I. Call to Order

Chairperson Storey convened the meeting at 4:01 p.m. in Room 122 of Stoffer Science Hall.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Mr. Bunten, Mr. Lagerberg, Mr. Lykins, Ms. Marquardt, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Roth, Mr. Storey, and Mrs. Warren.

III. Approval of Minutes of the August 22, 2008 meeting as mailed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes of the August 22, 2008 meeting as mailed. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter of non-elected personnel and to reconvene in Open Session at or before 4:30 p.m. in Room 122 of Stoffer Science Hall. Motion passed.

At 4:27 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session in Room 122 of Stoffer Science Hall. The Board Chair stated the Board met with President Farley to address an issue arising from a letter he had written to the District Court concerning the spouse of an employee and that the President has not only apologized publicly, but to the Regents as well for permitting personal correspondence to appear to be the view of the University. Mr. Storey said Dr. Farley has been an outstanding President and has done more than any other President and expect that Dr. Farley will continue his good efforts for Washburn.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair's Report

There was no Chair’s Report.

B. President's Report

President Farley said the Executive in Residence event will be held next week, featuring Mayo Schmidt, President and CEO of Viterra Inc. He said it will be a phenomenal event.

He said in the news reports recently there were reports that recruiting for Greek organizations is up. He said that the recruiting at Washburn is up this year for sororities and it will likewise be up for fraternities as well. He said the fundraising for the two Greek living projects is ongoing with a self-imposed deadline of the first week in November. A report will be made to the board at its November 14 meeting.
C. Committee Report(s)

There were no Committee Reports.

D. Treasurer's Report

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report as given -- Depository Security Transactions and Liquidated Claims Approval – August, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

As approved by action of the Board:

1. Personnel Action – Administrative Staff
   hiring of Shane Bartley as Webmaster in Information Systems and Services at an annual salary of $55,000;

2. Academic Degree and Program Changes
   a. Changes to Master of Education, Reading Specialist Program
      changes to the Master of Education, Reading Specialist Program as outlined in the agenda item;
   b. Change to B. A. and B. S. in Mathematics and Secondary Education Mathematics Specialization
      change to the B.A. and B.S. in Mathematics and Secondary Education mathematics Specialization as outlined in the agenda item;
   c. Change to B. A. in Physical Education Concentration in Health Education and Promotion
      change to the B.A. in Physical Education Concentration in Health Education and Promotion as outlined in the agenda item;
   d. Change to B.A. in Physical Education Concentration in Exercise Physiology
      change to the B.A. in Physical Education Concentration in Exercise Physiology as outlined in the agenda item;
   e. Change to B. A. in Physical Education, B.E.D. – Physical Education and B. S. in Athletic Training
      change to the B.A. in Physical Education, B.E.D. – Exercise Physiology Concentration and B.S. in Athletic Training as outlined in the agenda item;
   f. Change to B. A. in Physical Education – Exercise Physiology Concentration and B. S. in Athletic Training
      change to the B.A. in Physical Education – Exercise Physiology Concentration and B.S. in Athletic Training as outlined in the agenda item; and,
   g. MA 104 Proposal
      the proposal that MA 104, Intermediate Algebra, no longer count toward graduation.
B. Action Items:

1. New Degrees

   a. Bachelor of Science in Computational Physics
   b. Computer Information Science Degrees; Elimination of B.A. in Computer Information Science

President Farley reported the degree recommendations made arose through the Faculty Senate and approved by the General Faculty and recommended approval. It was moved and seconded to approve the Bachelor of Science in Computational Physics, the change in the Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Science Degree, the creation of a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Information Science, and the elimination of the Bachelor of Arts in Computer Information Systems. Motion passed.

2. Washburn University Commencement Stage – E09042

It was moved and seconded to approve the award of a contract to SICO America in the amount of $54,009 for the purchase of the Washburn University commencement stage. Motion passed.

3. University Health Plan Renewal

President Farley noted the University’s health insurance program is a self-funded plan and that for the first several years money from premiums paid was set aside for a reserve fund. He said over the last several years the increase in health care costs has led to the consumption of some of the reserve funds notwithstanding modest increases in premiums. Dr. Farley said Michael Eichten and the Employee Benefits Committee have reviewed the matter and are recommending, on account of the reduction in reserve funds and the increases in health care costs, a 10% increase in premium.

In response to a question from Regent Roth, Vice President Hill reported that the premium costs for participants in the Washburn health plan are quite a bit less than for participants in the state plan for the state educational institutions. She said she would like to extend her thanks to Michael Eichten and others on the Human Resources staff who did a great job in reviewing the matter.

It was moved and seconded to renew the University’s health plans and provide for a premium increase of 10%. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Renewal of Insurance Policies

President Farley said the University received two very good bids for the University’s property and liability policies renewal. He said Dick Feldman of IMA has helped the administration in the analysis of the proposals from the two companies, Hanover Insurance Company and United Educators. He said the administration and IMA have performed due diligence in reviewing the Hanover Insurance Company and, because of the difference in premium costs, is recommending the University purchase policies as shown on the schedule from Hanover Insurance.
Vice President Hill said the Hanover Insurance Company is making a guarantee of the same premium rates for three years except for Workers Compensation based on a favorable loss ratio.

In response to a question from Regent Roth, Vice President Hill said the institution would have the ability to recommend lawyers for defending the institution in claims and that the settlement versions of the Hanover Insurance Policy are the same as presently with United Educators.

It was moved and seconded to approve the renewal of the insurance policies as shown on the schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Hill said she would like to thank Dick Feldman and IMA for all of its work in assisting the University in examining and analyzing the proposals.

Vice President Hill updated the Regents on the University’s overall risk management policy, noting that insurance is just one part of the risk management program. She said the institution is nearly complete with its crisis management plan. She said, in fact, the document is done it’s just now in the final stage of development and will be sent out for publication. She said the institution is also looking at a consolidated emergency response and as part of that has contracted for an emergency notification system using telephones and cell phone technology; that the institution has adopted a policy for performing background checks and drug and alcohol testing much the same as the state educational system has done; and is working on its preparedness for fire and tornado warnings.

C. Information Item(s)

1. Enrollment management Consultant Report

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Robin Bowen, and Dean of Enrollment Management, Mr. Tom Ellis, made a presentation concerning the enrollment management consultant’s report.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Kenneth P. Hackler
Secretary, Board of Regents