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

II. The April 6, 2005, minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Bacon reported:

1. The Board of Regents met on Friday, April 15 in Varner Hall in Lincoln. The morning and early afternoon were given over to committee reports with the Board meeting in the afternoon. The meeting time was revised in order to accommodate the UNO Women’s Walk which occurred on Saturday. The working session of the Board was framed within President Milliken’s concern that strategic planning take place at the systems and campus levels. The Audit Committee meeting heard from the system’s external auditor, Deloitte & Touche. Vice President Dave Lechner then reported on the reporting changes required by the Sarbanes-Oxley reform. Vice President and Provost Jay Noreen then presented a report on graduation monitoring and assurance. At UNO only a handful of students have not graduated because they could not get the classes they needed. UNO students do not graduate in under six years for a series of reasons, many of them related to the nature of the student body. Vice President Noreen gave to the Business Committee reports on the 2005-2007 state budget which still appears to be quite favorable to the University. He then turned to tuition policy, mentioning the possibilities contained in the last President’s Report. This year the system had a tuition shortfall of $6,956,321 of which UNO was responsible for $307,945 and UN-L was responsible for $6,838,406. Needless to say, UN-L is opposed to the decentralization of tuition monies retention.

During the regular meeting of the Board, in the public comment period, the Center for Afghanistan Studies issue was brought before the Board by Nebraskans for Peace. During the Business Affairs Consent Agenda discussion, UNO’s need for more housing was well defended by Chancellor Belck. A revised budget for the renovation and expansion of the Engineering Building for use by CPACS was also approved with Regent Miller in opposition.
2. **Other Items**: The President has been in close contact with the parties involved in the Center for Afghanistan Studies controversy as well as the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor. The Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs, chaired by Senator Akers, has taken the issue under advisement within the framework of a written charge.

3. Chancellor’s Written Response to Resolutions: On April 28, 2005, Nancy Castilow, Assistant to the Chancellor, e-mailed the following: The Chancellor acknowledges Resolutions 2765, 2766, 2767 and 2768 for the purposes of information.


IV Executive Committee Report

A. **Resolution regarding Faculty Senate members**: Senator D’Souza moved the following resolution for the Executive Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED that Chancellor Belck, etc., has been notified that the following sixteen (16) faculty members have been elected to serve three-year terms from May 11, 2005, through May 8, 2008, unless noted (*):

| College of Arts & Sciences (7): | Elaine Lahue |
|                               | Holly Miller |
|                               | Hugh Reilly |
|                               | Andrzej Roslanowski |
|                               | Mark Scherer *(05-06) |
|                               | Lauree Tilton-Weaver *(05-07) |
|                               | Paul Williams |

| College of Business Administration (2) | Robert Ottemann |
|                                        | Nancy Edick |

| College of Education (1) | Paul Barnes |

| College of Fine Arts (2) | Doug Paterson |
|                         | Tomm Roland *(05-07) |

| College of Information Science & Technology (1) | Victor Winter |

| Library (1): | - - - - - - |

| College of Public Affairs & Community Service (2): | Barbara Hewins-Maroney |
|                                                    | Scott Tarry |

| External Faculty (1): | John Thorp |
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the following sixteen (15) senators will be completing their term of service at the May 11, 2005, Faculty Senate meeting:

Jim Akers (ED)   Joan Latchaw (A&S)
Chris Allen (A&S) Wai-Ning Mei (A&S)
Frank Bramlett (A&S) Josie Metal-Corbin (ED)
Henry D’Souza (PACS) Robert Ottemann (BA) (ending 2005 for Tej Adidam)
Ann Fruhling (IS&T) Doug Paterson (FA) (2004-2005 replacement)
Bruce Garver (A&S) Mark Scherer (A&S) (ending 2005 for Natalie Bennett)
Karl Kosloski (PACS) Paul Williams (A&S) (ending 2005 for Beth Ritter)

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Akers reported the committee met on April 27th and discussed the “Walker Report” on CAS. Members present: Jim Akers, Deb Anderson, Griff Elder, Hollis Glaser, and Joan Latchaw. Guests: Tom Gouttierre and John Shroder. After much discussion it was felt that the following steps would be taken by next year’s committee to resolve this matter:

1. Review the past two academic reviews that were done on this department.
2. Were issues raised that were not addressed?
3. Make recommendations for further study if the needs identified have not been addressed.
4. How are “centers” reviewed?

B. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Watsos, who was unable to attend the meeting, reported that the ER&S subcommittee met on 27 April. Senators Wolcott, Shaw, Pasco, Ortman, and Watson were in attendance. The meeting’s agenda included selection of the Paul Beck Scholarship Awardees, an update of award amounts, and clarification of the application process. No applications were received for the Part-Time Undergraduate scholarship award, so by unanimous agreement, the Subcommittee recommends that the scholarship dollars set aside for the Part-Time Undergraduate award be redistributed in equal amounts to the remaining three scholarships; this redistribution will result in a $133 increase of the Full-Time Graduate, Full Time Undergraduate, and Part-Time Graduate award amounts. The committee also unanimously agreed to clarify the application process as follows: Students may submit only one application per year, and in only one category (i.e., Full-Time Graduate, Full Time Undergraduate, Part-Time Graduate, or Part-Time Undergraduate). Students must submit in the category which describes their status at the time of application. Recipients and alternates of the Paul Beck Scholarships were selected. Recipients are:

