I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. The March 1, 2006, minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Glaser reported:

1. Executive Committee and Administration met March 22, 2006. The Master Plan was discussed and Urban Design Associates will be coming to campus on 3/28 to report their progress. There was an extended discussion about the University Committee on Facilities Planning and what their role is regarding the Master Plan and other facility changes. Jim Buck will be calling a meeting to let that committee know about recent developments. We agreed that it is important that faculty attend as many programs as possible during Honors Week, that faculty are encouraged to attend the graduation ceremony, and participate in the May Advance. The search committee for the new IS&T dean is doing phone interviews. There is also a search committee for CEO of the Alumni Association. The four faculty senate presidents will meet with President Milliken for lunch on April 20th. It is anticipated that we will talk to him, again, about insurance and benefits, and on-going assessment efforts. I encourage you to tell me about other concerns you know the faculty have that would be appropriate to discuss.

2. Chancellor’s Council met March 23, 2006. Senator Shaw attended and reported the Food Court in Milo Bail Student Center is slated for expansion and renovation during Summer 2007. Seating will be upgraded to include booths and track lighting. The project is projected to cost $900,000, and funding is slated to come from "bond surplus money." This funding source requires approvals from the Board of Regents, the Post-Secondary Coordinating Commission, and the Legislature. Food Services anticipates that service will remain available during the entire renovation, primarily in the Maverick Buffet. Honors Week is scheduled for April 3-7, with Faculty Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 6 and Student
Honors Convocation on Friday, April 7. All four companies which responded to the Request for Proposal for Student Housing departed from the project parameters, so the RFP will be sent out a second time. Urban Design Associates is scheduled to return to campus on March 28 and 29 to meet with various groups about the Campus Master Plan, especially as it relates to developing Aksarben Village. Vice-Chancellor Christensen reported on progress in planning the renovation of the Engineering Building. Alternate space on campus has been found for all classes except those in Architecture. The particular needs of that program may require an off-campus location. Work continues to find space for KVNO/UNO TV and the Aviation Institute's Simulator.  Vice-Chancellor Buck noted that several alternatives are being developed for relocating faculty and staff, and that he expects to call a meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee in early April to discuss them.  Vice-Chancellor Christensen noted that the search for a new Dean for the College of Information Science and Technology is proceeding quickly. He also reported that the search for a new Dean for the College of Communications, Fine Arts, and Media remains incomplete. (Since this report was written, Gail Baker has been offered and has accepted the position.) Chancellor Belck reported that the candidates interviewed for CEO of the Alumni Association were all highly-qualified, and that she expects someone to be hired soon. During the roundtable part of the meeting, Shelton Hendricks (Dean, College of Arts and Sciences) reported that his college has scheduled a reception to recognize several part-time instructors for their excellence in teaching. I told him after the meeting that I would be sure that the Faculty Senate heard about this. We depend a lot on our part-time colleagues, and too often colleges and universities neglect to recognize their contributions.

3. Chancellor’s Written Response to Resolutions: The chancellor approves Resolution 2810, regarding nominations to the Student Publications Committee, and will appoint Marsha Kruger for a term beginning with the receipt of her letter of appointment. The chancellor acknowledges receipt of Res. 2813 regarding the Proposal for a School of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

A. Treasurer’s Report was submitted by Senator Shaw and was approved as written.

IV Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Anderson reported that the committee met March 29. Present: Deb Anderson, Scott Tarry, Mark Scherer, Randall Adkins, Peter Wolcott, & Nancy Edick. Guest: James Hulstein. Mr.Hulstein, Student Senate Representative, reported that undergraduate students often are unaware of the grade appeal process. He also reported that although the student handbook is available on-line, students either don’t know how to find it or they don’t look through it for the grade appeal policy. Further, he reported that each college has its own unique process and students may not be aware of this. After much discussion, the committee decided to help James collect data regarding grade appeals in order to determine whether there is a need to include the policy on each syllabus. The committee is asking Academic and Student Affairs to make the student handbook more prominent on the UNO web-page so that students have easier access to academic policies. Also
moved and passed was:

**Resolution Regarding Student Rights and Policies:**
WHEREAS students have the right to be informed of policies and procedures governing academic and student affairs, and

WHEREAS the academic catalog is not prominently displayed on the UNO website, and

WHEREAS college policies and procedures governing academic and student affairs are displayed inconsistently,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the faculty senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha recommend that the UNO Administration make every effort to prominently display the undergraduate and graduate catalog as soon as possible.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the faculty senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha recommend that the colleges make every effort to prominently display college-level policies and procedures governing academic and student affairs.

B. Committee on Educational Resources and Services:  Senator Watson reported the committee met on 29 March, 2006.  Senators Pasco, Thorp, Shaw, Ortman, and Watson were in attendance.  The committee reviewed and ranked the completed applications for the undergraduate full-time, graduate full-time, and graduate part-time Paul Beck Scholarships.  No applications for the undergraduate part-time scholarship were submitted, so the $450 reserved for that scholarship was divided into thirds and added to the original awards.  The committee awarded the scholarships as follows:

- Undergraduate, Full-time ($1150.00)
  Winner:  Melanie Hrabak
  Alternate:  Anna Speed

- Graduate, Full-time ($1150.00):
  Winner:  Amanda Gerding
  Alternate:  Todd Widhelm

- Graduate, Part-time ($600.00):
  Winner:  Julie Cherica
  Alternate:  Linda Peterson

C. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare:  Senator Skreija reported the committee met March 29, 2006.  Present: Stuart Bernstein, Barbara Hewins-Maroney, Lauree Tilton-Weaver, and Andris Skreija (Chair).  Absent: Elaine Lahue and Graham Mitenko.  Members of the Committee continued discussing utilization of focus groups to gain insights regarding the intellectual and social climate on campus experienced by women and members of minority groups. At the moment the feeling is that the focus groups should meet during the 2006 Fall Semester; and we should have 3 groups. There was discussion of the kinds of topics the focus groups should consider. There was also some discussion regarding candidates for the focus group leader position. Among other issues, were the questions of availability and the leaders' schedules. There was further
discussion regarding probable costs connected with these groups and possible sources of funding.

D. Committee on Professional Development: Senator Corcoran reported the committee met Mar 29, 2006. In attendance were: Steve Bullock, Bill Corcoran, Doug Paterson and Victor Winter. We considered funding possibilities for UCR, sponsored projects, and grant writing workshops. Essentially we agreed to the need for investigation of these areas to be able to make reasonable recommendations. Each of the attending members were assigned areas to investigate. There was also a concern with the ease of accessing of E-notes.

E. Committee on Rules: Senator Randall reported the meeting was held March 29, 2006. Incoming senators were assigned to standing committees. That list will be reported at the May meeting. We will compile the results of the Faculty Survey in April.

V Old Business

A. Faculty Grievance Committee Policy and Rules of Procedure Revisions Resolution was approved for a full Senate vote at the April 12 meeting.

VI The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.