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1. The meeting was convened at 12:45 p.m. in Room 112A of the Student Center, by John Winkleblack, Chairperson of the Facilities Committee.

2. Steve Schram, Special Projects Consultant, provided a brief history of the College of Nursing Northern Division project as well as financing of and timeline for the project. Kevin Schluckebier, BCDM architect, reviewed the site and floor plans for the project and addressed questions. A review of the opinion of the probable construction costs was also provided.

   Mr. Schram reported that the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) will consider approval of the program statement for this project at their October 14th meeting. In order for the College of Nursing project to stay on schedule and have the facility ready for the fall classes of 2010, authorizing the preparation of the final plans and bid specifications will need to occur at the October 9th meeting, contingent upon the CCPE approval of the program statement.

   Following discussion, a consensus was reached by the Facilities Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors authorization, contingent upon the CCPE approval of the CON facility program statement, of the preparation of final plans and specifications and the development of necessary bid documents for the College of Nursing project with the bids for the project to be received not later than the January 2009 Board meeting.

3. Steve Schram presented information regarding a request from the City of South Sioux City to grant an easement across Northeast’s property in South Sioux City. The permanent easement would allow for water retention ponds to be located on the east side of the drainage channel. The need for these water retention ponds is a result of a new flood plain map being developed for South Sioux City by the Corps of Engineers. The City is identifying several
areas that can be developed into water retention basins that could be contoured so that a foot or two of soil would be removed to create a depression along a storm water drainage area.

Following discussion, a consensus was reached by the Facilities Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of an easement with the City of South Sioux City for the water retention ponds on the property in South Sioux City owned by Northeast Community College.

4. Construction update included a report from Steve Schram who advised that the footings for the Welcome Center are completed and the steel beams should begin arriving Monday morning with erection to start immediately.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.