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During a reception Monday, NU President Martin Massengale (in back) introduces chancellor candidate Herman Lujan to Katherine Walter, chairwoman of the serial department at Love Library.

Chancellor candidates offer vision

By Dionne Searcey
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Chancellor candidates who recently visited the University of Nebraska-Lincoln did their homework about the school, providing visions for the future, an official said.

Deanna Eversoll, secretary of the Academic Senate, said chancellor candidate Graham Spanier, provost at Oregon State University, and Herman Lujan, vice provost at the University of Washington, had assessed the goals UNL needs to work toward in the next decade.

"Both came to campus with their homework done," she said.

Eversoll said Lujan and Spanier were "visionary" and conveyed ideas for possible growth areas for UNL to pursue.

Both candidates would benefit minority diversity, she said.

Spanier and Lujan "could point to concrete evidence" of their commitment to racial

diversity and gender equity in their prior and current positions, Eversoll said.

"They not only had a philosophy of diversity, but had truly worked to see that gender equity and diversity were a priority," she said.

Alisa Miller, a senior journalism major, said Lujan could relate to student needs.

She said that if selected chancellor, Lujan wants to teach a graduate class in addition to his duties as chancellor.

Andy Massey, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said each candidate is experienced and would lead the campus in a different direction.

"The search committee did a good job of making (NU President Martin) Massengale's choice hard to make."

Spanier served as vice provost for undergraduate studies at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and as associate

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Official: Budget cuts cause painful wounds

By Dionne Searcey
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The process of budget reduction reviews has been "painful," and the program and faculty cuts to be made may cause wounds campuswide, two vice chancellors said.

Irv Omtvedt, vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said vice chancellors are "moving slowly to use flexibility to accommodate any budget reduction with the least pain possible."

The Nebraska Legislature cut UNL's budget by \$2.5 million this year, which is a 2 percent reduction, and an additional 1 percent cut is scheduled for next year.

In July, Interim Chancellor Jack Goebel asked UNL vice chancellors to make 5 percent cuts in their budgets.

Vice chancellors must make their recommendations for cuts by Aug. 19.

Omtvedt said "administrative overhead costs" will be reduced. This means some positions, such as associate vice chancellor in IANR, will be reduced to half time, shifting responsibilities to other departments.

Stan Liberty, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, said his department also may

see some personnel cuts.

"We always want to minimize the impact on personnel, but it's always a possibility," he said.

Omtvedt said a secretarial position already has been eliminated in his department, but the employee has found a job in a different area.

"We'll work logically and give lee time in working with people" whose positions are eliminated, Omtvedt said.

In addition, Omtvedt and Liberty said, some programs might be cut, but they are uncertain which ones at this point.

"Any time you have a budget reduction you have to look at programs," Liberty said.

He said program elimination is "not an instantaneous thing."

Program cutting is a "phased process maintaining a commitment to students to finish their degrees," he said.

Omtvedt said the process of determining where budget reductions take place hasn't been a secret.

He said he's tried to "keep the process as open as possible" when searching for areas to make cuts.

"The right hand knows what the left hand is doing," he said, because cuts in one department may have a negative impact on other programs.

Fate of Apollo up in air; new controversy develops

By Steve Pearson
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The fate of the Apollo 009 space capsule is still unknown, but a new controversy has developed surrounding its stay at the university.

Chuck Biggs, chief of the public services branch at NASA, who was involved in the negotiations that brought the Apollo to the university, said the Apollo 009 was given to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for two reasons — for the research purposes of the engineering department and for display.

"We were pleased that the vehicle was being used in the engineering department," he said. "That probably made the difference in sending it to UNL rather than someplace else. We provided several missing components as they became available with the intent that they would be reinstalled in the command module."

Despite the supposed two-fold purpose of the gift, officials in the engineering college do not recall using the Apollo for laboratory work.

Morris Schneider, acting dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, said, "To the best of my knowledge, we've never done anything with it. I wouldn't want to be quoted as being absolutely certain, because as far as replacing components, that would include the electrical and mechanical departments."

Stan Liberty, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, and Scott Schaub, a research assistant professor for the Center for

Electro-Optics, also were unaware of the Apollo 009 being used by engineering students.

Biggs said he is disappointed about the current condition of the Apollo 009.

"Anytime a significant article from the space program is abused, we hate to see that. That's why our agreement with the Smithsonian (to give them artifacts) is so important," he said. "At the time of the gift, the Smithsonian felt the condition of the command module did not warrant restoring it to display shape. It underwent some destructive testing and the hull was damaged. Because it was unmanned, they felt it was not significant enough to restore."

"That was when it seemed like there would be an unlimited supply of space modules. Now there will never be any more, manned or unmanned."

Bertrand Schultz, former director of Morrill Hall, said the space capsule was properly maintained under his tenure.

"We had the whole thing restored and protected exactly as we were instructed; but in the seven directors that followed me, it got lost in the shuffle," he said.

Schultz said he is hopeful the capsule will not be given to the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, which offered to give the university some space artifacts in exchange for the Apollo craft.

"That museum down in Kansas is kind of a farce as far as I'm concerned. We can get any of that trivia stuff they want to give us directly

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