I. The meeting was officially called to order by President Bacon at 9 a.m. By unanimous consent the following two resolutions were moved forward from New Business. Senator Allen moved:

A. Resolution 2749, 08/18/04: Faculty Senate Budget Advisory Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, the Faculty Senate President, Wally Bacon, has reappointed Donald Baum to the Faculty Senate Budget Advisory Committee for a term of three years, August 1, 2004 to July 31, 2007. Continuing members of the committee are John Bartle, Chair (5/14/2003-7/31/2004, R2676), and Randy Adkins (05/14/2003 - 07/31/2005, R2676).

B. Resolution 2750, 08/18/04: Fine Art Senator Replacements Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, the following two Senators were elected by the College of Fine Arts to replace Senators whose resignations were accepted by the Executive Committee at its June and July meetings:

Z. Randall Stroope (to replace David Helm) (term: 2003-2006).

Both resolutions passed.

II. The May Senate minutes were approved as written. The minutes of the June and July Executive Committee meeting were accepted.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Bacon reported:
   1. There was neither a meeting with the administration nor a Chancellor’s Council in
2. The meeting of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents took place in Nebraska City, August 6-7, 2004. Within the next year, access to the University’s network will be available virtually statewide. Regents and administrators articulated strong support for summer school. Regent Wilson suggested a paradigm shift to encourage more equal Fall, Spring and Summer enrollments. On Saturday the Board met in public session. Newly appointed President J. B. Milliken presided over the consent calendar. The strategic issue was NU’s rural initiative. While most programs for the initiative are out of UN-L, UNK and UNMC, UNO participates through NBDC. During the consent calendar the prolonging of UNO’s dual enrollment pilot program with Millard Public Schools was discussed at some length. When Regents Wilson and Schroeder stated concerns about quality control, both Vice Chancellor Christensen and I responded with assurances that we would not tolerate quality being any less than for any other UNO classes. A resolution leaving it up to President Milliken to prolong the program when we had the assessment data and to extend the pilot program to UN-L and UNK was passed. Among the most successful programs of the rural initiative is a UNK Spanish language business ownership seminar. Given the existence of UNO’s Center for Latino and Latin American Studies and our Spanish instructional capabilities, which could easily be supplemented with external funding, it would seem to offer UNO an opportunity to take the lead in designing and implementing programs which would address these issues.

B. Treasurer’s Report: Senator Allen reviewed the End of Year and July 2004 budget reports. He also gave a short explanation on how to read the budget page.

C. Parliamentarian: Professor Carroll explained his duties and Senate procedures.

IV Executive Committee Report: Senator D’Souza moved the following, which passed:

A. Resolution 2751, 08/18/04: Senate Representative to SAC Spirit Committee

Be it resolved that the following Senator be appointed as the Faculty Senate representative to the Staff Advisory Council (SAC) Spirit Committee (Resolution 2725, 04/14/04) for a one year term, until May 2005:

Stuart Bernstein.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Akers briefly previewed items he expected the committee to deal with this year.

B. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: An extended report was distributed as part of the agenda. Senator Watson reported that while the Committee did not meet during the month of July, on 2 August 2004, the ER&S Chair, Marsha
Watson, and the President of the Faculty Senate, Wally Bacon, met with Associate Vice Chancellor for Technology John Feine at his request. There were three agenda items for the meeting, the first of which was to inform the Senate of the current status of the issue of web space for students and faculty. The Cabinet decided to authorize ITS to make web space within faculty and student UNO myFolder accounts available beginning Fall 2004. 100 M total of space is available to each individual student and faculty member in their myFolder accounts. The old web system is still up and running, so that an additional 200M of space is available to departments or faculty. There is no real space limit in this system, but excess use will incur costs. Other limitations for web space hosted on the old system include the following: the web site must have at least 2 sponsors, and the URL can not include a personal name. Executive Memorandum 16 is the document that regulates the use of UNO web space by faculty and students. The second item was the need for a continuing, positive dialog between ITS and the Faculty Senate. The third item was the forthcoming digital Faculty Portfolio. Other information: the Paul Beck Scholarship winner, Larry Triplett, could not accept the award due to a conflict with the Kiewit Memorial scholarship, which he was also awarded. A search of the ER&S Committee binder revealed that no list of alternate awardees was available. Future procedure will include ranking a list of top candidates so as to generate a list of alternates.

