was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.9 Approve Tuition Rates for 2023-2024

Final negotiations with our unions resulted in a 4.25% salary increase for SCEA employees, 4.5% for NSCPA employees, and an effective rate of 5.42% for NAPE employees when considering step changes. The non-union salary increase for FY24 will be 4.25%. The final salary

and related benefit cost estimate is \$2,862,030 or \$833,280 more than the appropriated amount of \$2,028,750. The appropriation represents 70% of the need, or a shortfall of \$833,280. One additional salary request, to increase adjunct pay from \$850 per credit to \$1,000 per credit was fully funded.

The final health benefits cost increase was slightly less than the 7% biennium request with the increase being 6.87%. The final health benefits cost estimate is \$630,285 or \$170,080 more than the appropriated amount of \$460,205. The appropriation represents 73% of the need, or a shortfall of \$170,080.

A 1% tuition increase will generate \$311,473. In order to fully fund the salary package, tuition will need to be raised by approximately 3.2% to generate the \$1,003,360 shortfall in funding. The Chancellor is recommending the necessary tuition increase to cover the salary and related benefit costs, and health benefits for employees.

Other budget items that would normally drive a tuition increase are the Core Needs requests which are part of the operations budgets. The requests for utilities, insurance, and operating expenses (\$1,696,643) were funded at 60% of the need (\$1,028,000), or a shortfall of \$668,643. The DAS rate changes (\$7,072) were fully funded, but no funding was received for building openings (\$231,066). Overall the shortfall for Core Needs was \$899,709. Covering these increased costs would require an additional 2.9% tuition increase. The Chancellor is not recommending a tuition increase to cover these costs. Given the strong support from the Legislature and the Governor on the total budget package, the Colleges will need to grow enrollments to generate new revenues, or cut costs or services to address the shortfall. The actual adjustment in tuition rates is provided in the following table:

**Nebraska State College System
FY23 and FY24 Tuition**

5/30/2023

	FY23 Rates	FY24 Rates	Percent Increase
Tuition			
Undergraduate Resident	\$186.00	\$192.00	3.2%
Graduate Resident	\$232.50	\$240.00	3.2%
Undergraduate Nonresident	\$186.00	\$192.00	3.2%
Graduate Nonresident	\$465.00	\$480.00	3.2%
Graduate Nonresident (WSC College Center)	\$233.50	\$241.00	3.2%
Online Rate			
Undergraduate	\$299.00	\$309.00	3.3%
Graduate	\$380.00	\$392.00	3.2%
Special Graduate			
CSC - ME in Curriculum & Instruction	\$359.00	\$370.00	3.1%
CSC - MAE in Education (History/Science/Math)	\$359.00	\$370.00	3.1%
PSC - MSE in Curriculum & Instruction	\$359.00	\$370.00	3.1%
WSC - MSE in Curriculum & Instruction	\$359.00	\$370.00	3.1%
WSC - MSE in Special Education	\$359.00	\$370.00	3.1%
Dual Enrollment	\$60.00	\$60.00	0.0%
Professional Development	\$75.00	\$75.00	0.0%

The final proposed NSCS 2023-2024 Tuition Rate Table follows:

Nebraska State College System			
Proposed Tuition Rates			
Academic Year 2023-24			
<u>On-Campus and Centers</u>	<u>CSC</u>	<u>PSC</u>	<u>WSC</u>
Undergraduate Resident	\$192.00	\$192.00	\$192.00
Graduate Resident	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
Undergraduate Nonresident	\$192.00	\$192.00	\$192.00
Graduate Nonresident	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
Graduate Non-resident (College Center)			\$241.00
<u>Online Rate (1)</u>			
Undergraduate Online	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00
Graduate Online	\$392.00	\$392.00	\$392.00
Special Graduate Online			
CSC - ME in Curriculum & Instruction	\$370.00		
CSC - MAE in Education (History/Science/Math)	\$370.00		
PSC - MSE in Curriculum & Instruction		\$370.00	
WSC - MSE in Curriculum & Instruction			\$370.00
WSC - MSE in Special Education			\$370.00
<u>Dual Enrollment Program (1)</u>	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
<u>Professional Development (1)</u>	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
(1) The rate is inclusive of all per credit hour fees.			

