Steve Shorb, Dean, UNO Library, gave an update, including the current library construction.

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m.

II. The minutes of the August 17, 2005, meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Glaser reported:

1. Executive Committee and Administration Meeting was held on August 24, 2005. Attending were Adkins, Beleck, Castilow, Glaser, Shaw, Skreija. The Chancellor was grateful for a request for a focused talk at our Retreat and felt the discussion was useful. I also informed her of the August 31, meeting with the four faculty senate presidents. The Chancellor offered her power point presentation to be posted on our website. She gave us positive enrollment numbers (not then finalized). We had an extensive discussion about faculty posting grades publicly and that a remedy should come from a variety of sources.

2. Chancellor’s Council met on August 25, 2005. Highlights from this session include the following items.
   - President Milliken has prioritized getting ownership of the Aksarben property.
   - Robinson repeated the enrollment numbers.
   - Vice-Chancellor reported that the Deans are working on the operating principles and incentives for the new budget model.
   - Robinson is working on a system-wide I.D. program that would NOT be the SS#.
   - SS#s have been stripped from e-bruno access.
   - Smith-Howell gave an update on faculty development.
   - Reed gave an update on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.
   - They are trying to integrate APC and Strategic Planning to reduce redundancy.
3. Four Faculty Senate Presidents met August 31, 2005. They discussed possible system-wide initiatives. Some issues the UNO Faculty Senate President brought forward were domestic partnership benefits, retirees’ health care benefits, and the lost $1m. for faculty diversity recruitment. Also discussed was the university-wide benefits committee and how often they meet, and that we might want to ask that they meet regularly. The UNO Faculty Senate President was charged with researching where/how/who made the decision about retirees’ health benefits, and if we have a campus benefits committee. UNK (Martha Kruse) is concerned about priority funding and the relationship between the new budget and money for faculty recruitment of students. UNMC (Warren Sanger) is concerned about Milliken’s Strategic Framework. He will be trying to locate that. UNL (Mary Beck) is concerned about Memorandum 26, in which Dennis Smith defined a “program” very loosely, contrary to the definitions of the AAUP and the Regent’s by-laws. According to Beck, Smith’s definition was used to fire tenured faculty at UNL. I will be talking to our AAUP representatives about what they know and if Memorandum 26 is still in effect. Beck also brought up their action regarding Hergert. Sanger and I were clear we weren’t going to bring this back to our executive committees and why we did not want to make any kind of statement regarding this issue. Kruse will discuss it with her executive committee soon. Our next meeting will be at the end of October, before our collective meeting with Milliken on October 27th. We will talk to him about the $1m. and benefits, as well as other issues that arise as we do our homework this next 6 weeks.

4. Chancellor’s Written Response to Resolutions: On August 23, 2005, Nancy Castilow, Assistant to the Chancellor, wrote: The chancellor acknowledges for the purpose of information Senate Resolutions 2794, 2796, and 2795, additionally, with respect to the latter, she will notify new committee member and committee.

A. Treasurer’s Report: Senator Shaw submitted the August 2005 Budget Report, which was accepted.

Budget Committee: Senator Shaw reported Professor Bartle was to meet with John Christensen on Aug. 19, and with Christensen, Jim Buck, and Julie Totten on September 7 to learn more about the changes in the budget allocation process.
IV  Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Anderson reported the meeting was held August 31, 2005. Topics discussed were:
1. General Education Requirements and Accreditation: Scott Tarry volunteered to represent the ACA Committee at the Gen Ed Think Tank coordinated by Deb Smith-Howell. It’s goal is to review distribution requirements and explicate student learning outcomes for accreditation purposes.
2. Center for Afghanistan Studies (CAS): The committee reviewed the Walker letter and responses from Tom Gouttierre and Nancy Beleck. They also were given 2 “Nebraskans for Peace” newsletters, the Academic Affairs’ program review policies, and the last 2 reviews of International Studies & Programs. Deb Smith-Howell chairs the Academic Planning Council and welcomes suggestions from our committee. The CAS is up for review next year. The committee is attempting to determine whether there are specific policies in place by either the Board of Regents or another administrative body that dictate reviews of centers. The committee is concerned about making recommendations about whether or not to review centers when the term “center” seems to be used loosely and without standardization. In other words, UNO has centers, offices, academies, and agencies that have different purposes and goals. Some of the questions we are wrestling with are: Should centers and non-academic programs be reviewed as part of the regular academic review process? Should specific criteria be established for them? Should faculty or administration be responsible for oversight of these entities?
3. Dual Enrollment: the committee members have received last year’s data and are requesting updated info from Sheri Rogers. We also received a copy of the standards established by CCPE.
4. Other Business: there are continuing concerns about faculty posting student grades using SSN’s. The committee will review the privacy policy to determine what information about students can be shared with parents and/or other persons.

B. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Tilton-Weaver reported the committee met on Wednesday, August 31, 2005. Those present were: S. Bernstein, B. Hewins-Maroney, E. Lahue, G. Mitenko, A. Skreija (Chair), and L. Tilton-Weaver.
1. The Committee voted to nominate Stuart Bernstein and Lauree Tilton-Weaver as candidates from the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare to the Grievance Committee for a one-year term from September 16, 2005, through September 15, 2006. One will be elected by the full Senate at next week’s meeting.
2. Regarding minority faculty and women faculty recruitment and retention: Along with other information, V. C. Christensen informed Skreija that his office does not conduct exit interviews with departing faculty and that, by design, such information is not shared with his office. Exit interviews are conducted by the Ombudsperson, John J. McKenna.
3. It was decided to continue gathering information on why faculty leave.

C. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Wetig reported the committee met on August 24, 2005, and returned its agenda items from the retreat. The committee discussed at length how to implement quality assurance. Exit testing’s costs and
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benefits will be investigated and costs of a variety of exit tests will be distributed at the next meeting. Academic achievement is only one tool for assessment. Another might be how businesses (HR departments) view our graduates. How well prepared are they? On the matter of public relations and recruitment outreach, the committee addressed why UNO’s image often does not reflect how good an education we deliver. In this respect, how can we reward faculty for outreach activities?

D. Committee on Professional Development: Senator Corcoran reported the committee met August 31, 2005. The committee:
1. Discussed issues of diversity with regards to Professional Development. Discussion centered on faculty awareness of actions, words or gestures which are sensitive with regards to diversity and which might be undermining effectiveness in the classroom. Will investigate media products that might be used for new faculty orientation and presentations for existing faculty.
2. Will recommend that UCAT include conferences concerned with diversity issues as “designated conferences” and that some method be implemented by which the information gathered at such conferences be shared.
3. Senator Paterson reported that Vice Chancellor Christensen knew of no policy restricting support from the campus of appointment to faculty assigned to teach at other campuses. Recommend that President Glaser speak informally to Senate presidents at the other campuses to gain further understanding of the issue.
4. Doug Paterson reported on inequities between Colleges at UNO concerning travel funds. Will spearhead a resolution for a “minimum level” of travel funds.

E. Committee on Rules: On behalf of the Rules Committee Senator Randall moved the following resolutions (1-9), all passed:


   b. University Committee on Technology Resources & Services

   BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/05 through 07/31/08, to the University Committee on Technology Resources & Services:

   James Akers, (reappoint)
   Tracy Bridgeford, (reappoint)
   Victor Winter, (to replace Dennis Roncek)
   Russ Nordman, (to replace Leah Pietron).

2. Completion of Resolution 2778, 5/11/05 (b&d):

   b. Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs:

   BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as two-year appointments from 08/01/05, through 07/31/07, to the Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs:

   Lauree Tilton-Weaver, A&S (to replace Jessiline Anderson)
Rachel Wilson, BA (to replace Ho Young Lee)
Henry D’Souza, PACS, (to replace Amanda Randall).

d. Named Professorship Review Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following two faculty serve on the Named
Professorship Review Committee (Kiewit, Kayser, & Isaacson Professorships)
for Spring 2006. (The Administration will select one additional member of this
committee.)

