

November 19, 2019

Mr. Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol; Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. O'Connell

Nebraska Revised Statute 85-119 requires the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to report annually to the Legislature by December 1, information regarding ten measurements of progress for Nebraska Innovation Campus.

The report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (402) 472-8636.

Respectfully,



Susan M. Fritz
Interim President

SMF/pjb

Enclosure

University of Nebraska Board of Regents
Report to the Legislature as Required by LB 1093
Measurements Regarding Nebraska Innovation Campus
Reporting year 2019

(Submitted by December 1 of each year)

Background

Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporation (NICDC), through its board of directors, has a 25-year buildout goal for the completion of NIC. NICDC is monitoring for on-time completion and is currently reporting that NIC is currently slightly ahead of that development timeline. In fact, Nebraska Innovation Campus (NIC) is currently developing at a rate equal to or faster than research parks listed for comparison in the university's response to LR200, all of which are more advanced/mature on their own development timelines.

Responses

1. *Percentage of investments by the state and university compared to private sector investments*

As of June 30, 2019, \$219 million has been invested at Nebraska Innovation Campus.

Private Sector	93,579
State & University	<u>125,280</u>
	218,859

2. *The number of square feet of construction*

As of June 30, 2019, NIC had 454,698 square feet of constructed space. Details regarding the available square feet is noted below. Vacant space is warm core and shell and not finished. Of the total space, 8.5% is available for lease from the private developer and an additional 5.8% is available as a sublease through the University.

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Rentable Building Name	Total Square Feet	University	Conference Center		Available UNL	UNL Sub	Vacant UNL Sub
			Private	Sublease	Leases	Lease	
Innovation Commons*	147,784	37,125	44,954	65,705			
Food Innovation Center**, ^	178,000	178,000			39,200	13,360	25,840
Rise Building	75,300	-		75,300			
Greenhouse Innovation Center**	44,950	44,950			1,920	1,920	
Total	446,034	260,075	44,954	141,005	41,120	15,280	25,840

Non-Rentable Building Name

Nucorp Owned CRES Power Plant	8,664
Total	454,698

Note:

* Conference Center is owned by the University

** Both buildings are master leased by the university with noted sublease space available to private companies

^ "Available UNL Sublease" and "UNL Subleases" square footage reduced by 7,185 from fiscal year 2017-18 as

IANR needed to use the space to further international research and academic collaboration projects in Food Science and Technology.

3. The number of private sector companies located on Nebraska Innovation Campus

June 30, 2018 - 28 companies

June 30, 2019 - 36 companies

4. The number of private sector jobs located on Nebraska Innovation Campus

In response to LB 1093, NICDC engaged the UNL Bureau of Business Research to conduct a survey of university and private sector activities on Nebraska Innovation Campus ("Tenant Survey"). The goal of the Tenant Survey was to provide more robust and independently verified data for this response without compromising proprietary information of NIC's private sector partners. This was the fourth year of the survey. Reported employment from the Tenant Survey is below.

Sector	Employment			Total
	Permanent	Student Interns	Other Temporary	
Private Sector	270	76	26	372
UNL	291	21	75	387
Total	561	97	101	759

5. The amount of private sector research funding to the university attributable to Nebraska Innovation Campus

For the years ending June 30, 2018 and 2019, the University reports the following sponsored research funding attributable to NIC and its sources.

	YTD	
	6/30/2018	6/30/2019
Associations/Foundations	205,000	360,641
Federal	4,550,000	5,429,497
Industry	1,081,000	936,651
Local & Area	110,000	107,542
Private Donations/research projects at NIC	5,159,000	5,442,981
State Agencies	521,000	897,634
Universities	64,000	815,748
<i>Subtotal</i>	11,690,000	13,990,694
Private sector services provided by the University	6,863,000	6,702,125
<i>Total</i>	18,553,000	20,692,819

Note: An important component of UNL's research mission is its research services to the private sector provided by The Food Processing Center and the Food Allergy Research and Resource Program; this activity is included above.

6. The number of internships or other employment opportunities provided by private sector companies at Nebraska Innovation Campus to University Students

As reported from the Tenant Survey,

Sector	Internships
Private Sector	76
UNL	21
Total	97

7. The percentage of facilities leased by private sector companies

103,303	Private Leases
<u>15,280</u>	UNL Sub Leases
118,583	
401,080	Total Leased Space Available
29.6%	

8. The number of new businesses started or supported at Nebraska Innovation Campus

Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, 15 new businesses have been started or supported at Nebraska Innovation Campus.