A motion to approve the Tuition Rates for 2023-2024 was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.10 Approve Distribution of Funds for FY24

The 2023-2025 Biennium Appropriations Bill (LB814 - 2023) has been passed and signed, which allows NSCS to establish the budgets for the colleges for the coming fiscal year. The appropriations have all been allocated and the proposed distribution of funds is presented to the Board for approval. The General Funds represent available cash and the Cash Funds, Revolving Funds and Federal Funds represent expenditure authority, or the ability to spend if cash is available.

A motion to approve the Distribution of Funds for FY24 was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.11 Approve FY23 Revised Operating Budgets

Since the original approval of the operating budgets in June 2022, there have been three changes, the addition of the FY23 deficit request funding, moving the Federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery equipment funds to the System Office, and the reduction of the cash budget at PSC by \$430,000 which was already approved in March.

The Board requested a total of \$1,942,985 as a deficit funding request for FY23 and received \$1,335,197 in funding. All of the appropriated funds were allocated to the Colleges and System Office based on the actual need to fund the cost items and prorating the available funds. The funding was allocated using the following methodology:

- Insurance - Allocated based on the FY23 state insurance increase over FY22 amounts (excluding auxiliary).
- Operating Expenses - Allocated based on the proportion of all FY22 OE expenses (cash expenses). Contractual services items not tied directly to buying services related to operations were removed.
- Adjunct Pay - Allocated based on FY22 hours taught by adjuncts.

The dollars allocated to each college and the system office is provided in the following table. The deficit funding dollars have been added to the FY23 Revised Operating Budgets. It should be noted that these dollars are one-time and do not impact the base for FY24.

NSCS FY23 Deficit Appropriation Allocation								
	Request	Recommended	Appropriated	Allocation				
<u>One-Time Deficit Requests</u>				<u>CSC</u>	<u>PSC</u>	<u>WSC</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adjunct Pay Increase	\$423,515	\$254,109	\$423,515	\$97,388	\$108,122	\$218,005	\$0	\$423,515
Insurance	\$293,463	\$176,078	\$176,078	\$57,696	\$45,623	\$72,759	\$0	\$176,078
Operating Expenses	\$1,226,007	\$735,604	\$735,604	\$227,975	\$159,740	\$336,172	\$11,717	\$735,604
Totals	\$1,942,985	\$1,165,791	\$1,335,197	\$383,059	\$313,485	\$626,936	\$11,717	\$1,335,197

The \$2.0M Federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for equipment were originally loaded into the college operating budgets. Once a process was agreed to with the State on how we would access the funds, it was decided that we needed to move the funding to the System Office. The federal budgets were reduced at the colleges and the funds were moved to the System Office along with the additional \$6.0M for water and sewer projects. These adjustments are also reflected in the Revised Operating Budgets.

A motion to approve the FY23 Revised Operating Budgets was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.12 Approve FY24 Operating Budgets

The Colleges and the System Office have prepared their FY24 (July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024) operating budgets, with the General, Cash and Federal Fund amounts based on the approved Distribution of Funds.

A motion to approve the FY24 Operating Budgets was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.13 Approve FY24 Auxiliary Operating Budgets

Board Policy 9008 states that prior to June 10th of each year, each State College shall prepare and submit to the Board its auxiliary operating budget for the next fiscal year. The budgets are developed considering the room and board rate adjustments approved by the Board in March, residence hall occupancy and meal participation, as well as projected changes to expenditures.

A motion to approve the FY24 Auxiliary Operating Budgets was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.14 Approve Fee Rates for 2023-2024

The Colleges have looked at the current revenue streams from tuition and fees and the increased costs anticipated for the coming fiscal year. Given the strong support from the Governor and the Legislature, the Colleges are able to hold the fee costs to a minimum. When including the 3.2% tuition increase of \$6.00 per credit, an undergraduate student at CSC will pay \$8.50 more (3.3%) per credit for tuition and fees, at PSC it will be \$9.70 more (3.7%) per credit, and at WSC it will be \$7.85 (3.1%) more per credit.

A motion to approve the Fee Rates for 2023-2024 was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.15 Approve Addendum to Beverage and Snack Vending Contract for Chadron State College

Chadron State College contracted with Pepsi-Cola of Western Nebraska, LLC to provide beverage and snack vending services for the campus beginning August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2023. This was a four-year contract. Policy 9015 only requires that food service contracts be bid every five years.

