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

II. The minutes of the February 5, 2003 meeting were approved with a grammatical correction. The minutes of the February 19, 2003 Emergency meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Officers Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Sadlek reported:

1. The Board of Regents met on Friday, February 28, and Saturday, March 1, at Varner Hall. Earlier on Friday, the regents had their official annual visit to the UNL campus. Four committee meetings took place on Friday afternoon. The main presentation at Saturday’s meeting was on university athletics. Among the items of business passed was the appointment of our own Dr. Tom Bragg to Graduate Dean at UNO.

2. The Chancellor’s Council met on February 27, 2003. The meeting opened with a report on UNO’s crisis management capabilities and a presentation by Stan Schleifer. The Chancellor reported that the April 1, 2003, deadline that President Smith gave to the Chancellors for a list of cuts has been pushed back in order to have a better picture of the exact size of the cuts. Task forces have met and are working on their charges. Several reports were offered on the size of the fee increases that UNO will be seeking later in the spring. These increases must be approved by the Board of Regents first. The Chancellor’s Council was given an up-date on collaborations between UNO and Metro Community College.

3. Discussion was held on suggestions for topics for President Smith to discuss at next week’s meeting. They are:

   · funding for priority programs (on what basis are Regents basing their decision to fund priority programs)
   · funding faculty raises
   · Patriot Act and academic freedom
   · Metropolitan Statistical Area Scholarship
   · looking beyond individual campuses and beyond University of Nebraska system

B. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: Senator Williams submitted the February budget report.

IV Standing Committee Reports
A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator N. Bacon reported the Committee met Wednesday, February 26, 2003. Those present were Nora Bacon, Gary Krause, and Joan Latchaw. Rita Henry was a guest. Senator Bacon moved the following for members of the Committee:

Resolution regarding maintaining a record of students who violate the academic integrity policy:

Whereas the faculty of the University of Nebraska at Omaha places a high value on academic integrity,

Whereas violations of the policy on academic integrity warrant meaningful sanctions,

Whereas the sanctions should be appropriate to the offense, with progressive discipline for repeat offenders,

Therefore be it resolved that

· The Office of Student Affairs shall maintain a record of students who violate the policy on academic integrity;
· Faculty members are encouraged to report violations to the Office of Student Affairs;
· Reports should be made by the faculty member in whose class the violation occurs;
· On a first offense, Student Affairs will take no action unless the faculty member specifically requests their intervention;
· On subsequent offenses, students will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion, as deemed appropriate by the judicial officer in Student Affairs;
· The judicial officer will inform students of their right to appeal;
· A student’s record of offenses will be confidential and will be destroyed when he or she graduates.
· students will have access to their own confidential record

Be it further resolved that the section on academic integrity in the undergrad catalog be revised to inform students of this policy.

The motion was amended and passed and will be brought before the full Senate.

B. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Dickson reported the committee met on February 26, 2003. Those present were Laura Dickson, Tom Bragg, Andrew Smallwood, Peter Wolcott. They discussed new Student ID’s and the key lock card situation. It appears that Campus Security has made sensible decisions given the nature of the technology and financial constraints. High priority should be given to Campus Security’s recommendation to equipping each building with external lock access. Security should be made an integral part of grant applications and program statements for new or upgraded facilities. Setting up an endowment for the Paul Beck Scholarship through the University of Nebraska Foundation was discussed, as was the Serials Issues
C. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator D'Souza reported that there was no March meeting of the committee. On behalf of the committee Senator D'Souza moved the following resolution which was held from the February committee meeting:

Whereas, profile "B" and profile "C" of the UNO College of Arts and Sciences Guidelines on Promotion, Tenure and Reappointment are inconsistent with UNO's campus-wide guidelines,

Be it resolved, that the UNO Faculty Senate recommends that the College of Arts and Sciences eliminate profile "B" and profile "C" from their Guidelines on Promotion, Tenure and Reappointment so that their guidelines are consistent with the campus-wide guidelines,

Be it further resolved, that faculty hired in full-time tenure track positions when profile "B" and profile "C" were formally a part of the College of Arts and Sciences Guidelines on Promotion, Tenure and Reappointment be allowed to be considered for tenure in accord with profile "B" or profile "C".

