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

II. The March 2, 2005, minutes were approved as written

III. Officers Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Bacon

1. Chancellor’s Written Response to Resolutions:

   On March 17, 2005, Nancy Castilow, Asst. to the Chancellor, wrote: "The Chancellor acknowledges Res. 2763 for the purpose of information. In response to Res. 2764, the Cabinet approved Vice Chancellor Christensen's request to hire a permanent director for the Service Learning Academy at their March 8th meeting."


IV Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Watson reported the ER&S subcommittee met on 23 March. Senators Wolcott, Shaw, Pasco, and Watson were in attendance. The meeting’s single agenda item was consideration of the effectiveness of the current UNO web site. The committee had actively attempted to gather information on the charge and has received no specific evidence, written complaints, or testimony that would uphold allegations of substantial problems with the current web site. The committee could find no grounds for further action. Directions to sign up for Spamjam were given. The committee has also restructured itself to add a member from ITS as an ex-officio. John Fiene, or his designee, will hold this position.
B. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Skreija reported the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare met on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at 2:00 PM in room ASH 344. Those present were D'Souza, Mitenko, Owens, Skreija (ch). Those excused were Bernstein, Mei. The committee discussed possible issues that might be considered by the next year's committee:
1. Any conflict of interest and commitment policy that might be proposed by the administration.
2. The issue of retention of minority and female faculty. One possible source of information might be exit interview data.
3. Criteria used for tenure, promotion and merit based salary increase decisions and recommendations. Also how the criteria used correlate with the contract the candidates might have.

C. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Allen reported the Committee met on March 29, 2005. Those present were: Allen (chair), Fruhling, Garver, Wetig, Sather.
The committee continued working on the Minority Recruitment Strategic Plan. The committee will present the draft plan to the full senate.

D. Committee on Professional Development: Senator Adkins reported the committee met on Wednesday, March 30, 2005. Present were Senators Adkins (Chair), Corcoran, Paterson, Scherer, and Kosloski. Three issues were discussed.
(1) An unresolved issue from last year’s committee concerns the need for a faculty mentoring policy.
(2) The committee continued its work on the issue of professional development for faculty who teach on campuses other than where they hold their primary appointment.
(3) The issue of travel money for faculty, and potential disparities between colleges, was discussed.

E. Committee on Rules: Senator Arbelaez, who was out of town, submitted a resolution which she will move at next week’s full senate meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following two faculty serve on the Named Professorship Review Committee (Kiewit, Kayser, & Isaacson Professorships) for spring 2005 (The Administration will select one additional member of this committee):

Zhenyuan Wang A&S, to replace Judy Harrington,
Ilze Zigurs (IS&T), to replace Leah Pietron.

V Non-Senate Committee Reports
A. Academic Planning Council: Senator Glaser reported that Gerontology was reviewed in March.

B. American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator D’Souza reported the UNO chapter of AAUP is in the process of expanding the Executive Committee to include one representative from other bargaining unit members, namely, instructors and assistant instructors. In addition, there will be four members at-large elected instead of the three now. The proposed text of the changes has been distributed for comments to the membership according the procedure. The changes will be voted on April 8, 2005 at the AAUP Spring Dinner. There is an UNO AAUP Chapter Meeting, April 11, 2:30 PM; MBSC.

C. Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Senator Allen reported that the Advance will be held April 7.

VI Old Business:

A. Senator Glaser asked if there had been any follow up on V.C. Christensen’s Investigation into Discrimination against Women and Minority Faculty Members. No one had heard of any.

VII New Business

1. Senator Adidam’s resignation was accepted. The CBA senators will caucus to elect a new member.

2. It was explained that, even with departments moving this summer to the new college, there will be no re-allocation of Senate Seats. The next election (2006-2007) will address the division of senators.

IX The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.