Bruce Garver (to replace Zhenyuan Wang)

Patrice Proulx (to replace Ilze Zigurs).

3. Resolution 2797, 9/14/05 (University Committees):

a. University Committee on the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year
appointments from 08/01/05, through 07/31/08, to the University Committee on
the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT):

Andrzej Roslanowski, College of Arts and Sciences (to replace Bruce Chase)
Barbara Hewins-Maroney, CPACS (to replace Pam Smith).

b. University Committee on Athletics:

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

Chris Marshall (to replace Leah Petron).

And the following name go forward to complete a term for Deborah
Smith-Howell, who is now Asst V.C. for AA:

Hai-Feng Guo (08/01/03 - 07/31/06).

c. University Committee on Excellence in Teaching:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following faculty be recommended for service as
three-year appointments, from 08/01/2005 through 07/31/2008, on the
University Committee on Excellence in Teaching. (Two members should be
recipients of the award and one member should be "first year faculty member
holding a Ph.D.") These members will serve staggered terms, and their
replacements will be appointed to serve terms that would balance term endings,
except for the first year faculty member, who serves one year.

Marshall Prisbell, CFAM (to replace Richard Duggin)
Leah Pietron, IS&T (reappoint)
AND,
Tracy Bridgeford, new faculty holding PhD (reappoint).

d. University Committee on Facilities Planning:

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

Jeremy Lipschultz (to replace Steve Williams).

e. University Committee on Library and Learning Resources:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from 08/01/04 through 07/31/07, to the University Committee on Library and Learning Resources:

Dwight Haworth, (to replace Saundra Wetig).

f. University Committee on Research (UCR):

BE IT RESOLVED: that the following names go forward as three year appointments, from August 1, 2004, through July 31, 2007 on the University Committee on Research (UCR):

Patrice Proulx (Humanities ), Arts & Sciences - Social Science (to replace John McKenna)
John Erikson, BA (to replace Art Diamond)
Zhenyuan Wang, At-large Member (to replace Jeannette Seaberry).

4. Resolution 2798, 9/14/05 (Campus Committees):

a. AAUP:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president appoints the following senator, who is also a AAUP member, as the senate representative for a one year appointment from 05/11/05, through 05/11/06, to the UNO Chapter of AAUP:

Paul Williams, (to replace Henry D'Souza).

b. Judicial Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments, from 08/01/2005 through 07/31/2008, to the pool of names for the Judicial Committee:

Victor Winter, (to replace Sue Maher ) Miriam DeLone, (to replace
c. Parking Advisory Committee:

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

Steve Walker, (to replace Burch Kealey).

d. UNO Spirit Committee

Be it resolved that the following Senator be appointed as the Faculty Senate representative to the UNO Spirit Committee for a one year term, 08/01/05-07/31/06:

Stuart Bernstein (reappoint).

5. Resolution 2799, 9/14/05 (Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creative Activity Award [OTICA] Selection Committee):

Be it resolved, that the following name be forwarded to Vice Chancellor Christensen as a nominee to fill one two-year appointment (through 7/31/07) as the UNO representative on the Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creative Activity Award (OTICA) Selection Committee:

Jim Rogers (to replace Harmon Maher).

Provost Noren will make the final selection.

6. Resolution 2800, 9/14/05 (Graduate Council):

BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president appoints the following member of the Graduate Council to be the liaison between the 2005-2006 Faculty Senate and the Graduate Council:

Doug Paterson (reappoint).

7. Resolution 2801, 9/14/05 (Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee) (for UNO Faculty Ballot Vote):

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with section 6.1 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws the following nominees for the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee are brought forward by the Rules Committee for senate nomination. The ballot will be presented to the UNO faculty. Two tenured faculty members will be elected from the following four nominees to serve three-year terms from October 16, 2005,
through October 15, 2008, to replace retiring members, William Corcoran, and Carol Lloyd:

Carey Ryan (tenured faculty)
John Noble (tenured faculty)
Dwight Haworth (tenured faculty)
Richard Stacy (tenured faculty).