Motion passed and the resolution will be brought before the full Senate.

D. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Garver reported that the committee met on Wednesday, February 26. Present were: Chris Allen, Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, Bruce Garver, Karl Kosloski, and Angela Valle. Caroline Simpson was excused. Guests were Dr. Wade Robinson, Asst. Vice Chancellor, Student Enrollment Services; Jerry Deichert, Director of UNO's Center for Public Affairs Research, and Jonathan Croskey, one of the UNO students who attended all sessions of the December 2002 Strategic Advance. Jonathan Croskey expressed his and other students' concern that local high school guidance counselors often do not recommend UNO to graduating high school seniors as either a first college of choice or as a back-up college of choice. Dr. Wade Robinson next reported to the G&D Committee about UNO's ongoing efforts at recruitment of students generally and about UNO's cooperative work with high school principals, teachers, and counselors. Jerry Deichert began his presentation by distributing to every committee member a copy of a report compiled by UNO's Center for Public Affairs Research thoroughly presenting a demographic profile of recent entering classes of UNO freshmen. The committee agreed that UNO should aspire to become more competitive, while at the same time, maintaining or improving those qualities that identify us as a metropolitan university. The Committee was of the opinion that any mandated budget cuts at UNO should first be applied those courses which and instructors who can be most easily replaced after the return of good economic times and increased state revenues.

The committee postponed until its next meeting the following question: to what extent, if any, should UNO modify its "strategic" goals in light of impending budget cuts of great severity?
E. **Committee on Professional Development**: Senator Blair reported an “Emergency” meeting was held February 24, 2003. Those in attendance were Senator Robert Blair and Senator Josie Metal-Corbin. The Committee met with Faculty Senate President Greg Sadlek, a member of the Task Force appointed by the Chancellor to examine Faculty Development, Service Learning and Social Work. President Sadlek briefed Committee members on the charge of the Task Force and the range of preliminary recommendations discussed at the initial meeting. In general, it appears as much as 90% of the budget for the Faculty Development Center including TABS, UCAT, Teaching Circles, Service Learning Academy and UCR will be cut.

F. **Committee on Rules**: Senator Littrell reported that the committee, which met on February 26, agreed to conduct an audit of standing committees on campus to identify people that need to be replaced. They recommended doing this audit with a form that pays attention to gender and minority balance. They recommend sending out a letter, hard copy and e-mail, to all faculty members eligible for Faculty Senate service to identify their interests.

V. Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. **Strategic Planning Steering Committee**: Senator Garver attended the SPSC meeting held on February 26, at which Dr. Sheri Rogers discussed North Central's revised procedures for assessment and indicated ways in which UNO could employ these procedures to improve our electronic portfolio and to facilitate our self-assessment and being regularly assessed by North Central.

VI. Old Business

A. Senator Bragg, having been recently appointed Dean of Graduate Studies at UNO, offered his letter of resignation, effective March 6, 2003. There was a motion to accept his resignation. This was seconded and carried.

VII. New Business:

A. Senator Blair will attend the Alumni Association meeting on March 18, 2003, to present the faculty perspective on the budget cuts, their concerns, and how they fit into the mix.

B. Robert Shuster will be notified of his appointment as the College of Arts & Sciences representative to complete Senator Bragg’s term (5/9/01 - 5/12/04).

C. An election for a Vice President to finish the term (to 5/14/2003) will be held at next week’s Senate meeting.

D. Senator Sadlek asked that the following resolution be brought from the Executive Committee to the full Senate:

**Support of Student Government Resolution LS02/03-4**
Whereas the Faculty Senate supports UNO Student Government resolution LS 02/03-4 (that students not be penalized for missing class to attend the Appropriations Committee meeting in Lincoln on March 10, 2003),

Therefore, while it does not support cancellation of classes on that day, it does encourage UNO students to participate in the political process.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.