majority are not graduates but students who left UNK without a degree. Therefore, our Student Success Plan and the upcoming work we will be doing on Graduation are the best efforts we can make to maintain a low default rate.

F) Student Life: Mock car accident (with assistance from LPAC) to occur on Tuesday, Oct. 30 on campus near the Cope Fountain.

G) Undergraduate Recruitment & Admissions: 2012-2013 recruitment plan has been shared with EMC, Deans, etc.

President’s Report
October 28, 2012

Selections from the Board of Regents’ meeting October 26, 2012

• **Energy Use on the Campuses**
  - Representatives for Facilities Management spoke about efficiency changes on each of their campuses. UNK’s director discussed the new meter system that has been put in place to allow UNK to track energy usage and address areas for future improvement. Boiler tuning is improving low-fire efficiencies and there is a pilot program using LED Fixtures in classrooms.

• **University Affiliated Research Center**
  - Although directly affecting the UNK campus at this time, the NU system has a contract between their newly formed University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) and the Military to do a series of projects, or task orders. Nebraska is one of 14 universities with a UARC. There is potential for a growing number of projects that can positively impact revenue in the NU system.
    - The current task orders are:
      - Nuclear detection and forensics
      - Detection of chemical and biological weapons
      - Medical passive defense against weapons of mass destruction
      - Consequence management—assessing how leaders make decisions.

• **Strategic Framework Report on Enrollment**
  - The data looked at the following categories:
    - First time freshmen: NU wide decrease is 1.7% or 116 students (UNK increased by 5.8%)
    - Other undergraduates: NU wide increase is 0.3% or 92 students (UNK increased by 3.3%)
    - Full-time freshman retention rate NU wide has been consistent at about 80% for the last 5 years.
- Transfer students: 1.6% NU wide increase with the students mostly being sophomores or juniors.
- Non-resident undergraduates: NU wide increase is 5.2% (287 students) although U.S. non-resident students has declined -0.4% or 16 students
- International undergraduate students: NU wide increase is 17.9% or 294 students
- Top 25% of high school class: NU wide decrease is 1.3% students
- OWW Distance only students: NU wide increase is 3.5%
- The Board of Regents wants to clarify the definitions of each of these categories and revise the metrics. The Academic Affairs committee will be presenting recommendations to the BOR at the January 2013 meetings

- **Rural Futures**
  - The 2008 external review of the NU Rural initiative praised the importance of the initiative but recommended that the focus be elevated and broadened beyond Nebraska and economic impact
  - In the last two years, there have been a series of discussions, survey data, a webinar, think thank and focus groups. The Rural Futures conference in May 2012 attracted people from 28 states, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom; 56% of attendees were NU faculty, staff, and students.
  - Themes from the conference: must have long-term commitment and address more than Nebraska, compete in the future rather than recreate the past; address quality of life factors, build community partnerships, and engage youth.
  - Grant Requests for Proposal were released in August and are being processed.

- **Report Items**
  - The HPERS program at UNK has announced the naming of the Kenneth W. Nikels Physiological Psychology Lab
  - Samuel Miesels is the new Executive Director for the Buffett Early Childhood Institute