Chadron State respectfully requests that the Board of Trustees approve Addendum #1 of the beverage and snack vending contract with Pepsi-Cola of Western Nebraska, LLC for the period of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2024. This will extend the contract an additional year with no other changes to the agreement.

The beverage and snack vending service will need to be bid next year for the contract starting August 1, 2024.

A motion to approve the Addendum to Beverage and Snack Vending Contract for Chadron State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.16 Approve Return and Reallocation of Capital Improvement Fee Funds for Chadron State College for the Coffee Agriculture Pavilion Expansion and President's House Remodel

Chadron State College requests approval to return \$400,000 of unused Capital Improvement Fee (CIF) funds from the Math Science Renovation and Addition Project and the reallocation of these funds to two other projects. The College requests that \$150,000 of the returned CIF funds be reallocated to the Coffee Agriculture Pavilion Expansion project, and \$250,000 of the returned CIF funds to be reallocated to the President's House Remodel project. The Math Science Renovation and Addition project earned interest on the bond sale proceeds, and a significant share of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contingency was returned to the College at the end of the project, allowing the return of the CIF funds originally approved for the project.

A motion to approve the Return and Reallocation of Capital Improvement Fee Funds for Chadron State College for the Coffee Agriculture Pavilion Expansion and President's House Remodel was recommended by the committee to the full

Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.17 Approve Demolition of Oak Hill Apartments and Auxiliary Maintenance Project for Peru State College

The Board may take the necessary action to demolish or remove a facility from the Revenue Bond System that has no debt against it and is no longer usable according to Section 5.7 of the Master Resolution.

Section 5.7. Not to Alienate Ownership, Operation, Management and Control of Facilities; Disposition of Worn-Out or Useless Property. Except as provided in Section 3.7(6) and 3.7(E) hereof, The Board shall take no action nor cause any action to be taken, to alter or change the ownership, management and control of the Facilities or of any buildings, facilities, extensions or additions, all or a part of the revenues, fees and earnings derived from the operations of which are pledged hereunder, or in any Supplemental Resolution, or any part thereof, including and land or facilities comprising the site thereof or necessary to the use or operation thereof; provided, however, that the Board may from time to time sell or otherwise dispose of any building or faculty or any personal property comprising a part of the Facilities or of said other buildings, facilities, extensions or additions, which has been determined by the Board to be unserviceable, inadequate, obsolete, worn out, or unfit to be used or no longer required for use in connection with the operation thereof, and the moneys received by the Board as proceeds of any such sale or other disposition either shall be used by it to purchase property which shall comprise a part of the Facilities or of said other buildings, facilities extensions or additions or shall be deposited by it in the Surplus Fund.

Peru State College is requesting that Oak Hill Apartments (Units L, M, P and Q) built in 1955 be demolished. Oak Hill Apartments have operated as student housing but are no longer suitable for that function. Given their condition, they are not fit for other uses such as offices and/or even storage. They are in need of substantial repair to make them suitable and safe for student use. The current replacement value is \$1,926,591. The estimated cost to renovate is \$184.00 per GSF (Using R.S. Means) for 8,656 GSF (2,164 GSF per unit) for a total cost of \$1,592,704. Given an estimated cost of \$248.00 per GSF to replace the units, or a total cost of \$2,146,688, renovating the facilities is not deemed to be the best option.

The fall occupancy of the apartments in the last five years has ranged from 72% to 44% of available beds. Using the fall of 2022 occupancy level of 56%, the potential revenue loss is estimated at \$75,312 per

year (eighteen occupied beds at \$2,092 per bed per semester). However, the PSC residence halls are not currently at capacity, giving Oak Hill residents the option to stay on campus in a different residence hall, causing no decrease in revenue. Demolition of the Oak Hill Apartments will also remove all operating expenses and the liability of maintaining the apartments by the Auxiliary Revenue Bond System. PSC feels the best course of action at this time is to invest in the current halls and remove the Oak Hill Apartments.

Peru State College is requesting approval to demolish the four Oak Hill Apartments; Units L, M, P and Q, after July 1, 2023. Peru State College also requests authorization to add an additional project to the FY24 Auxiliary Maintenance Resolution to help pay for the costs associated with the demolition of Oak Hill Apartments. The preliminary quotes to abate and demolish Oak Hill Apartments is \$100,000 (waiting for final quotes).

