I. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

II. The November 10, 2004, minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Officers Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Bacon reported:

1. The Executive Committee and Administration Meeting took place on November 17, 2004. Most attendees could only attend for part of the scheduled hour. The only formal topic of discussion was the Faculty Development resolution. The Administration reminded us that the under-funding of the Center was the result of the difficult budgetary decisions and that trade-offs included faculty lines. Vice Chancellor Christensen share our belief that renewed funding is important for fulfilling our strategic goals.

2. The Chancellor’s Council met on November 18, 2004. Gayle Roberts, the outgoing President of the Staff Advisory Council, gave a report on Spirit activities. Joe Gerstand from the Nebraska AIDS Project made a brief presentation on the interactions between NAP and UNO. The University’s new web design was presented in brief. In reporting on the President’s Council of the previous day, Chancellor Belck reaffirmed that the CPACS renovation remained the number one capital construction priority but also advised us that it would be introduced as a separate legislative appropriation rather than drawing on LB 1100 funds. The Library renovation also ranks high on the list and is receiving outside funding from private donors and bridging funding from the Foundation. She commented that she communicates well with President Milliken who will be officially installed at UNO on January 27, 2005. The Board of Regents will make their annual site visit on January 14, 2005. Chancellor Belck was quite enthusiastic about the Strategic Planning Advance but again was disappointed in faculty attendance. She asked for nominations for the Outstanding Women of
Color Award as well as for the Order of the Tower and honorary degrees. The United Way has met its UNO goals. Chancellor Belck and Dean John Langan reported on the challenging search for the new Athletic Director. A new calendar of religious holidays was distributed. Dean Gouttierre noted that given the density of holidays over the school year, the Fall Semester could be held on September 16. During the roundtable I noted the Senate’s resolution on faculty development and the consideration of smoking ban. I was able to report that the Academic and Curricular Affairs Committee had approved the proposed B.S. in Aviation. That resolution will come before the Senate at its December meeting.

3. Chancellor’s Written Response to Resolutions: Nancy D. Castilow, Asst. to the Chancellor, wrote on November 16, 2004: The Chancellor acknowledges receipt of Res. 2757, (Prioritization of Faculty Development: with the comment that she appreciates the Senate's thoughtful exchange on the subject of faculty and professional development. As the Senate is aware, a Blue Ribbon panel, whose membership also includes faculty senate representation, is currently reviewing different models and she await the panel's recommendations. Her intent is to discuss these recommendations, once received, with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee at a future meeting.


IV Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Akers reported that the committee did not meet but approved the B.S. in Aviation by email. The following resolution was moved and passed:

Resolution 2758, 12/08/04: B.S. in Aviation

WHEREAS, the B.S. degree in Aviation, has the potential of being high quality; and

WHEREAS the B. S. in Aviation is the reorganization of existing programs into a more useable and efficient organization; and

WHEREAS, the program requires no new resources and reflects the goals of the University in meeting the needs of its graduates;

BE IT RESOLVED the UNO Faculty Senate recommends approval of the B.S. in Aviation.

B. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Watson reported the committee met on Wednesday, 17 Nov 2004. Senators Watson, Shaw, and Ortman were in attendance. The committee began discussions on a draft resolution/vision statement on faculty use of current and emergent instructional technologies. Senator Bacon then asked the committee to research a resolution for faculty to receive more
technical training.

C. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Skreija

The committee met on Wednesday, November 17, 2004. Present: Bernstein, Mei, Mitenko, Skreija (Chair)  Excused: D'Souza, Owens. The Committee discussed the Resolution for a Tobacco Smoke Free UNO Campus. It was decided to take no further action at this time.

V  Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON): Senator Paterson reported there will be a meeting later this month.

B. Academic Planning Council: Senators Glaser reported that there are four reviews going forward.

C. Alumni Association, Board of Directors: Senator Fruhling reported the UNO Alumni Association met on November 16, 2004. Neal Topp from Teacher Education made a presentation on Palm Pilots in the Classroom. The board approved Robert Dahlquist, Omaha Fire Chief, as the December recipient of our Citation of Alumnus Achievement Award. The Chancellor’s Scholarship Swing has been very successful. Since 1996 $450,000 has been generated with over $300,000 being made available for scholarship purposes. In the last three years there has been an average of $56,000 made available for scholarships each year.

D. American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator D’Souza reported that bargaining is still ongoing. The deadline for an agreement is January 10, 2004.

E. SAC Spirit Committee: Senator Bernstein and Joe Price, new SAC President, reported that the committee held its last meeting of the year last month. The new chair of the committee is Gayle Roberts.

F. Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Allen reported the Strategic Planning Advance held in November was reviewed. There were 113 faculty who attended. The organizers were to consolidated the results of the two discussion sessions. The date for the Spring Advance has not been set due to severe scheduling problems.

G. University Committee for Professional Development: Senator Adkins reported that the committee met just before the Faculty Senate meeting. The committee received, positively, the Faculty Senate Resolution 2757, 11/10/04 regarding Prioritizing Faculty Development. The Faculty Senate Professional Development committee will consider this committee’s request for prioritization if the funding were available for just some aspects.

VI  New Business
A. President Bacon tasked the Professional Development Committee to look into UCAT funding for professors that teach on the UNO campus, but are attached to other campuses.

B. Resolution 2759, 12/08/04: Representative to UNO AQIP Strategy Forum (passed):

   BE IT RESOLVED that President Bacon appoint Marsha Watson to the UNO AQIP Strategy Forum Team to represent the Faculty Senate.

C. Resolution 2760, 12/08/04: 2005-2006 Faculty Senate President-Elect (passed):

   BE IT RESOLVED that the UNO Faculty Senate selects Hollis Glaser as 2005-2006 Faculty Senate President-Elect by acclamation.

VII The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.