President’s Report
August 1, 2012

Selections from the Board of Regents’ meeting June 8, 2012

- **TUITION INCREASES FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR**
  - The Board of Regents approved the 2012-2013 budget, which included a 3.75 percent tuition increase for the University of Nebraska for the 2012-2013 school year. This is the lowest tuition increase since 1997.
  - The Board of Regents also approved a corresponding 3.75 increase in need-based financial aid to minimize the impact on students with the highest need.

- **BUSINESS AFFAIRS**
  - The Board of Regents approved the Program Statement and Budget for the UNK Wellness Center.
  - The Board of Regents approved an agreement between UNK and Runza Restaurants to allow Runza to manage and operate event concession operations on the UNK campus.

- **120-HOUR DEGREE UPDATE**
  - According to The University of Nebraska Policy on Standard Credit hours for Baccalaureate Degrees, “The University of Nebraska baccalaureate degree shall require 120 credit hours” effective by Fall 2012.
  - Across the NU system, the only degrees that the Board of Regents granted exceptions for the 120-hour rule to were specific degree programs in Engineering and Medicine.
  - The Board of Regents granted time extensions to three programs to come into compliance with the 120-hour rule:
    - Two music programs at UNK were given the summer to meet the Fall 2012 deadline.
    - One Architecture program at UNL was given a one year extension because they were undergoing their first accreditation report and needed approval of their coursework in that report before they could turn in their 120 hour program plan to the Board of Regents. They will be in compliance Fall 2013.
  - The Board of Regents received letters from the four campuses confirming compliance with the 120 credit hour policy by Fall 2012 and they were verbally reassured that this would include the UNK programs granted extensions.

- **EMPLOYEE PLUS ONE BENEFITS**
  - President Milliken presented the Board of Regents with a proposal to allow technical amendments to the University of Nebraska’s medical/dental/vision health insurance plan to enable the addition of “Employee Plus One” and “Employee Plus One and Family” coverage options in addition to the current coverage options.
Milliken said the proposal would put the University in a stronger position to attract and retain talented faculty and staff, address the changing needs of current employees, and help fulfill the goal to serve Nebraska. He also said it was the right thing to do for our employees.

Another factor mentioned was that the Faculty Senates from each of the four campuses had passed resolutions, stating their support for this amendment. UNK passed its resolution April, 2010.

There was considerable discussion on this topic, including public comments. Five presenters were in favor of the proposal and four were opposed. Several regents also stated why they would or would not vote approval of the proposition.

The Board of Regents approved the proposal 9-3.