9. The number of conferences and participants at Nebraska Innovation Campus

From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, UNL reported 187 conference days were held at the Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center with a total of 39,111 participants.

NICDC Board Members as of June 30, 2019

Private-sector Members

- Dana Bradford; CEO, Waitt Brands
- Tom Henning; Chairman, President, CEO, Assurity Life Insurance Company
- Larry Miller; COO, Phibro Animal Health
- Tonn Ostergard; President and CEO, Crete Carrier Corporation
- Matt Williams; Chairman, Gothenburg State Bank
- Michael Yanney; Chairman Emeritus, Burlington Capital

University Representatives

- Michael Boehm; Harlan Vice Chancellor, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska–Lincoln; and Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska
- Hank Bounds; President, University of Nebraska
- Daniel Duncan; Executive Director of the Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporation, ex-officio
- Ronnie Green; Chancellor, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
- Bob Wilhelm; Vice Chancellor of Research & Economic Development, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Officers

- William Nunez; NICDC Treasurer
- Kate Engel; NICDC Secretary
- Stacia Palser; NICDC Legal Counsel



Dana Bradford

Current Business Involvements

Dana serves as Executive Chairman of Waitt Brands, a global consumer brands platform he started in 2012. The consumer brands include Bobby Jones, Vornado, Sunice, Viking, and Battle.

In addition, Dana serves on the boards of Meritage Homes (NYSE: MTH), one of America's largest homebuilders, Southwest Value Partners, a San Diego based real estate company, and Customer Service Profiles, an Omaha based provider of customer satisfaction data and analytics.

Past Business Involvements

McCarthy Group: Dana served as a director on the board from 2005 to 2012, and served as President and Managing Partner of the private equity firm during the same period. Prior to 2005 he worked for the McCarthy organization in various positions starting in 1999.

Community

2014/15 Community Involvement

- Chairman: Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority
- Co-chair: Heartland 2050 – Regional Vision
- Chairman: 2015 capital campaign for the United Way of the Midlands
- Director: Omaha Chamber of Commerce (and member of executive committee)
- Director: Nebraska Innovation Campus
- Director: Seventy Five North
- Governor: Knights of Aksarben Foundation
- Advisor: Steven M. Gootter Foundation
- Advisor: Aksarben Future Trust
- Advisor: Robert Daugherty Foundation
- Director: Children's Hospital & Medical Center
- Member: Omaha Public School Strategic Planning Committee

Past Boards

Dana served as chairman of the boards of SAFE Boats International, a Seattle based manufacturer of defense and emergency response boats and Vornado Air, a Wichita based consumer Brands Company.

Dana served on the board of Ballantyne (AMEX: BTN), a movie projector manufacturer, Guild Mortgage, a San Diego based full service mortgage company, NRG Media, a Cedar Rapids based broadcast network of radio stations, and Gold Circle Films, a Los Angeles based movie production company.

Education

BSBA University of Arizona
MBA Creighton University



Tom Henning

Current Business Involvement

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Assurity Life Insurance Company. Tom holds the Chartered Life Underwriter, Chartered Financial Consultant, and the Chartered Financial Analyst designations.

Past Business Involvement

Tom is a former banker, and in the 1980s was president and CEO of the Overland National Bank in Grand Island and president and COO of the National Bank of Commerce in Lincoln.

Community Involvement

Tom's been active in many civic organizations including past chair of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the University of Nebraska Foundation. Tom continues to serve on the Foundation's investment committee and its donor advisory board. He is chair of the Lincoln Chamber Economic Development Corporation, co-chair of the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development and on the steering committee of Lincoln's Vision group. Tom also serves on the University of Nebraska's Innovation Campus Governing Board. Tom was honored in 2015 to receive the Lincoln Chamber's Burnham Yates Citizenship Award. In 2016 Tom was inducted into the Nebraska Business Hall of Fame.

Tom is a member of the board of directors of Nelnet, the advisory board of Lincoln Industries, the board of directors of Great Western Bancorp, Inc. and the Board of Managers of Resourcing Edge, Inc. in Rockwall, TX.

Tom and his wife Candy also operate Henning Farms which is devoted to developing wildlife habitat.

