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for services rendered from the university.

In other business from the meeting:

● UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier reported on the status of engineering services for the analysis of Memorial Stadium.

He said the collapsed section of the stadium would be replaced temporarily with bleachers, but won't be repaired permanently until after football season is over.

● Regents approved a bid from the Piedmont Construction Com-

pany of Lincoln for a contract amount of \$337,848 for the partial demolition and reconstruction of the 501 Building.

● A proposal to move UNL's Czech language program from the department of Modern Languages to the Division of Continuing Studies was also approved by the regents.

The proposal served as a means to keep Czech language courses at UNL in spite of low enrollment figures without using state funds. The move was instigated by a \$40,000 cut by the Legislature's 1992 university budget cut, Spanier said.

Czech program move approved

By Shane Tucker
Staff Reporter

Supporters of UNL's Czech language program refused to let the actions of the NU Board of Regents last Saturday go unchecked.

The regents passed a proposal to relegate the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Czech language program to the Division of Continuing Studies despite concerns of students and community members the move would be detrimental to the future of the program.

The compromise would allow Czech programming to remain at UNL without the use of state funds, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Joan Leitzel said.

At a regent Academic Affairs subcommittee meeting last Friday, Leitzel said the NU Foundation would subsidize the tuition difference between the number of students enrolled in Czech classes with the 15-student minimum imposed on all continuing studies programming, which would

guarantee that the classes would be offered.

The proposal would provide Czech language classes for the next three years in an effort to increase their enrollment, at which point they would be re-evaluated and possibly returned to regular programming, Leitzel said.

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier said the move would allow more opportunity for part-time students and members of the community to take the Czech courses.

"Our plan is to give these courses every opportunity to increase their enrollment," Spanier said.

Low enrollment numbers in Czech language courses are what prompted university officials to re-evaluate the need for the courses in regular programming. According to the Department of Modern Languages, only 21 students were enrolled in Czech language courses in the 1992 fall semester, and that figure dropped to 12 students in the following spring semester.

However, several students involved

in Czech language courses at UNL feared the move would diminish what they consider to be an excellent program.

Chris Sempek, a former UNL Russian major, voiced concern that the move to continuing studies would be a "slow death" for UNL's Czech programming.

"We have a quality program already in place," Sempek said. "We're on par with Georgetown, Harvard and Oxford."

UNL student Sonja Kapoun said she was concerned the move might affect the quality of the program.

"We have a good program — why should we try to destroy it?" Kapoun said.

Robert Simerly, Dean of Continuing Studies, said academic credit for the Czech language courses would remain the same. Simerly also said the quality of the classes within continuing studies would be no less than those in regular programming, and that instructors would be chosen and supervised by the Department of Modern Languages.

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NU president search now underway

By Lisa Vernon
Staff Reporter

The search is on for the University of Nebraska's new president, and the university's search committee has selected a firm to help with the project.

Korn/Ferry International, a Dallas search firm, will be the consultants for the university's search for departing NU President Martin Massengale.

NU Regent and committee co-chairman Nancy O'Brien of Waterloo, and committee secretary J.B. Milliken said the firm would help coordinate the search by generating interest in the position, recruiting candidates to the pool, making contacts with applicants, screening files, organizing the interviewing process and conducting extensive reference checking.

"One of the firm's jobs that I think is the most important is working to keep the candidates in the race," Milliken said.

The search committee has had one meeting this month with all of its 18 members, and their next meeting to check the progress of the search is scheduled for July 13.

O'Brien said the initial meeting was used to review the ground rules for the search.

"The consultants were introduced to the committee," O'Brien said. "We talked about how we would use the search firm."

A limited ad has been placed in the Wall Street Journal to keep the field of candidates open between business people and academia, O'Brien said.

"There was just some discussion because Wall Street Journal ads are very expensive," she said. "We chose to place a very small ad as opposed to the Chronicle of Higher Education."

O'Brien said during the application process, it did not matter to the committee if the candidates were from the academic or business worlds.

"The university is looking for the best candidate," O'Brien said. "They must have at least an understanding and a familiarity with higher education."

Milliken said the goal of the committee was to present four to eight candidates to the regents in November. The regents will then conduct interviews with the finalists and eventually make their selection.

"Our goal is to have the selection be made by the end of the year," Milliken said.

To help get the process underway, O'Brien, Milliken and co-chairman Rob Raun recently took a trip to Washington D.C. to meet with officials.

"We met with four different presidents to talk about UNL and the search," Milliken said. "We talked about the commitment by the regents to select the best candidates and to get suggestions from them for the search, and to invite them to talk to people they think would make good candidates."

Memorial Stadium repair timetable extended

By Lisa Vernon
Staff Reporter

Memorial Stadium's face-lift will take a bit longer than expected, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier said.

The stadium's section 14, which collapsed last month, was initially believed to be repaired in time for

Nebraska's home opener on Sept. 4.

But Spanier said Saturday at the NU Board of Regents meeting that temporary bleachers will be built and used during the football season instead of rebuilding the section with a new design.

"Reconstruction of the southeast stands would interfere with football practices and the Shrine high school

all-star game in August," Spanier said.

Permanent replacement of the collapsed stands will take place at the conclusion of the football season. It is estimated it will take about two months to rebuild the section.

Walt Broer Construction Co. and Dickey & Burnham Inc., both of Lincoln, have been asked by the university to begin work as soon as it is feasible.

"There is no rush to complete the studies and replacement, because UNL wants to make sure that the work is thorough and the stadium is totally sound," said Jack Goebel, UNL vice chancellor for business affairs.

Chicago consulting firm Wiss, Janney, Elstner and Associates is now finishing up its two week inspection of the stadium.

Director of Facilities Management Rich McDermott, said the consultants were finishing the field phase of the inspection. A lab and analysis phase will follow, and a final report is expected in August, he said.

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