The System Office recommends that the Oak Hill projects be demolished and that a project to cover the cost for demolition be added to the FY24 Auxiliary Maintenance Resolution. The approval of the attached resolution is requested.

A motion to approve the Demolition of Oak Hill Apartments and Auxiliary Maintenance Project for Peru State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.18 Accept and Approve Program Statement and Design Development Documents for New Student Residence Hall Project for Wayne State College

Representatives from the Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture firm presented the program statement and design development documents for the Wayne State College New Student Residence Hall project to the Board of Trustees the morning of June 15, 2023.

The Wayne State College Facility Master Plan completed in 2022 recommended a new suite-style hall on the east side of campus, as well as the renovation or replacement of Berry Hall. Through the programming process, it was determined that the best solution is to build a new residence hall to include both suite-style and traditional units. Wayne State currently lacks suite-style layouts, which are desired by students. Berry Hall has not had a major renovation or upgrade in its lifetime, most of the major systems are nearing the end of their useful life, and renovating this building has been determined to be cost prohibitive. Berry Hall may be used for overflow housing once the new facility is constructed and then phased out over the next ten years. The new residence hall will be located on the east side of campus at the northeast corner of Hillcrest and Walnut streets. The new building is proposed to be four stories tall, approximately 79,500

square feet and contain approximately 276 beds including 108 traditional and 168 suite-style beds.

The project is expected to utilize a combination of contingency maintenance and revenue bond funds. However, revenue bond funds are anticipated to be about 97% of the total project funding.

A motion to approve the Acceptance and Approval of the Program Statement and Design Development Documents for the New Student Residence Hall Project for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.19 Approve Adoption of Resolution to Authorize Sale of Revenue Bonds for New Student Residence Hall Project for Wayne State College

The Board of Trustees is granted authority within Nebraska statute to issue revenue bonds to construct and equip residence halls for the purpose of housing of students, among other purposes. Board policies 9000 and 9001 provide the references to statute and the details of the authority. The debt is not an obligation of the State of Nebraska and is funded through the revenues and earnings of the Auxiliary System.

WSC is asking the Board to approve the issuance of revenue bonds to fund a new student residence hall project. The project will also require approval of the Legislature or their Executive Board because the project will require revenues generated from other facilities within the WSC Auxiliary System to support the new facility. A meeting with the Executive Board has been scheduled to present the necessary information and get approval.

A motion to approve the Adoption of Resolution to Authorize Sale of Revenue Bonds for New Student Residence Hall Project for Wayne State College was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

4.20 Approve Grant Application and Awards

The following grants have maintenance of effort or matching fund expectations which required Board approval under Policy 6704. When the applications for these grants are submitted to the funding agency and Board approval is not possible due to the timing of the application window, the Colleges request approval from the Chancellor to move forward with the application when matching funds are included. The Chancellor reviewed the grant applications before submission and recommends approval by the Board of Trustees. The specific match obligations for each of these three grants are provided below:

WSC - NCAA Strategic Alliance Matching Grant - 25% matching in year one (\$19,209), 50% in year two (\$36,854), 75% in year three (\$55,365) and then 100% in year four (\$75,606) and in year five (\$77,270).

WSC - Nebraska Business Development Center Grant - The institution is providing a match of \$21,362 and waiving their 24% in direct costs at a value of \$22,647.

NSCS - State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program - Matching fund of 10% of the total award, which is \$20,000 for the State College System for the \$200,000 requested. The complete grant request is for \$640,000 to support additional activity at the Community Colleges and University System, and those institutions are responsible for their portion of the match.

A motion to approve the Grant Application and Awards was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES**: Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

Items for Information and Discussion

5. Chancellor Informational Items

5.1 Promotion and Tenure Report

The promotion and tenure information is provided to the Board for information.

5.2 Foundation Employee Compensation Report

Chadron State Foundation's employee salary information for 2023-2024 is attached as an information item as required by Board Policy 5501.

5.3 Reports of Personnel Actions

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

5.4 2023-2025 NSCS Biennium Appropriations Summary

The 108th Legislative Session adjourned June 1, SINE DIE. All bills dealing with higher education funding have been passed onto the Governor and signed.