And one tenured faculty member will be elected from the following two nominees to serve a two-year term, to balance term endings, from October 16, 2005, through October 15, 2007, to replace retiring member Steven Williams:

Robert Smith (tenured faculty)
Joan Latchaw (tenured faculty).

And one non-tenured faculty member will be elected from the following two nominees to replace Carey Ryan, who has received tenure, from October 16, 2005, through October 15, 2006:

Juan Casas (non-tenured faculty)
Peter Szto (non-tenured faculty).

(Ballots will be prepared and sent out by the Faculty Senate Coordinator. They will be counted and results announced at the October meeting.)

8. Resolution 2802, 9/14/05 (Faculty Grievance Committee): (Faculty Senate Ballot Vote)

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Bylaws, section 6.1, Faculty Grievance Committee, the following faculty members are brought forward by the Rules Committee for ballot election by the senate.

Two associate professors will be elected from the following four nominees to replace Chris Marshall and Scott Harrington, for a three-year term from September 16, 2005, through September 15, 2008:

Chris Marshall (associate professor) ELECTED
Carey Ryan (associate professor)
Victor Winter (associate professor) ELECTED
Laura Dickson (associate professor).

One member of the Faculty Senate Faculty Personnel and Welfare committee will be elected from the following two nominees to replace Henry D’Souza as the Faculty Personnel and Welfare Committee representative for a one-year term from September 16, 2005, through September 15, 2006:
9. Resolution 2803, 9/14/05 (Professional Conduct Committee)  (Faculty Senate Ballot Vote)

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 1.1 of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Professional Conduct Committee's Rules and Procedures, the following two nominees (all tenured faculty ranked assistant professor or above) are brought forward by the Committee on Rules for ballot election by the full senate as follows:

Bob Nash   ELECTED
Robert Smith.

One representative must be elected by ballot vote to serve three-year terms from October 16, 2005, through October 15, 2008, to replace outgoing member Kathleen Danielson. This newly elected representative will also serve as alternate for three-years from October 16, 2008, through October 15, 2011.

Kathleen Danielson will continue serving as an alternate (replacing Karen Falconer-Al-Hindi) for three-years from October 16, 2005, through October 15, 2008, per Resolution R2652.

V Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON): Senator Paterson reported:

1. July Meeting: “Bad Books Week” will be in September. A performance of “The Scopes Monkey Trial” is scheduled to be presented in Lincoln and then Omaha. Newly retired professor, Sam Walker, was briefly denied Emeritus status, but the denial was reversed.

2. Sept. 10, 2005 Meeting: Pres. Moshman reported that, as of now, a compromise has been reached between the administration and Lincoln high school teacher Michael Baker. He will teach History in traditional order in the first semester and reverse order in the second semester. Banned Book Week will be held in Lincoln and Omaha from Sept. 25 – Oct. 1. For more information go to: www.aclunebraska.org. The AFCON Annual Meeting will be held November 5th at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Lincoln. The featured program will be a panel on the issues of education, creationism, and academic freedom. The Nebraska High School Press Association continues to work on matter of press censorship in some Nebraska high schools. The Nebraska Book Festival will be held October 7th and 8th at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

B. Alumni Association, Board of Directors: Senator Randall reported the Alumni Association met on August 16, 2005 for the first meeting of the academic year. The new
dean of the library presented an overview of the construction and new developments at the library, and the chancellor reported on future needs of the campus, focusing on housing needs and the development of the south campus and Arksaben Village.

C. American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator Williams reported that grievances have recently been passed to the Faculty Grievance Committee.

D. UNO Spirit Committee: SAC President, Joe Price reported that the first UNO Spirit Event for 2005-2006 will be held on Saturday, September 17. There will be fewer events this year, only one per week, and the registration process will be simpler.

VI The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.