Wednesday, September 3, 2003,  2:00 p.m., RH 414

Attendees:  Bacon, D’Souza, Dickson, Littrell, Nazem, Neathery-Castro, Sadlek, Simpson, Bishop, J. Carroll

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


   There was a presentation on the various renovations being undertaken in Eppley Administration Building. The Nebraska Business Development Center, currently housed at the Peter Kiewit Center, will be moved into Roskens Hall and the Faculty Senate offices and the Honors Program offices will be moved into ASH. VC Christensen (along with Dean Hendricks and Dean Hinton) reported on the progress made to date on the searches for the new Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs and the new Dean of the Business College. Dean Hendricks announced that the college had recently been granted a $2 million grant from the STEP program (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program), a division of NSF. President Smith is proposing a new LB 1100-2 project list which is essentially a wish-list for the legislature of construction projects desired by the university. There are six UNO projects on Smith’s list. There is also a university wish-list for the new Nebraska Foundation Capital Campaign. There was discussion of UNO’s ranking in the latest U.S. News and World Report.

B. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: Senator Dickson submitted the August 2003 budget.

IV. Executive Committee Report: Senator Bacon will move the following at the full Senate meeting:

1. Academic Planning Council:  BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as the Faculty Senate’s representatives to the
University Academic Planning Council from the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs and the committee on Goals and Directions each for a one-year term from 05/14/03, through 05/06/04

Ethel Williams, Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs (re-appointed) Bruce Garver, Committee on Goals and Directions (re-appointed).

V Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Dickson reported the Committee met on August 27, 2003. We discussed the retreat briefly to fill in those who were not there. Other items discussed were the Paul Beck Scholarship, SIS system (Identity Theft and Privacy), list of scholarship for undergrads, problems with the implementation of Lotus Notes updates, committee representative to the Distance Education Advisory Council, work on the new Faculty Handbook, loss of two nights of classes to holidays/vacations.

B. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator D’Souza had no formal report. There was no meeting held the week after the Retreat. As portions of the new Faculty Handbook become available they will be run past the EC&C and then posted to the web site.

C. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Simpson reported the next scheduled meeting for this committee will be held on September 24, 2003.

D. Committee on Professional Development: Senator Nazem reported the meeting schedule for Fall Semester 2003: the last Wednesday of each month (Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26), from 2-3 p.m., in RH 510.

E. Committee on Rules: Senator Littrell reported the following resolutions which will be moved on behalf of the committee at the next full Senate meeting:

1. Academic Freedom & Tenure Committee Nominees: BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with section 6.1 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws the following nominees for the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee are brought forward by the Rules Committee for senate nomination. The ballot will be presented to the UNO faculty.

One tenured faculty member will be elected from the following two nominees to serve a three-year term from October 16, 2003, through October 15, 2006, to replace retiring member, Dale Krane:
One non-tenured faculty member will be elected from the following two nominees to replace retiring Janice Collins from October 16, 2003, through October 15, 2006:

Carey Ryan (non-tenured faculty)
Elaine Lahue (non-tenured faculty).

2. Faculty Grievance Committee Nominees: BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Bylaws, section 6.1, Faculty Grievance Committee, the following faculty members are brought forward by the Rules Committee for ballot election by the senate.

One tenured professor will be elected from the following two nominees to replace Boyd Littrell, for a three-year term from September 16, 2003, through September 15, 2006:

Karl Kosloski
Julien Lafontant

One assistant professor will be elected from the following two nominees to replace Maria Arbelaez, for a three-year term from September 16, 2002, through September 15, 2005:

____ tba____________
____ tba____________.

One member of the Faculty Senate Faculty Personnel and Welfare committee will be elected from the following two nominees to replace Robert Carlson as the committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare representative for a one-year term from September 16, 2003, through September 15, 2004:

____ tba____________
____ tba____________.

3. Chancellor’s Commission on Multicultural Affairs: BE IT RESOLVED, the following name go forward to complete the term of Anna Menardo (08/01/2002 to 07/31/2004) on the Chancellor’s Commission on Multicultural Affairs:

Melissa Berke, Fine Arts.

4. To fill the tba/BA in Resolution 2687 (c) 07/02/2003: Chancellor's
**Commission on Multicultural Affairs:** BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as two-year appointments from 08/01/03, through 07/31/05, to the Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs:

Jessiline Anderson, A&S (to replace Carolyn Fiscus)  
**Ho Young Lee,** BA (to replace Weiyu (Wendy) Guo).

### VI Non-Senate Committee Reports (alphabetical)


#### B. Alumni Association, Board of Directors: Professor Fruhling sent the following report. At the August 2003 Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting a representative from Central Administration spoke on the University of Nebraska marketing efforts. Also discussed were upcoming events and fundraisers.

### VII Old Business

#### A. Update on Priorities Planning: **Becky Morris** requested the Faculty Senate submit three names to help Review Academic Priorities. President Sadlek decided that the three names forwarded will also be a new Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee regarding Prioritization. Bruce Garver agreed to serve, and President Sadlek will contact James Carroll and one other about serving.

### VIII New Business:

#### A. The Educational Resources & Services Committee was charged with researching problems with updating of Lotus Notes.

#### B. The problem of Obscene Material vs. Academic Freedom on computers in the Open Computer Labs, especially in MBSC was resolved when screening software was quickly removed from the computers.

#### C. Resolutions will be written for Drs. Carrico and Mudd who will be retiring in December.

#### D. The idea of meeting with the Creighton Faculty Senate Executive Committee was brought up. Discussion might include structure of each Senate, faculty handbooks, etc.
The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.