5.5 Annual Report on Internal Leases of Revenue Bond Buildings

Board Policy 9004 on revenue bond facilities states that the Board will establish and maintain such schedule of rates, fees and/or charges for the use of the facilities controlled by the Board. Although leased for College use, non-revenue bond use of revenue bond facilities by the

Colleges is reported annually to the Board. Lease payments made for use of the revenue bond space is included in the revenue bond program.

5.6 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 March 31, 2023, the following project reports are provided to the Board.

In total, five interim reports, and one initial 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. Geothermal - Quad, CATS, Library - Initial report
2. Indoor Recreational Complex - Interim report

Wayne

1. Athletic Recreation Complex - Interim report
2. Peterson Fine Arts Renovation - Interim report

5.7 Spring Occupancy and Income Reports

The Spring Occupancy and Income Reports from each of the Colleges are provided to the Board for information and can be used as an indicator for the financial health of the residential facilities. Board Policy 8050 establishes the timeline for Occupancy and Income Reports.

5.8 Contracts and Change Orders for Information

Pursuant to Board Policies 7015, 7016, and 8065, 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 College Contracts

- Off-Campus Marketing (advertising placement & monitoring services for radio, television and digital platforms) - \$295,000
- Centennial Complex (preparing construction documents for Centennial Complex roof replacement) - \$289,850

Wayne State College Contracts

- Morey Hall (restroom remodel - Phase IV) - \$587,700
- Morey Hall (roof replacement) - \$294,600
- Athletic & Recreation Complex (purchase, configure and install network equipment) - \$210,283.52
- Athletic & Recreation Complex (Athletic & Recreation renovation and addition project - guaranteed maximum price amendment) - \$25,968,620 (supersedes prior GMP Amendment)
- New Student Residence Hall (professional architectural/engineering services) - not to exceed \$1,306,680

System Office Contracts

- System Office and Colleges (lobbyist services) - \$44,523
- System Office and Colleges (employee assistance program) - \$26 per employee
- System Office (renovation of offices at 1233 Lincoln Mall) - \$315,690

System Office Change Orders

- System Office 1233 Lincoln Mall Renovation (#1-electrical & IT/AV revisions) - \$50,554
- System Office 1233 Lincoln Mall Renovation (#2-additional fire alarm and electrical scope) - \$7,929

5.9 Grant Applications and Awards for Information

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 have no maintenance of effort along with the awards received as of June 2023.

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

College	Grant Title	Amount
Chadron State College		
Application	Surveys for Melanoplus Borealis in Nebraska (Nebraska Game and Parks Commission)	\$1,419
Total		\$1,419
Chadron State College		
Awards	BHECN ARPA Campus Wellness Initiative (University of Nebraska Medical Center)	\$100,000
	BHECN ARPA Clinical Mental Health Counseling Internship Program (University of Nebraska Medical Center)	\$490,500
Total		\$590,500
Wayne State College		
Applications	Arts Project Grant (Nebraska Arts Council)	\$7,500
Total		\$7,500
Nebraska State College System		
Award	Behavioral Workforce Projects for Students and Behavioral Health Professionals (University of Nebraska Medical Center)	\$47,250
Total		\$47,250

5.10 Chancellor's Travel Report

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

5.11 President Randy Rhine Retirement Recognition

President Randy Rhine was recognized for his service to Chadron State College.



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In Recognition of Extraordinary Service and Leadership, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges Presents this Resolution in Honor of Chadron State President Randy Rhine

WHEREAS, Dr. Randy Rhine has served as President of Chadron State College since 2012;

WHEREAS, President Rhine will retire from the Nebraska State College System on June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS, President Rhine has been an invaluable leader to the Chadron State College faculty and staff who serve the Chadron State students;

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the College:

- ♦ Awarded over 6,091 degrees;
- ♦ Created and implemented innovative programs like the Rural Law Opportunities Program and Rural Business Leadership Initiative;
- ♦ Expansion of the Rural Health Opportunities Program;
- ♦ Formation of critical partnerships like the Panhandle Advantage to create pathways for transfer students;
- ♦ Invested over \$70 million in capital improvements and enhancements to Chadron State College including the Coffee Agriculture Pavilion, the Rangeland Laboratory and Classrooms, the Chicoine Center, the Armstrong Weight Room, the Eagle Ridge Housing Units, the renovated Elliott Field at Beebe Stadium, the Outdoor Track and Field Facility, and most recently, the completion of the Math Science Center of Innovative Learning addition and renovation;

