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Chapter I. The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska

1.1 The University of Nebraska. The University of Nebraska shall include all activities, functions, and administrative entities under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents that have been established by the Board or assigned to it for the purposes of fulfilling the objectives of the University in education, research, extension, and public service. The organization of the University includes four major administrative units: the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, which includes the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources within which are the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service; the University of Nebraska Medical Center; the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

History: Amended 56 BRUN 90 (22 June 1991)
Amended 49 BRUN 300 (16 June 1984)

1.2 The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, a body corporate created by the people of Nebraska through the Constitution, has constitutional and statutory power for general supervision over all elements of the University, control and direction of all expenditures, and for general operating policies of the University. The Board of Regents consists of eight elected members, who are elected for six-year terms, and four nonvoting Student Regents, as provided in section 1.2.1 of these Bylaws. Members hold office until their terms have expired. The Governor fills Board vacancies by appointment as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-103. The term "Board" when used in these Bylaws, shall mean the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

The Board exercises the final authority in government of the University within the limits of the Constitution, the laws of the State of Nebraska, and the laws of the United States. The Board hereby delegates to the President of the University, and through him or her to the appropriate administrative officers, general authority and responsibility to carry out the policies and directions of the Board. The Board hereby delegates to the faculty and recognized student groups of each of the administrative units the authority to develop reasonable rules and regulations for faculty and student self-government.

In any case where any officer, group or agency has been authorized by these Bylaws to adopt rules or regulations, such rules or regulations, before they may be effective, shall be: (1) considered by the officer, group or agency at a public hearing held after giving reasonable advance public notice thereof; and (2) reviewed and approved by the General Counsel for consistency with these Bylaws and applicable policies, laws and regulations; and (3) filed with the Corporation Secretary for report to the Board. The President and cognizant Chancellor are to be timely provided with a courtesy copy of any public hearing notice.

All delegation of authority under these Bylaws is subject to the condition that in all matters involving students, faculty, and the operation of the University, the Board reserves to itself all powers and responsibilities to take any action required in the exercise of its constitutional and statutory responsibilities in any situation.

History: Amended, 68 BRUN 3 (22 January 2010)
Amended, 56 BRUN 36 (16 March 1991)
Amended, 49 BRUN 300 (16 June 1984)

1.2.1 Student Members of the Board. Three students of the University of Nebraska shall serve as de jure nonvoting members of the Board as provided in Article VII, Section 10 of the Nebraska Constitution. These student members shall consist of the student body president of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the student body president of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the student body president of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. In addition to the de jure nonvoting student
members of the Board, the student body president of the University of Nebraska Kearney shall be recognized and serve as a *de facto* member of the Board and shall be accorded the same nonvoting status and privileges as the *de jure* student members of the Board. The terms of office of student members shall be for the period of service as student body president.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1991

**History:** Amended, 56 BRUN 36 (16 March 1991)

Added, 42 BRUN 151 (10 Nov. 1978)

1.3 **The Chair of the Board.** The Board shall select one of its members as its Chair at the annual meeting in January. Unless he or she resigns or is removed by a majority vote of the Board, the Chair shall hold office for one year or until a successor is selected and qualified. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he or she is present. The Chair's signature shall appear on diplomas and like documents issued by the authority of the Board. Unless it is otherwise ordered by the Board, or otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*, the Chair shall sign all contracts and other instruments requiring execution on the part of the Board and perform all other duties incident to such office. The Chair, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint all Committees of the Board.

**History:** Amended, 42 BRUN 151 (10 Nov. 1978)

1.3.1 **Vice Chair of the Board.** The Board shall select one of its members as its Vice Chair, whose time of selection and tenure of office shall coincide with that of the Chair. In case of the absence or incapacity of the Chair of the Board, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair.

1.3.2 **Presiding Officer Pro Tempore.** In the case of the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair at a meeting of the Board, a presiding officer pro tempore shall be selected by the Board.

1.3.3 **Corporation Secretary.** The Board, after consultation with the President, shall appoint a Corporation Secretary, and may also appoint an Assistant Corporation Secretary of the Board to act in event of the absence or disability of the Corporation Secretary, or to assist the Corporation Secretary as may be determined by the Board. The Corporation Secretary, or, in the event of absence or disability, the Assistant Corporation Secretary, shall:

(a) Attend all meetings and keep an accurate record of proceedings of the Board and make such record available for public inspection pursuant to the laws of the State of Nebraska;

(b) Promptly prepare the minutes of every meeting of the Board and promptly distribute copies thereof as instructed by the Board;

(c) Prepare and send out notices of action taken by the Board as soon as possible after each meeting, forwarding same to the chief executive officer of each of the major administrative units and to the libraries thereof, and to any others who in the Corporation Secretary's judgment should receive such notice and minutes;

(d) Be responsible for keeping the Board, and such persons as the Board may order, supplied with copies of any changes or amendments adopted from time to time to its *Bylaws* and policies, and shall comply with the provisions of applicable law;

(e) Be custodian of the records of the Board and all documentary files thereof. The Corporation Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a current codification of policies and