Past Community Involvement

Tom is active in a variety of industry groups including recent service as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI). He also served a two year term as chair of the ACLI Political Action Committee board. He currently serves on the board of the ACLI Forum 500 and recently received their Distinguished Service Award. He is a two time past president of the Nebraska Insurance Federation.

Education

Tom is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as well as the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.



Larry Miller

Current Business Involvement

Chief Operating Officer, Phibro Animal Health Corporation

Mr. Miller has a successful record of over 30 years in the animal health industry, and currently serves as COO, Phibro Animal Health Corporation since July 2016.

Past Business Involvement

Joining as President, Phibro Animal Health in May 2008, Mr. Miller has built a strong, diversified global business. At Phibro, Mr. Miller leads the business through transformational growth comprised of organic development (product and geographic expansion) and acquisitions. He was a key part of the management team that launched the Phibro I.P.O. in March 2014 (NASDAQ PAHC). Prior to joining Phibro in 2008, Mr. Miller spent 17 years with Schering-Plough Animal Health (SPAH) where he was most recently Vice President of the Intervet/Schering-Plough Global Ruminant business. Prior to this, Mr. Miller held numerous positions with SPAH including V.P. of the US Cattle Business, General Manager of their Australia and New Zealand operations, and he also led the product development and launch of Nuflor® florfenicol in the U.S. Prior to SPAH, Mr. Miller held various positions in sales and marketing management with American Cyanamid's Animal Health & Nutrition Business.

Community Involvement

- Honorary Board of Directors, Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey, 1993-1997
- Board of Trustees, University of Nebraska Foundation
- Audit Committee, University of Nebraska Foundation

Mr. Miller was raised on a diversified family farming operation near North Bend, NE. Larry and his wife, Nancy, live in Warren, NJ.

Education

BS in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska

Executive M.B.A from the City University of New York, Baruch College



Tonn Ostergard

Current Business Involvement

President and Chief Executive Officer of Crete Carrier Corporation, a privately owned Lincoln, Nebraska-based transportation and logistics company. Crete Carrier, along with temperature controlled division Shaffer Trucking, and flat-bed subsidiary Hunt Transportation, employ over 6,000 associates with 19 terminal locations across the United States operating 5,000 power units and 13,000 trailers.

Past Business Involvement

Prior to joining Crete Carrier he spent five years in Public Accounting working for the firm of KPMG. He also held the position of Chairman for the Nebraska Trucking Association for 1995-1996, and currently serves as a Member and Director of the American Trucking Associations and Truckload Carriers Association.

Community Involvement

In addition to his industry related positions, Ostergard currently serves on the Board of Directors of Union Bank and Trust Company in Lincoln, Nebraska, and on the Board of Directors of Ameritas Mutual Holding Company and NEBCO, Inc. He serves on the Revenue Forecasting Board for the State of Nebraska, appointed by the Nebraska Legislature.

Past Community Involvement

His civic responsibilities include Past Chair of The University of Nebraska Foundation; Chair of University of Nebraska Business College Capital Campaign; Board member and Vice Chair of Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporation; Past Chairman and Board Member of St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center; Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; a Past Director and Past President of the University of Nebraska College of Business Administration Alumni Association; Alumnus of Leadership Lincoln. Ostergard was honored in 1991 with the College of Business Administration's Alumni Leadership Award, and in 1994 was honored with the University of Nebraska Young Alumnus Award. He is also a member and past officer of the Young President's Organization.

Education

Ostergard received his secondary education at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and graduated from Harvard Business School's Owner/President Management Program.



Matthew Williams

Current Business Involvement

Chairman of Gothenburg State Bank, a \$145 million community bank located in Gothenburg, Nebraska. Matt is a fourth-generation banker and has been with the family owned bank since 1973.

Matt became a State Senator representing Legislative District 36 in 2015. He is vice chairman of the Banking Commerce and Insurance Committee and also serves on the Judiciary Committee. He completed the Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD) in 2015.

Past Business Involvement

Matt was Chairman of the American Bankers Association in 2012-2013 and also served on the ABA Board. Matt has been a member of the ABA Government Relations Council and has served as the ABA State Grassroots Coordinator for the State of Nebraska. He was selected as one of 14 bankers from across our country to serve on the FDIC Advisory Committee on Community Banking. Matt was chairman of the Nebraska Bankers Association in 2003-2004 and has served on many NBA committees.

