

suggested, at least, in the debate on LB 239CA (sic) and, or excuse me, LR 239CA, and LB 1141 when we were in Education Committee. It is one of the questions that faculty members have raised concerning representation on the Board of Trustees. This amendment, in addition to having the five members who would be appointed by the Governor on each Board of Trustees and the one student voting member, this would propose that you would have a faculty member as well and would increase the Board of Trustees membership from six to seven and allow a faculty representative on the Board of Trustees to have input into that decision-making process. It seems to me that if we are going to have a student member, and that student member is proposed as a voting member on the Board of Trustees for each of the institutions, it only makes sense that a faculty member also be appointed and serve on that particular board. There are a lot of questions as far as the governance of higher education. One of the key things that faculty members have suggested to me is that, how do you transfer credit among the various institutions of higher education in our state, for example? If a student wants to transfer from UNO to Kearney State or from Kearney State to some other institution, UNL, various ways of doing it, how do we know what is going to qualify, what the degree requirements are going to be, how are those hours of credit going to be credited at the accepting institution? All of those kinds of questions and other kinds of questions dealing with faculty governance, the administration of the university, all of those things are things that faculty members, I think even more than students may have insight into, and could be a positive voice on a board of trustees. It seems to me that if we're going to have a student member, and I was one who voted for a student member on the Board of Trustees, a faculty member even makes more sense on the Board of Trustees at the various institutions. You want to have someone who has a special knowledge about the educational system within each institution. I think it only appropriate that a faculty member be included as well and for that reason I propose this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, to begin with, I have some questions of Senator McFarland.

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.