

# Regents' professorships to be reviewed in fall

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Regents' professorships, which supplement distinguished professors' annual salaries by \$5,000 will be reevaluated.

University president D.B. Varner has asked that a review of the program begin in the fall.

UNL chancellor James Zumberge said the question that will be considered then is "Do we need to continue and expand Regents and foundation professorships or should we consider gradually phasing them out by retirement? No abrupt cutbacks are anticipated, he said.

At the June Regents' meeting, Regent Robert Prokop questioned whether the program is needed to keep highly qualified professors.

Former chancellor Clifford Hardin stated professorships in the early 1960's to keep distinguished professors who might otherwise have gone elsewhere for better pay.

The program has come into

question since salaries at the University have become more competitive nationally.

### No tax money

The professorships are privately financed through the University of Nebraska Foundation. No tax money is involved. A foundation grant carries the name of a donor while a regents' professorship is from general funds.

Private financing means that professorships are limited in number by the foundation income. Currently, there are 18 of a possible 20 regents' professors at UNL and two at UNO. Bertrand Schultz, Foundation Professor of Geology, and Kenneth Smith, regents professor of Physics, recently retired from UNL.

One of the main objections to the program is that other highly qualified professors must settle for a straight salary. Zumberge said, "We have many who ought to be regents' professors. We have some who are equal or perhaps better than regents' professors, and this creates problems."

In some cases, he explained,

the professorships will have to be continued as long as donors put up money. "We don't want donors withdrawing support from the University," he said.

Wallace Peterson is the George Holmes Professor of Economics at UNL. He disagreed with the idea that the program may be outdated. "I can't make this point too strongly," he said. "We are not competitive.

"In my own field, economics, the differential between our salaries at the full professor level, even with regents' professorships, and the 63 major or leading departments of economics around the country is about \$6,000.

"As a regents professor and as president of the Faculty Senate, I disagree very strongly with Regent Prokop's view on this matter. As a Regent he ought to be concerned with getting the salaries of all full professors up to levels that are competitive nationally rather than pulling down the salaries of the relatively few who have Regents' professorships."

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# Graduate j-school in planning stage

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"You get people with graduate degrees and you'll get more undergraduates," said Terry Carpenter, state senator.

Carpenter was referring to the proposed graduate school of journalism at UNL. LB275, a bill stating the mission of the University, was passed May 25, 1973, including a mandate for an advanced degree-granting program in journalism.

Carpenter said the proposed graduate school is a broadening of the undergraduate program in which one program would feed on the other.

Neale Copple, director of the school of journalism, said, "I have been reluctant to start a graduate program in journalism for fear of not enough funds to keep from bleeding the undergraduate program, which I refuse to do." He said the committee he had formed three or four years ago was working on the curriculum for the program.

### Flexible program

Wilma Crumley, Larry Walklin, Gene Harding and Copple make up the faculty committee. Walklin said that "a good deal of the work has been done the the last two years."

The program will be flexible enough to handle different areas of journalism. Mrs. Crumley said, "We are hoping to make it responsive to the needs of the student." Graduate work will be available in the three basic sequence, news-editorial, broadcasting and advertising, and in a combination of areas, such as journalism-business and journalism-education.

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