Community Involvement

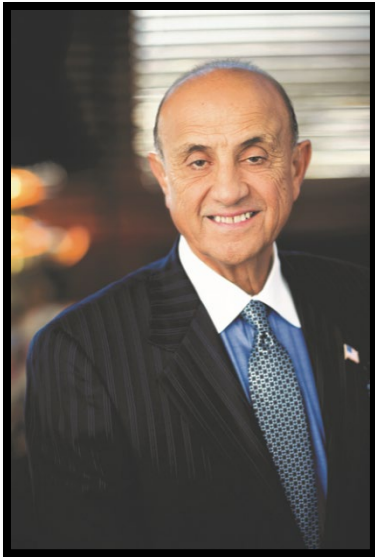
Matt also serves as a Trustee of the University of Nebraska Foundation, UNL Ag Builders, the University of Nebraska President's Advisory Council, the University of Nebraska Finance Department Advisory Board, and is a past Director of the State Chamber of Commerce. He was appointed by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to the Board of Directors of Innovation Campus.

Past Community Involvement

Matt has been very involved with economic development in Gothenburg and Dawson County, formerly serving as Chairman of the Gothenburg Improvement Company and President of the Gothenburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Matt also has served as a State Director for the Tom and Nancy Osborne TeamMates mentoring program. Matt received the Alumni Achievement Award from UNL in 2013, and the ABA Ag Banker of the Year Award in 2014.

Education

Matt received his undergraduate and Law degrees from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.



Michael Yanney

Current Business Involvement

Michael B. Yanney founded the Burlington Capital, formerly America First Companies L.L.C. in 1984 and currently serves as Chairman Emeritus. Mr. Yanney has over 58 years of business and investment experience.

Past Business Involvement

From 1977 until the organization of America First in 1984, Mr. Yanney was principally engaged in the ownership and management of commercial banks. From 1961 to 1977, Mr. Yanney was employed by Omaha National Bank and Omaha National Corporation (now part of US Bank), where he held various positions including Executive Vice President and Treasurer of the holding company and Director of FirstTier Financial, Inc..

Mr. Yanney has significant experience in the development and operation of agribusiness projects in Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union, having been involved in a total of more than 40 agricultural related projects in the former Soviet Union over the last 30 years.

Mr. Yanney was formerly a director of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation, Level 3 Communications, Inc., Freddie Mac Advisory Board, Durham Resources, Inc., Freedom Communications, Inc., Forest Oil Corporation, MFS Communications, Inc., PKS Information Services, Inc., Omaha Steaks, Tetrad and Lozier.

Past Community Involvement

University of Nebraska Medical Center Distinguished Service Award to Gail & Mike Yanney

University of Nebraska Regents' Medal Award to Gail & Mike Yanney

University of Nebraska Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Gail & Mike Yanney

Education

BA in Business Education from University of Nebraska at Kearney

Graduate Degree from American Institute of Banking (New York)

Commercial Banking Graduate Degree from University of Wisconsin School of Banking

Honorary Doctorate Degrees from University of Nebraska at Kearney and Bellevue University

Mr. Yanney is the husband of Dr. Gail Walling Yanney and the father of Lisa Y. Roskens, Chairman and CEO of Burlington Capital.



Michael Boehm

Current Business Involvement

University of Nebraska in the dual role of Harlan Vice Chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and vice president for Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska system. Mike joined the university on January 1, 2017.

Past Business Involvement

Prior to serving in this role, Boehm was professor of plant pathology and vice provost for academic and strategic planning at The Ohio State University. He was responsible for strategic planning for Ohio State's 15 colleges and six campuses; K-12 and community college partnerships; the University Libraries System, College of Public Affairs and Office of Institutional Research and Planning; dean reappointment and academic unit reviews; integrated capital planning; and classroom readiness. He oversaw Ohio State's Discovery Themes initiative, a 10-year program to produce solutions to the challenges of the 21st century, and served as co-lead for the Humanities and the Arts Discovery Theme.

In research, Boehm is a recognized authority on the integrated management of turfgrass diseases with an emphasis on *Sclerotinia homoeocarpa*, the causal agent of dollar spot, and integrated management of Fusarium head blight of wheat and barley. Publications include 32 peer-reviewed articles, six edited book chapters, six US patents (two of which have been licensed and moving towards commercialization), and nearly 100 abstracts, reviews, and proceedings papers. Secured ~\$1.5 million in extramural funding (industry and federal grants); advised 15 MS and PhD students and postdoctoral researchers.