- Full-time Graduate: Patrick Hudson
- Part-time Graduate: Elizabeth Mack
- Full-time Undergraduate: Kim Gallion-Exum

C. Committee on Professional Development: Senator Adkins reported the committee
met on Wednesday, April 27, 2005. Present were Senators Adkins (Chair), Bramlett, Corcoran, Kosloski, and Paterson. Jeanette Seaberry, Chair of the University Committee on Research, reported on the activities of her committee. She also noted the importance of the New Faculty Breakfast and the New Faculty Workshop. There was general agreement among the members of the Professional Development Committee on the importance of preparing for the fall orientation of new faculty. Dr. Seaberry pointed out that the Center for Faculty Development has a very excellent library that is not readily available to faculty. It needs new permanent housing, which is not possible in the current space dedicated to the Center. And, most importantly, there needs to be permanent funding for UCR. It is presently doubtful whether any funding for UCR will be available for 2006. Carol Mitchell, Chair of the University Committee on the Advancement of Teaching reported that UCAT had a total budget of only $20,000 for 2005. There is no guarantee of future funding for UCAT activities. UCAT is trying to maximize the impact of its recent awards by encouraging awardees to participate in brown-bag seminars and share their experiences with other faculty. Dr. Mitchell was asked to report back to this Committee and provide the total number of applications received in 2005, along with the total dollar amount requested in these proposals in order to gain a better understanding of the adequacy of the 2005 UCAT budget and to anticipate future budget needs. Professional Development Committee also discussed the issue of a faculty mentoring. The committee continues to investigate the issue of professional development for faculty who teach on campuses other than where they hold their primary appointment. The committee continues to work on a resolution addressing the disparities between colleges in faculty travel money.

D. Committee on Rules: Senator Arbelaez will move the following resolutions at the full Senate meeting next week:

A. Resolution on Six Standing Committees of the Senate:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following senators be appointed to the 2005-2006 Faculty Senate standing committees as designated:

Committee on Academic & Curricular Affairs (6)
A. Debra Anderson
B. Randall Adkins
C. Nancy Edick
D. Mark Scherer
E. Scott Tarry
F. Peter Wolcott

Committee on Educational Resources & Services (6)
 a. Richard Ortman
 b. Becky Pasco
 c. James Shaw
 d. John Thorp
 e. Marsha Watson
 f. Paul Williams
Committee on Faculty Personnel & Welfare (6)
a. Stuart Bernstein  
b. Barbara Hewins-Maroney  
c. Elaine Lahue  
d. Graham Mitenko  
e. Andris Skreija  
f. Lauree Tilton-Weaver

Committee on Goals & Directions (6)
a. Wally Bacon  
b. Hugh Reilly  
c. Andrzej Roslanowski  
d. Paul Sather  
e. Z. Randall Stroope  
f. Saundra Wetig

Professional Development (6)
a. Bill Corcoran  
b. Griff Elder  
c. Pamela Jean Owens  
d. Doug Paterson  
e. Tomm Roland  
f. Victor Winter

Rules (6)
a. Maria Arbelaez  
a. Robert Ottemann  
b. Paul Barnes  
c. Holly Miller  
d. Raj Dasgupta  
e. Amanda Randall

2. University-wide Committee Resolutions:

a. University Committee on Athletics (not yet filled)

b. University Committee on Excellence in Teaching (not yet filled)

c. University Committee on Facilities Planning (not yet filled)

d. University Committee on Honors and Awards (not yet filled)

e. University Committee on Library and Learning Resources (not yet filled)

f. Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creative Activity Award (OTICA) Selection Committee (not yet filled)
g. University Committee on Technology Resources & Services (not yet filled)

h. University Committee on the Advancement of Teaching (not yet filled)

i. University Committee on Research (not yet filled)

3. Campus Committees

a. Alumni Association, Board of Directors (not yet filled)

b. Academic Planning Council (not yet filled)

c. Campus Committee on Safety:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from 08/01/05, through 07/31/08, to the Campus Committee on Safety:

Bob Nash, (to replace Rachel Jones).

d. Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs: (not yet filled)

e. Educational Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) (need one more name)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments, from 08/01/2005 through 07/31/2008, to the Educational Policy Advisory Committee to replace:


f. Judicial Committee (Pool of Names) (not yet filled)

g. Parking Advisory Committee (not yet filled)

i. Named Professorship Review Committee (not yet filled)

j. Strategic Planning Steering Committee (from Goals & Directions Committee) (not yet filled)

3 Other Committees

a. Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON) (not yet filled)

b. Faculty Senate Budget Advisory Committee (not yet filled)

IX New Business
A. The following resolution regarding Nominees for the Search Committee for Dean of the College of Communication, Fine Arts, and Media will be moved at next week’s full Senate meeting by Senator D’Souza in his Executive Committee report:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following four names will be forwarded to V.C. Smith-Howell as nominees from the Faculty Senate for the Search Committee for Dean of the College of Communication, Fine Arts, and Media. Two will be chosen to serve on the search committee:

  Mike Carroll (CPACS)       Bob Darcy (A&S)
  Josie Metal-Corbin (ED)    Graham Mitenko (CBA)

X The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.