Wednesday, August 17, 2005, Mahoney State Park


Excused: Ottemann, Roland

Guests for the afternoon proceedings:

1. Chancellor Belck
2. Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Christensen
3. Associate Vice Chancellor Rogers
4. Staff Advisory Council President Joe Price
5. Student President/Regent Elizabeth Kraemer

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. The May 11, 2005, minutes were approved.

II. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Glaser noted that recent Admission and Orientation Statistics are in each standing committee packet. At the July 20, 2005 Faculty Senate Executive Committee and UNO Administration meeting there was a brief discussion about health insurance benefits increasing for retirees (up 40%). The Chancellor is concerned about this and is trying to get central administration to address this problem. Also, there is a significant incentive to increase enrollment, but, there is also awareness that this will strain both building and faculty capacity.

B. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: Senator Shaw submitted the June 2005 budget report (end of the year report for 2004-2005) and the July 2005 budget report. He also gave a short explanation of how to read the budget sheet.

C. Parliamentarian: Professor Carroll explained his role as Parliamentarian and how it affects the Senate. He also spoke on the “tabling” of motions, importance of committee work, introduction of business to the Senate, etc. A handout was enclosed in each packet regarding the priority of motions.
III. Executive Committee Report: On behalf of the Executive Committee Senator Adkins moved the following resolution, which passed:

**Resolution 2794, 8/17/05:** Support for Center for ePortfolio-Based Assessment at UNO

WHEREAS the strategic goals of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, focus on students, academic excellence, and community, will be facilitated by the comprehensive ePortfolio system, “myMAPP” (Mapping Academic Performance through ePortfolios) currently under construction and implementation and

WHEREAS UNO faculty and staff have already garnered national and international recognition as leaders in the development and implementation of ePortfolios, and

WHEREAS the authentic assessment of student learning made possible through the myMapp system and the continued research and development of ePortfolio-based assessment will facilitate the continuous improvement of student learning so central to university’s basic mission,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate supports the establishment at UNO of a Center for ePortfolio-Based Assessment.

V Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON): Senator Paterson reported that “Bad Books Week” will be in September. A performance of “The Scopes Monkey Trial” is scheduled to be presented in Lincoln and then Omaha. He also reported that newly retired professor, Sam Walker, was briefly denied Emeritus status, but the denial was reversed.

B. Alumni Association, Board of Directors: Senator Randall reported the Board met on August 16, 2005. The Golf Tournament is schedule for September 12, 2005.

VI Old Business:

The Senate acknowledged the following resolutions passed during the summer at the Executive Committee & Cabinet meetings:

A. Resolution 2790, 6/1/2005: Appointment of Chair of the Cabinet

BE IT RESOLVED, that according to the Constitution of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska, Article IV, the senate president appoints the following senator 2005-2006 Chair of the Cabinet:

Andris Skreija.

B. Resolution 2791, 6/1/2005: Resignation and Replacement of CPACS Senator
WHEREAS Senator Sather (2004-2007) who resigned as of May 15, 2005, due to being appointed Director of the Service-Learning Program and no longer a faculty member,

WHEREAS Greg DeLone is the CPACS faculty member next in line and has indicated his willingness to serve as Senator Sather’s replacement,

THEREFORE the Faculty Senate welcomes Greg DeLone to complete Senator Sather’s term to May 2007.

C. Resolution 2792, 6/1/2005:  Fall 2005 Temporary Replacement for COE Senator

WHEREAS Senator Barnes (2005-2008) will be adding on the responsibilities of Department Chair (who is taking a one semester sabbatical) to his normal duties,

WHEREAS Senator Barnes has asked to be excused from serving on the Senate for the Fall 2005 semester,

WHEREAS Leon Dappen is the College of Education faculty member next in line and has indicated his willingness to serve as Senator Barnes’ temporary replacement,

THEREFORE the Faculty Senate welcomes Leon Dappen for Fall 2005.

