President’s Report
September 28 2012

Selections from the Board of Regents’ meeting September 14, 2012

• Programs of Excellence
  o Goal is to pursue excellence through focus on targeted programs in areas of importance to Nebraska where the university can be a leader and to increase funding when practical. Results of allocations are required to be periodically reviewed for impact. 116 POE programs funded 2003-2008 so these were recently assessed.
  o $15.5 million invested during this time resulted in the initial hire of 107 tenure-track faculty and 90 non-tenure track faculty, staff and graduate students
  o Additional campus investments are conservatively estimated at $32 million
  o The faculty associated with POE funding have impacted thousands of students in through teaching, garnered $528 million in funding awards and generated over 10,700 publications, presentations, and other scholarly works
  o The administration of these programs has been appropriate and most of the original programs are still in place today. Any funds from discontinued programs were shifts to other POE projects on the respective campuses.
  o UNK showcased the Undergraduate Research Program. Over 125 students have presented at conferences and over 200 publications have resulted from this research. Quality of teaching has improved through the professor-student mentorship in these projects.

• Enrollment Update
  o Total Enrollments across the University of Nebraska are down slightly—50,180 students in Fall 2012 vs. 50,364 in Fall 2011 or a .4% decrease.
  o UNK did quite well with an increase of 206 (3.8%) undergraduate students and 62 (5.8%) first time freshmen. Our graduate enrollment dropped by 107 students or 6.5%. However, our overall enrollment was still an increase of 99 students or 1.4%, which was the highest overall enrollment of the four campuses.
• **Budget Approval**
  
  o The Board of Regents approved the budget for the Renovation of Centennial Towers East Projects, Randall Hall and the Manor Hall entryway, all which are being paid for by surplus funds.