

# NU Board of Regents passes post-tenure review program

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taken seriously, and if they prove unsatisfactory, plans to implement the post-tenure review must be in place.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor James Moeser, who said UNL's plans were already in place, said the post-tenure review program would begin immediately.

"I think post-tenure review is just another area of accountability for faculty responsibility," Moeser said, "and it is really managed by faculty."

Faculty members are ultimately responsible for quality annual reviews, Moeser said, because they complete the evaluations.

The approval of this proposal marks the end of a yearlong post-tenure review planning process involving administrators, regents and the UNL Academic Senate.

NU President Dennis Smith said faculty already took the annual evaluations seriously, and said he thought these would be completed satisfactorily.

The regents voted 6-0 in favor of the proposal. Regents Rosemary

Skrupa of Omaha and John Payne of Kearney were not at the meeting.

Regents also heard pleas by the Saunders County Board of Supervisors to donate university land for a new maximum security prison.

Karen Johnson, a county board member, said 165 acres of the university's 10,000-acre Agricultural Research and Development Center near Wahoo would be ideal for a new prison site.

About 40 people who opposed the Saunders County site attended the meeting.

Smith said the university would not give the land to the county because it was used extensively for research.

If NU gave the land to the county, Wilson said, it could set a precedent that the university was in the business of giving away land for economic development purposes.

In other regents news:

Regent Drew Miller of Papillion questioned Frank Solich's \$225,000 salary, which includes a \$25,000 stipend from the Gail and Don W. Cook III football endow-

ment. Miller said he thought Solich would be happy to work as head football coach with a lower salary. However, Smith said the regents were not voting on the salary - which had already been approved - they were voting on the stipend. They voted 5-1 in favor of the stipend.

Regents approved, without discussion, an \$800,000 budget increase for Nebraska Union renovations. Nebraska Unions Director Daryl Swanson said the money was needed because of a miscalculation of the amount of asbestos in the building.

Entering freshmen will pay about 1.6 percent more than last year's freshmen to live in the residence halls. UNL Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen said the increase was due in part to a smaller entering class this year. About 500 fewer students entered UNL as freshmen this year than last year.

The regents were presented a report detailing the schematic plans for UNL's Richards Hall renovation.

# Bereuter involved with negotiations

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Prospects for Israeli-Palestinian peace continue to appear bleak, and ongoing tensions with Iraq complicate the United States' role as a Middle East mediator, said U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter, R-Neb.

Bereuter, vice chairman of the House International Relations Committee, returned Feb. 22 from Israel, where he and Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat to discuss the stalled peace talks.

The visit to Israel was a side trip from a NATO and North Atlantic Assembly convention in Brussels, Belgium. Bereuter led the House delegation to that convention.

Although the Israel trip was planned before the escalation of U.S.-Iraqi tensions in recent months, the subject inevitably arose and demonstrated the complexity of Middle East politics, Bereuter said in an interview from Washington, D.C.

Bereuter visited Israel just before U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan announced an agreement with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on Feb. 22, allowing U.N. weapons inspectors access to Saddam's presidential palaces.

Before this announcement, Bereuter said, Israelis were growing fearful that a U.S. military action against Saddam could incite the Iraqi leader to launch Scud missiles at Israel, as he did during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Bereuter said Israeli newspapers contained full pages of articles explaining how citizens could seal their homes with plastic and tape and obtain gas masks in the event of an attack.

"There was no panic, but people were uneasy," he said.

## Pessimistic About Peace

Bereuter said his meetings with Arafat and Netanyahu convinced him the peace process "is in real trouble," with both sides asking for concessions before taking further steps for peace.

Arafat argues that Netanyahu has proceeded too slowly in transferring control of land in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Palestinians. Netanyahu claims Arafat has not done enough to control Islamic terrorism aimed at Jews.

"It was quite noticeable that Yasser Arafat was very disillusioned with the peace process, and he felt he could not trust the Israelis," Bereuter said.

"It was clear that he felt he would have to show a breakthrough in the peace process if he was going to keep a lid on violence and keep some support for the peace process among the Palestinians."

Netanyahu was much less pessimistic, Bereuter said. However, his proposals for handing control of West Bank land to Palestinians have been more modest than the arrangements which Palestinians believe they are entitled to under the 1993 Oslo Accords.

Netanyahu has complained that the Palestinian leadership has been uncooperative in sharing intelligence regarding terrorism by Palestinian extremists.

Bereuter described Netanyahu as "very candid." When the U.S. delegation told Netanyahu that its data relating to the settlement issue conflicted with his, the prime minister was willing to review both reports.

Netanyahu appears to have a stable hold on power after dissension among his coalition government threatened his leadership earlier this year, Bereuter said.

Bereuter credited this accomplishment to Netanyahu's political agility.

## Time to negotiate

Bereuter said the peace process and other Middle East conflicts, such as the Iraq crisis, are extremely sensitive to each other.

Some regional authorities believed the crisis offered a chance to refocus the peace process, and low-level talks resumed shortly before he arrived, Bereuter said.

But many Middle East experts have feared the combination of a stalemate in peace negotiations, the belief among Arab nations that the United States is biased toward Israel, and the threat of U.S. military action against Iraq could exacerbate turmoil in the Arab world.

But Bereuter said he did not believe fear of Arab opposition to military action against Iraq was a major factor in the Clinton administration's decision to support the U.N. agreement and, at least temporarily, avoid the use of force.

Bereuter said the United States does not need to overhaul its Middle East policies, but must continue to push the adversaries to make peace.

"I do think it's time for the U.S. to be blunt about the lack of progress," he said.

## Israel strikes back

Bereuter said he also spoke to Netanyahu about Israel's plans for a response to a potential Iraqi missile strike. Netanyahu said Israel reserved the right to respond militarily.

It would be unlikely, Bereuter said, that Israel would refrain from retaliating to an Iraqi missile strike, as it did during the Gulf War.

Military action against Iraq appears to have been averted, at least for the time being, but further Middle East tensions appear inevitable, Bereuter said.

"I'm sure there's a lot of relief in Israel today, but no long-term expectations that our problems are behind us."

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