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## Massengale to devote more time to presidency as search is postponed

By Lisa Twiestmeyer  
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NU Interim President and UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale should re-assign most of his duties as chancellor and assume all of the powers and duties of the NU presidency, the NU Board of Regents decided Saturday.

The regents voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the internal governance subcommittee suggesting Massengale devote more time to the NU presidency.

The recommendation states that because of a recent report which suggests sweeping changes in Nebraska's higher education system, the board postpone the search for a new NU president.

officer's title would be something similar to senior executive vice chancellor, he said.

The recommendation states that among the significant duties Massengale will be asked to undertake is to identify existing and potential duplication among the three campuses and central administration.

He also will be asked to make changes to eliminate such duplication and streamline administrative functions at each.

These changes are expected to result in significant savings to the university, the recommendation states.

Massengale is to present a preliminary report on his plans to address this concern at the regents' February meeting.

In response, Massengale said he takes the recommendation seriously and will do his best to represent the university during this period.

Regent John Payne of Kearney said Massengale should get a pay raise immediately because he is performing two jobs.

Blank agreed, saying the executive subcommittee should consider what would be proper pay for Massengale.

Regent Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City, chairman of the board, said she supported the recommendations on Massengale's duties.

Although the presidential search has been postponed, "we can't tread water," Hoch said. "It's time to get on the course we've set, and part of this effort is (to save) money and time."

Earlier in the meeting, Hoch presented a statement to the regents concerning the board's position on the LB247 report.

Because the report had been public for only 10 days, Hoch said, it would be "premature and irresponsible" for the board to announce its opinion on the report's recommendations.

Hoch said she will offer the board's first response to the report Wednesday before the Legislature's LB247 Study Committee.

The recommendations deserve the board's "serious attention and careful consideration," Hoch said.

"It is imperative that every citizen and taxpayer, faculty person and student in this state receive a full and fair discussion of the implications and costs of the sweeping proposals in this report," she said.

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As a result, Massengale likely will serve as interim president for a longer time than anticipated, the recommendation states, and he should assume all the powers and duties of the presidency and re-assign the majority of his duties as UNL chancellor.

The changes in responsibility will in no way affect Massengale's position as chancellor, the recommendation states.

Regent Don Blank of McCook, subcommittee chairman, said an "acting CEO" should be appointed to take over most of Massengale's chancellor duties.

This person would not be called interim chancellor, Blank said, because Massengale is still the chancellor. Rather, the acting chief executive



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University of Nebraska Regent Robert Allen of Hastings asks a question during the regents' meeting Saturday at Varner Hall.

## UNL construction projects need scrutiny, regents say

By Lisa Twiestmeyer  
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The NU Board of Regents should begin a policy of hiring "value engineers" to analyze the university's construction projects to make sure they are as cost efficient as possible, according to some regents.

Regent Robert Allen of Hastings introduced an emergency resolution at Saturday's board meeting stating that the board should hire value engineers on a trial basis to evaluate four current NU construction projects to determine if money can be saved.

The projects include a four-story addition to the Eppley Cancer Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, improvements at the University of Nebraska Lincoln's College of Business Administration, improvements on the fine arts education building at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and a \$45 million addition to the health-care facility at UNMC.

During more than two hours of discussion on the issue, Allen expressed concern that some university construction projects in the past were more expensive than necessary because of unnecessary aesthetic qualities, such as artwork and open spaces.

An independent, objective team of value engineers, Allen said, could offer options in some cases for a "more normal design" that could save the university money.

The board tabled Allen's resolution until the January meeting. Value engineers typically come in to analyze construction projects at about the time 35 percent of the design stage is complete, said Kenneth True of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in a presentation to the board.

Several people expressed opposition to Allen's resolution, saying three of the four current construction projects are significantly past this point, and adding value engineering to the projects would only delay them.

The regents also could not agree on the form of payment for the value engineers. Allen's resolution stated that the team of engi-

neers would be paid a percentage of the money they save the university on a project.

If value engineers found no areas for savings, they would receive no payment.

Several disagreed with this proposal, saying value engineers should be paid a flat, up-front fee. UNO Vice Chancellor Del Weber said paying a third party a percentage of the savings they recognize would result in "a real conflict of interest."

A major reason for hiring value engineers is to get an unbiased, independent opinion, Weber said. If they are paid a percentage of savings, he said, "they are no longer disinterested."

Regent John Payne of Kearney also opposed paying a percentage of savings.

Payne said that if he was a value engineer and was paid this way, "I could find you a lot of savings, but you may not have much of a building when you're done."

Regent Don Blank of McCook said the regents would look at

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## Four students cited for theft of Santa, lights

From Staff Reports

Four University of Nebraska-Lincoln students were cited for theft after Lincoln police discovered miscellaneous Christmas ornaments and displays in their car.

Lt. Lee Wagner of the Lincoln Police Department said the four students were stopped 2 a.m. Friday at 17th and Harvard streets in southwest Lincoln.

Wagner said an officer stopped the four after he noticed an electrical cord hanging from the trunk.

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## Regents decline reconsideration

# Attempt to save Woodruff building fails

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An attempt by UNL student Regent Bryan Hill to save from demolition a building some say has historic value failed at Saturday's NU Board of Regents meeting.

Hill made a motion last month that the board reconsider its vote to acquire the Woodruff property, at 10th and Q streets, and raze the building to construct a 45-stall parking lot.

The motion failed 6-1.

Hill said an information packet on the condition and historical value of the Woodruff Building was not given to the regents in adequate time for them to study it before last month's vote.

The packet contained the results of three architecture professors' evaluations of the building.

Hill said the architecture professors' findings indicate that more of an in-depth study

should be done on the building before the board decides to demolish it.

Todd Oltmans, an architecture senator from the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, told the board he is opposed to demolishing the building because it is one of the only architectural examples in Lincoln from the late 19th century.

The building also could serve as an important bridge between the university and Lincoln's downtown district, he said.

The art, music, architecture and journalism departments all have expressed interest in using the building if it were renovated, Oltmans said.

Hill said the architects' report indicates that the building meets all three of the requirements to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is necessary to meet only one of the three requirements to be placed on the register, he said.

The board should either buy the property and pay for a more in-depth study of the property of the building, Hill said, or not buy it and

let a private developer renovate it.

Regent Don Blank of McCook said people knew four years ago what the eventual outcome of property in the area, which is next to the new Lied Center for Performing Arts, would be.

Blank questioned why someone interested in restoring the building did not do something about it four years ago, when plans for the Lied Center began.

Regent Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City cast the only vote in favor of reconsidering the Woodruff vote.

Hoch said after the meeting that she has "a great concern" for saving buildings that have some significant historical base.

However, she said, there was not a good case made on the cost of renovating the building.

A review by UNL physical plant personnel included in the information packet predicted that renovation of the building to meet current UNL standards would cost more than \$1 million.