D. Resolution 2793, 6/1/2005:  Resignation and Replacement of A&S Senator

WHEREAS Senator Elder (2004-2007) resigned as of May 15, 2005, as he is taking a position in Virginia,

WHEREAS Steve Bullock is the College of Arts & Science faculty member next in line and has indicated his willingness to serve as Senator Elder’s replacement,

THEREFORE the Faculty Senate welcomes Steve Bullock to complete Senator Elder’s term to May 9, 2007.

At 10:05 a.m. the Senate recessed as scheduled for standing committee working sessions and then lunch.

At 1:15 p.m. the Senate convened for informal consideration of scheduled presentations:

A. Chancellor Belck on student recruitment, persistence and diversity.
B. V.C. Christensen on UNO’s budget and faculty recruitment, retention, and diversity.
C. Assoc. V.C. Rogers and Senator Watson on faculty e-portfolios and AQIP.

The Senate meeting resumed at 3:15 p.m.

VII New Business:

A. The Standing Committees reported from their break-out sessions:
1. **Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs:** Senator Anderson reported that her committee has assumed the following goals this year:

   a. Dual Enrollment: continue to monitor. Review data with a focus on diversity. Meet regularly with Dual Enrollment faculty, staff, and department liaisons.
   b. Center for Afghan Studies: Review Sam Walker’s letter and Tom Gouttierre’s response. Review original purpose of Center. Determine whether further action is needed.
   c. Faculty Recruitment and Retention: Consider standardization of course evaluations, class sizes, and distribution of TAs and GAs. Investigate post-tenure process for equity.

2. **Committee on Educational Resources and Services:** Senator Watson reported the following goals:

   a. Continue to monitor ePortfolio and AQIP with ITS.
   b. Support from ITS for MAC platform.
   c. The standardization and integration into ePortfolio of evaluations of teaching.

3. **Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare:** Senator Skreija reported that the committee will look into obtaining information from Exit Interviews to deal with:

   a. Faculty Diversity: funding, recruiting, retaining diverse faculty
   b. The status of any conflict of interest and commitment policy that was proposed by the administration.
   c. 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.

4. **Committee on Goals and Directions:** Senator Bacon reported that the committee will be working on:

   a. Student Diversity (Continue to work on the draft of the “Minority Recruitment Strategic Plan”)
   b. UNO’s image in the Community.
   c. Student retention from a new angle by looking at exit exams.
   d. Quality education at UNO and how to measure it.

5. **Committee on Professional Development:** Senator Corcoran reported that the committee will continue to work on:

   a. A faculty mentoring policy
   b. Professional development for faculty who teach on campuses other than where they hold their primary appointment.
   c. Disparities between colleges in faculty travel money.

6. **Committee on Rules:** Senator Randall reported that the committee’s goal will be:
a. Filling campus and university committees
b. Expanding the pool of faculty volunteering for those committees.

A. The following resolutions were moved and passed:

1. Resolution 2795, 8/17/05: Faculty Grievance Committee, Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Professional Development Steering/Policy Committee (on behalf of the Faculty Personnel & Welfare Committee, the Goals & Directions Committee, and the Professional Development Committee):

a. BE IT RESOLVED that the following member of the Faculty Senate Faculty Personnel and Welfare Committee will replace Henry D’Souza, as the committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare representative to the Grievance Committee for a one-year term from September 16, 2005, through September 15, 2006:

   Lauree Tilton-Weaver.

b. BE IT RESOLVED that the following member of the Goals & Directions Committee is the Faculty Senate liaison to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee:

   Meredith Bacon.

c. BE IT RESOLVED that the following member of the Professional Development Committee has been appointed as Faculty Senate representative to the Professional Development Steering/Policy Committee:

   Steve Bullock.

2. Resolution 2796, 8/17/05: Resignation and Replacement of CFAM Senator:

   WHEREAS Senator Stroope (2003-2006) is on leave for 2005-2006,

   WHEREAS Russell Nordman is the College of Fine Arts faculty first runner-up in the last election and has indicated his willingness to serve as Senator Stroope’s replacement,

   THEREFORE the Faculty Senate welcomes Russell Nordman to complete Senator Stroope’s term to May 10, 2006.

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