I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

II. The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. **Officers Reports**

   A. **President’s Report:** Senator Sadlek reported on the following:

      1. Executive Committee and Administration, (September 18, 2002): All resolutions passed at the previous Faculty Senate meeting were approved. Most of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of an open letter from Senator Sadlek and AAUP President Michael Peterson on the recent lay offs. The revised letter was distributed on 9/23/02. The results of the Senate’s study on the success of Metro CC students in UNO’s entry-level math and English courses was discussed at the meeting of the Articulation Task Force on 9/16/02. As a result of this discussion, the task force decided to sponsor discussions on transfer students between the faculty in the corresponding UNO and Metro math and English departments.

      2. Chancellor’s Council, (September 19, 2002): Senator Bragg reported for Senator Sadlek that the Chancellor is trying to find some way to obtain faculty and staff input on how we might better proceed with future layoffs, etc. A report must be provided to President Smith on Monday, 23 September, on ways by which the university can collaborate between and among campuses to save money. The budget for the next biennium was also discussed.

      3. NU Chancellor L. Dennis Smith and Provost Noren’s Meeting with the Four NU Faculty Senate Presidents, (September 19, 2002): The meeting opened with a discussion of the US Patriot Act. The budget situation was discussed at length. President Smith is assuming a $20 million cut each year of the biennium. He wants to completely restructure the business operations on all four campuses. He would like us to continue our attempts to restructure academic departments as well. The Administration would like more faculty and university employees to get involved in getting our message across to state legislators and to the public. And, finally, health insurance premiums are going up again.

   B. **Secretary-Treasurer’s Report:** Senator Williams submitted the September 2002 budget report.

IV. **Standing Committee Reports**
A. **Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs**: Senator N. Bacon reported on the September 25, 2002, meeting of the committee. The committee discussed two issues: implementation of Resolution 2600 (C- grades) and articulation with Metro Community College.

B. **Committee on Educational Resources and Services**: Senator Dickson reported on the committee meeting of September 25, 2002. Given the current economic situation in the state and the bleak outlook for the University, the committee did not feel we would collect enough to cover the Paul Beck scholarships and recommends that we do not collect donations at this time. They will explore some options for the scholarship so a recommendation to the Senate can be made.

C. **Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare**: Senator Johnson that the committee met and set their agenda for the year.

D. **Committee on Goals and Directions**:
   1. Senator Garver reported that at its October meeting the committee will discuss how the Faculty Senate can encourage and facilitate faculty participation at the Community Forums and the "Strategic Advance" to take place in mid-November.
   2. New Charge: In addressing the issue of a teach in, the committee has been charged with scheduling two community forums. They will be exploring the possibilities of having such a forum either late in November or in January.

E. **Committee on Professional Development**: Senator Blair reported that he and Senator Leavitt met with Marilyn Leach, Director of the Center for Faculty Development, and Joanne Sowell, Art Department and Chair of the University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching. They also discussed budget cuts, Teaching Circles, and UCAT.

F. **Committee on Rules**: Senator Littrell reported that, while the committee had not met in September, he would move the following two resolutions:

1. **University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT)**:

   **BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward to for a three-year term (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005) to the University Committee on the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT):**
   
   Pam Smith, CPACS
   
   Bruce Chase, A&S

2. **University Committee on Athletics**:

   **BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from 08/01/02, through 07/31/05, to the University**
Committee on Athletics:

Leah Pietron (to replace Michael Stewart)

3. Other items will be added to this report and be available by the full Senate meeting date.

V. Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Budget Committee: Senators Blair, Johnson, and Littrell reported that the committee discussed the importance of institutional memory from one year to the next. They are examining what other universities are doing, how the committee should be organized, etc. They mentioned that UC at Berkeley had an impressive Budget Committee which reviews all allocation of resources and issues, reports on changes, and, in some cases, contracts.

VI. Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. Academic Planning Council: Senator Williams reported that the APC identified three departments for review: Chemistry, Geography/Geology, and Physics. These reviews are tentatively schedule to take place between February 10-21, 2003.

B. Alumni Association, Board of Directors: Senator Blair reported that the Alumni Association will be surveying the alumni groups of UNO's peer institutions to learn about the range of their activities. Vice Chancellor Buck discussed several issues associated with the latest round of budget reductions. Senator Blair also attended the September 18 Alumni Association Roundtable with Omaha Mayor Fahey, where several issues relating to UNO-City relations, including collaborations, road improvements, and campus access were discussed.

C. Graduate Council: The minutes of Committee B (March 26, 2002) and Committee A (April 15, 2002 were submitted.

D. Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Senator Garver, who included this report in his Goal & Directions committee report, noted that the meeting was held on Sept. 25th. He reported on the organization and projected activities of the two Community Forums scheduled to be held at UNO in November 2002. Chancellor Nancy Belck presented a "strategic update" in which she emphasized long-term strategic advances as opposed to short-term tactical retreats by UNO. The next campus-wide "Strategic Advance" is scheduled to take place on November 15, 2002

VII. Old Business

A. Senator Bacon introduced a motion to thank the recently closed Learning Center and its staff for a job well done. She, along with the Executive Committee and Cabinet, felt that each of the staff members, terminated as a result of the recent budget cuts, should be thanked by name. Senator Bacon, with the help of the Faculty Senate coordinator, Sue Bishop, will try to compile a list by the next EC&C meeting.

B. There was discussion on Chancellor Belck's Open Letter of 09/27/02. President Sadlek is collecting e-mail feedback.

C. Senator Sadlek reported that Senator Schulte will have information on a Community Service project
VIII. **New Business**

A. Senator Sadlek discussed tuition rates for potential students from neighboring Iowa counties. If the full senate consents, this will be sent to the Educational Resources Committee to work on.

B. Senator Sadlek proposed reporting Senate business to UNO faculty by email newsletter. This would be a regular letter from the Faculty Senate President, not a website or hard copy. He envisions including a link to the Faculty Senate website.

C. Discussion was held on the impact of the Patriot Act and its effect on Academic

IX. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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(Greg: The committee was charged with planning for a "teach in" on the state of the university, possibly to be held in January.) (Bruce: My recollection is the same as yours, as I reported to Sue by phone about an hour ago. The G&D Committee met last Wednesday to prepare suggestions for faculty involvement in the forthcoming "strategic advance" and two "community forums" scheduled for November by the SPSC.) (Jim Carroll: There was discussion of holding it this semester, and people felt it couldn't be arranged that soon, so Goals and Directions was charged with seeing when we could get space in Milo Bail, and deciding how to organize presentations.)