WHEREAS, as the 11th President of Chadron State College, Dr. Rhine distinguished himself as a true servant leader that was committed to transforming lives through personal and engaging educational experiences;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby expresses its gratitude to President Rhine for his service to Chadron State College, for all that he has contributed to the Board of Trustees and to the Nebraska State College System; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees wishes President Rhine and Ann Rhine continued success in all their endeavors and expresses our hope for their continued health, happiness, and prosperity.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be entered permanently into the minutes of the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to President Rhine as a token of our respect and gratitude.

Signed on this Sixteenth Day of June, Two-Thousand and Twenty-Three,
John Chaney, Chair
Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Student Trustee Reports

CSC Student Trustee Cooper Reichman reported that over 400 students participated in The Big Event this year. A Food Packing Event was held during the Spring Daze where 15,000 meals were packed with 45 students participating. The meals were being sent to Haiti through Lifeline Christian Missions and a Walk A Mile in Her Shoes event was held for awareness of sexual assault which the football team participated in.

Student Trustee Reichman also reported on Dr. Rhine's retirement and shared gratitude for his personal impact on students through athletics and academics. He reported that students, faculty and staff were excited and will enjoy the passion and intentional energy Dr. Patterson will bring to his presidential position.

He also noted that the student government was changing its constitution and getting new members, 9 students toured Utah and Colorado as part of the Geoscience Trip in May, a new Coding Club had been formed, several public school students had been involved with programming and learning activities on campus and spring and winter graduation ceremonies were held.

PSC Student Trustee Olivia McAsey reported the quad had been torn up and students are looking forward to seeing what the new quad will look like. She further noted that an upcoming junior jumped at the chance to accept an internship with the Nebraska Community Foundation called Hometown Interns. The internship is in her home town which focuses on college students strengthening the roots of small communities throughout Nebraska. She plans to encourage creativity and exploration among youth with STEM projects.

She also reported that a group of students were able to travel to Berlin, Germany, Warsaw and Krakow, Poland and Prague in the Czech Republic. The trip was focused on history and the Holocaust. Three new student orientations had been held and she enjoyed watching these students go through their day of making their college experience feel all the more realistic.

WSC Student Trustee Emma Wilkinson reported that the spring semester Dean's List included 1,183 students all who achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher. She also reported that 429 undergraduate and 174 graduate students degrees were conferred at spring commencement.

She also reported that Chancellor Turman provided remarks at the WSC commencement exercise and Cap Peterson gave greetings from the Board. Seven retiring faculty members were recognized also. She also noted that the WSC Professor of the Year Award would now be the Patricia "Pat" Arneson Professor of the Year Award as Dr. Arneson passed away on February 25. She noted that WSC saw 30 new international students last fall and it has increased to 50 new international students this year.

She also noted that WSC was announced the winner of the NSIC Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Cup. This is the second year in a row that WSC has won this award. It is selected by the number of points earned by student-athletes for attending meetings and work in community service/engagement projects along with raising money for Make-A-Wish and other worthy causes.

6. Election of Officers**6.1 Approve Board Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers**

At the March 23, 2023 Board meeting, Chair Chaney reported that he and Vice Chair Engles and Trustee Terrell would serve as the nominating committee for the election of Board officers for 2023-2024.

The Committee submitted its nominations for consideration and action at the June 15, 2023 meeting.

The nominations were for John Chaney as Chair and Bob Engles as Vice Chair.

A motion to approve the Board Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers was recommended by the committee to the full Board, which approved the motion. Voting **AYES:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Zeiss, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 PM

Executive Session - June 15, 2023**Call to Order - Executive Session**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM by Chair Chaney.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Engles and seconded by Trustee Reynaga to go into executive 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:** Chaney, Engles, Reynaga, Terrell, and Frison.

ABSENT: Carter Peterson, Jess Zeiss

The Board went into executive session at 4:01 PM. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 4:56 PM.

Adjournment - Executive Session

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair John Chaney at 4:56 PM.

Paul Turman, Chancellor

The meeting notice and agenda have been published in the Omaha World Herald June 7, 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.