

the needs of Nebraskans; and one that would recognize the rich history of the University of Nebraska. It goes on, it says, having both the University of Nebraska Medical Center and UN-L under one president would make it far more likely that cooperation would ensue in some very critical areas. The importance of biotechnology research on both campuses in the Governor's research initiative is a clear example of the need for such cooperation, as is the planning of the Nebraska Center for Advanced Technology. The relationships between food sciences and human nutrition also span the two campuses and could be brought together more effectively under a single CEO. Other examples of needed cooperation abound, bioengineering, bioethics, medical jurisprudence, rural health, environmental health and safety, veterinary/medical science, etcetera. A number of these cooperative efforts are presently developing but much more needs to be done to maximize the output of faculty resources. Another reason, bringing a closer unification of UN-L and UNMC would put all current doctoral programs clearly under one comprehensive research institution. A single graduate school structure would be maintained. This program would thereby maintain the consistency of having a single graduate structure in our entire state with a statewide role and mission. Under the proposed restructuring...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...of higher education in Nebraska, a definition of NU that includes the Medical Center would put all programs that have this statewide mission under a single president and governing board. One other point that this document makes, it says the University of Nebraska receives a great deal of esteem as a long time member of the Association of American Universities, AAU. It would benefit the Medical Center to remain identified as a part of AAU institution. The same point could be made relative to the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. Then the point that I had made before, it says the College of Dentistry is located on the Lincoln campus, as is the major program in nursing education. The students in these programs presently function as UN-L students. The support services required by these programs are largely provided by UN-L departments and the faculty members enjoy both professional and social relationships with faculty members of other colleges on the Lincoln campus. Furthermore, both the Dental College and the Nursing College operate programs on campuses in both Omaha and Lincoln. Dentistry has its