Mike was also a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 10 years, serving as a microbiologist and served 10 years as a Staff Sargent in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Past Community Involvement

In 2013, Boehm was president of the American Phytopathological Society.

Education

BS from Heidelberg College

MS from Ohio State University

PhD from Ohio State University



Hank Bounds

Current Business Involvement

President of the University of Nebraska since being appointed January 12, 2015. He began his tenure on April 13, 2015.

Bounds grew up in Mississippi. His service in the Army National Guard helped him pay for college. He has devoted his 25-year career to helping change students' lives in the same way education opened doors in his own life.

Bounds holds a faculty appointment in the College of Education and Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and courtesy faculty appointments in the Colleges of Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He serves on the board of directors for several organizations, including the National Association of System Heads (NASH), the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute, the Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporations, the Nebraska Advanced Manufacturing Coalition and the Consultation Committee for US Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM).

Community Involvement

Bounds is on the Board of Governors for the Knights of AKSARBEN.

Past Business Involvement

Bounds began as a high school teacher, then rose to principal, superintendent and state superintendent before becoming Mississippi's commissioner of higher education in 2009. In that role, he oversaw a complex system of eight public universities.

Education

Bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi
Doctorate from the University of Mississippi



Daniel Duncan

Current Business Involvement

Executive Director of the Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporation since October 1, 2011.

Dan was born on a diversified farm and ranch in Sioux County, north of Morrill, Nebraska. He attended the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. After graduation, Dan returned to the family farm and ranch for six years.

Past Business Involvement

In 1987, Dan accepted the position of Operations Manager at the University of Nebraska Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. In 1991, he was named Director of the University of Nebraska Agricultural Research and Development Center near Mead, Nebraska. On August 1, 2004, he was named an Assistant Director of the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station on a part-time basis. In February 2008, Dan moved into the position of Assistant Dean and Director of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Agricultural Research Division.

Community Involvement

Dan is a LEAD VII Fellow. He is also a member of the Nebraska Hall of Ag Achievement and the Agricultural Builders of Nebraska.

Education

Bachelor of Science degrees in Animal Science and Agronomy from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln
Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics-Agrribusiness from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln



Ronnie Green

Current Business Involvement

Ronnie Green was appointed as the University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s 20th chancellor on May 8, 2016.

Past Business Involvement

Prior to being named chancellor, Ronnie served for six years as the Harlan Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In this role, he also jointly served as the Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources of the University of Nebraska system. Since 2015, Ronnie also was UNL’s Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the institution’s chief academic officer and responsible authority in the

absence of the chancellor.

Ronnie has served on the animal science faculties of Texas Tech University and Colorado State University, and as the national program leader for animal production research for the USDA’s Agricultural Research Service and executive secretary of the White House’s interagency working group on animal genomics within the National Science and Technology Council where he was one of the principal leaders in the international bovine, porcine, and ovine genome sequencing projects. Prior to returning to NU, Green served as senior global director of technical services for Pfizer Animal Health’s animal genomics business.

Past Community Involvement

He is a past-president of both the American Society of Animal Science and the National Block and Bridle Club, and has served in a number of leadership positions for the U.S. Beef Improvement Federation, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, National Pork Board, Federated Animal Science Societies and the National Research Council. He was named a fellow of ASAS in 2014 and, in 2015, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world’s largest general scientific society.

Education

Bachelor and master’s degrees in animal science from Virginia Tech and Colorado State University, respectively. Doctoral program was completed jointly at the University of Nebraska and USDA-ARS U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in animal breeding and genetics.



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Bob Wilhelm

Current Business Involvement

Bob Wilhelm is the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. He has also been named a Kate Foster Professor for Mechanical and Materials Engineering. The endowed professorship was established in the 1970s through a gift by Foster's estate. Foster graduated from the University of Nebraska, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1906 and a Master of Arts in 1909.

Past Business Involvement

Prior to coming to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Wilhelm, a professor of mechanical engineering and engineering science, served as vice chancellor at UNC Charlotte since 2011. He held executive roles at that institution since 2005 and had been a member of its faculty since 1993.