VI Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. SAC Spirit Committee: Senator Bernstein

The mission of the UNO Spirit Initiative is to raise the morale and spirit of faculty, staff, and students on the UNO campus through encouragement of participation and attendance at on-campus, University sponsored events. It was started as a SAC ad hoc committee, and has received the full support of Chancellor Belk and most of the college Deans. UNO Spirit events will be announced in various venues such as KVNO, and eNotes.

B. Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Senator Allen, of the Goals & Direction Committee, will be the Senate representative to this committee.

VII New Business:

A. When consideration of UNO policy on smoking policies was brought to the Senate, President Bacon directed the Committee on Faculty Personnel & Welfare to consider and report on this.

B. When consideration of summer school was brought to the Senate, President Bacon directed the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs to consider and report on its academic program aspects and the Committee on Goals and Directions to consider a report on financial aspects of changes.

C. When consideration of handicapped access at UNO was brought to the Senate, President Bacon indicated he will talk to UNO Administration about it before further
D. When consideration of recruiting of minority students was brought to the Senate, Senator Allen confirmed that work on this by the Committee on Goals and Directions will continue this year.

VIII After a short break, the Standing Committees then broke out into groups to set goals for the coming year. They returned with the following ideas/goals/business for the year:

A. Academic & Curricular Affairs:

1. Dual Enrollment Program (and retention of data and files for the program)
2. Summer School Funding (similar or not to UNL?)
3. Elder Hostels at UNO (types: inexpensive, function/arts/ and service learning)
4. Center for Faculty Development
5. Senator Glaser was elected Vice Chair of the committee (the committee had originally elected Senator Thorp, a temporary/spring 2004 semester replacement for Senator Krause, as their Vice Chair. Senator Thorp’s time on the Senate ended when Senator Krause returned this month)

A. Educational Resources & Services

1. myFolder web space monitoring
2. Monitor campus wide progress for Student Digital Portfolios
3. Faculty generated policy on ethical use of web space (in line with Executive Memorandum #16)
4. High tech classrooms: Quality vs. quantity?
5. Paul Beck Scholarship: list of runners up; whether to increase fund raising
6. Possibility of Service Awards

A. Faculty Personnel & Welfare

1. Smoking on Campus/Non-smoking Campus
2. Incentive system for promotion and tenure
3. Academic, Research, and, especially, Service Awards

A. Goals & Direction

1. Minority recruiting (addressed in terms of the Strategic Plan)
2. Summer school
3. Better coordination between UNO/UNL Libraries (review current coordination)

A. Professional Development

1. Develop mentoring for tenure track faculty
2. Professional development through serving on University Committees
3. Funding for travel for many colleges
4. Transition to digital portfolios, effecting tenure and promotion process for junior
Faculty

5. Differences in equipment in individual colleges (Some colleges have private donations, some get “hand me downs.”)

A. Rules

1. Logistics for volunteers and recruiters for campus committees.

IX Presentations took place after breaking at noon for an hour for lunch. There was a question and answer period after each. Speakers were:

A. Jay Noren, Vice President & Provost of the University of Nebraska, who discussed the university budget, past, present, and future.

A. Nancy Beleck, UNO Chancellor, who told us of Administration’s vision of the future for UNO. She also discussed the resignation of UNO’s Athletic Director, Bob Danenhauer, who will take a position with OPS this fall.

A. John Christensen, UNO Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, discussed diverse student retention, minority recruitment, the American Democracy Project, the Dual Enrollment Program, and web page development.

A. Gayle Roberts, President of the UNO Staff Advisory Council (SAC) gave an overview of the newly organized UNO Spirit Committee.

After the speakers departed Senators were asked for their comments regarding the presentations. The one problem that certain senators felt hadn’t been adequately addressed was minority recruiting.

X. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.