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tion. Other ex-officio members will include an affirmative action officer, an administrative officer and a regent selected by the board.

Regent Don Blank of McCook said the board will complete the election of search committee and ex-officio members at its November meeting.

The search committee should meet by mid-November, he said. Within 14 days of their meeting, regents and committee members should know what type of person they are looking for as president.

Blank said he thinks the board should "seriously consider" hiring an outside consultant to assist in the search. In September, the board heard reports from three potential consultant firms who also could have assisted in an in-depth, self-assessment of the university.

Because the results of a self-assessment questionnaire did not indicate major changes in the system are necessary, Blank said he would like to hear from additional consultants.

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place, but certain areas possibly should be examined.

These areas include updating of the NU role and mission statements; clarification of board and CEO relationship; re-evaluation of central administration in areas of function, efficiency and personnel; and an ongoing system of long-range planning by the campuses and the university.

• Most treated the admission of Kearney State College as a foregone conclusion, and think the system would function adequately with the Kearney addition.

• A majority of respondents indicated this is not a time to consider major changes in the system because of uncertainties in the future of higher education in Nebraska, or because conditions do not warrant them.

• Several stated that the president should not also serve as a chancellor, while one indicated this would be an attractive arrangement.

It was a consensus that the chancellors should have relative autonomy over management of students, facilities and academic functions. The president and central administration should be concerned with long-range plans, coordinated services and strategies consistent with the role and mission statements.

Blank said the responses were "very thought-provoking." The board should study the responses thoroughly, and begin to formulate their criteria for a new president, he said.

The completion of the questionnaire does not mean the end of the self-analysis process "by any stretch of the imagination," Blank said.

However, he said, the board now can move forward to begin the mechanics of the presidential search.

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The main concerns raised by opponents of the official vote in other states included students' lack of experience and maturity and a possible conflict of interest, he said.

But, he said, those arguments are easily rebutted.

Hill, who is UNL's student regent, said that last year's granting of an unofficial vote for student regents has shown that they are able to handle the responsibilities of an official vote.

"That forced us to do our homework and take a stand," he said. "We can handle some type of greater vote in university governance."

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