An award-winning researcher, Wilhelm specializes in precision engineering. He received a National Science Foundation Young Investigator Award in 1994 and was named a fellow of the International Academy for Production Engineering in 2013. He was awarded more than \$6 million in peer-reviewed competitive research funding between 1993 and 2009, working with companies like Caterpillar and DaimlerChrysler on virtual manufacturing and software frameworks for integrated measurement processes.

Before becoming UNC Charlotte's chief research officer, Wilhelm served as associate provost for strategic research partnerships and as executive director of the Charlotte Research Institute, a facility similar to Nebraska Innovation Campus that provides space to corporate partners to work with faculty and students on campus.

He also assisted with the founding of six National Science Foundation industry-university cooperative research centers and the development of focus areas for large-scale research and academic programs in data science-business analytics, energy, advanced manufacturing, biomedical research and bioinformatics.

Wilhelm has emphasized research that directly impacts social, cultural and economic communities and has led initiatives to support social science, digital humanities and the broader research culture.

Education

Wilhelm earned a bachelor's degree from Wichita State University. He holds a Master of Science from Purdue University and a doctorate from the University of Illinois.



William Nunez

NICDC Treasurer

Current Business Involvement

Interim Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, responsible for facilities construction and management, accounting, audit, human resources, security, and auxiliary business services associated with UNL's programs.

Past Business Involvement

Prior to William's appointment as interim vice chancellor, he served as Chief of Staff and Associate to the Chancellor. In this executive role he worked directly with the Chancellor in promoting, monitoring, and measuring the strategic vision, goals, and outcomes of the University, provided leadership, oversight, and guidance for major university initiatives, strategic planning, and capital projects, managed Chancellor budgets and resources including state, foundation, and other fund sources, and advised the Chancellor on campus-wide policy and administrative issues. He represented the Chancellor as needed and coordinates the activities of the Senior Administrative Team, which serves as the University's Executive Cabinet.

Dr. Nunez had direct management and oversight responsibilities for Chancellor's units including the Alumni Association, Campus Planning and Space Management, Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women, Chancellor's Commission on Environmental Sustainability, Equity and Compliance, Community and Government Relations, and University Communications. Further, he provided leadership oversight to academic units reporting to the Chancellor including Lied Center for Performing Arts, Sheldon Museum of Art, and the Lentz Collection for Asian Culture. He regularly interacted with the Vice Chancellors on behalf of the Chancellor and directly participates in the formulation of academic and administrative policies at the campus level.

He joined the Office of the Chancellor in April 2010.

Nunez came to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln from the University of Louisville in September 2003 to be the director of the Office of Institutional Research and Planning. At Louisville, he served in the Office of Planning and Budget for 12 years.

He is an associate professor in the College of Education and Human Sciences and has also taught at Louisville and Indiana University-Southeast.

Education

Nunez holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business and master's and doctoral degrees in education.



Kate Engel

NICDC Secretary

Current Business Involvement

Director of Communication and Culture for Nebraska Innovation Campus. Kate is responsible for developing and implementing programs for NIC aimed at creating a culture that encourages collaboration and partnerships between NIC, the university and the community. NIC programs are focused on creating opportunities for people with different skill sets to meet and socialize – a critical aspect in developing a culture on NIC that embraces and sparks innovation.

Community Involvement

Leadership Lincoln Fellows XXXII Class

City of Lincoln, NE Telecommunications/Cable Television Advisory Board

University Association of Administrative Development (UAAD) Board

Camp Summergold Board of Directors

Education

BFA from Nebraska Wesleyan University

MA in Management from Doane University

In progress: PhD in human sciences with a specialization in leadership studies from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln



Staica Palsler

NICDC Legal Counsel

Current Business Involvement

Stacia L. Palsler was named the University of Nebraska's interim vice president and general counsel in March 2018.

As general counsel, Palsler is the senior legal officer for the University of Nebraska. She leads a team of attorneys that provides legal expertise to the NU community in the areas of litigation, employment, transactions, intellectual property, compliance, constitutional law and other matters.

Past Business Involvement

Palsler previously had served as an associate general counsel at the university since 2012, assisting with various transactions, real estate, construction, procurement and environmental issues and special projects across all campuses. Prior to that, she was a shareholder at Koley Jessen P.C., L.L.O.

Education

Palsler earned her bachelor's degree in biological systems engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and her law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law.

She and her husband have two children.