Attendees: Adkins, Anderson, Bacon, Corcoran, Glaser, Randall, Shaw, Watson

Excused: Skreija,

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

II. The April 5, 2005, minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Glaser

1. Executive Committee and Administration meeting was held April 19, 2006. Since F.S. Resolution 2814 (regarding making university policies accessible to students) was passed the website had been updated and the student catalogues are available online within two clicks of accessing the UNO homepage. The administration accepted Resolution 2815 (regarding the wrestling team). Also discussed was the StratCom lease of NU property on Pine Street as reported in the Omaha World-Herald. The Scott Foundation has leased the land from NU, and is building a structure for StratCom which is paying the Scott Foundation $450,000 a month for rent. Relocation of faculty and programs is proceeding due to construction/remodeling. Funding for diversity and programs of excellence are still in place. Four faculty senate presidents would be meeting with the President the next day and would continue to talk about benefits and the university-wide benefits committee.

2. NU President’s Mtg with Four Senate Presidents on April 20, 2006. He went over the legislative bills which passed the legislature this session and gave an overview of the strategic framework accountability measures. Sonya Smith has been appointed to be the associate to the president and assistant vice president of academic affairs for diversity, and there is a newly appointed Wellness Committee. President Milliken expressed his interest in a standardized faculty climate survey for all four campuses, and also discussed was the effectiveness of the university-wide benefits committee and the necessity of ensuring that it works to express faculty concerns.

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3. Board of Regents met April 21, 2006. The Business Affairs Committee went over
the 2007 Operating Budget. It is important to note that while there is a projected 3.8% increase in operation costs, of these expenses $1.6 MM are expected to be absorbed by programs. The Board is also committed to begin a multi-year plan to raise faculty salaries to peer average. This is most relevant for UNMC. Also discussed was the state funding history. This clearly shows that NU’s share of total state appropriation has been steadily decreasing since 1990. The Committee then looked at the 2008 and 2009 biennial operating budget. As currently written, there is no inflationary increase proposed for operations. The Academic Affairs Committee listened to the campus reports on student learning and success outcomes. Sheri Rogers reported progress with AQIP on the UNO Campus. The Regents had an interesting discussion about assessment, recognizing the tension between measures which require little faculty involvement and have administrative problems. They appreciated the depth and quality of AQIP but were concerned that there is not an easy way to condense the data into measurements which would allow comparisons to other universities. They then heard about a proposed Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research, followed by a presentation by BJ Reed regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OPPD and UNO to increase energy savings by small businesses and households.

At the Board of Regents meeting there was an update on the strategic framework and the University of Lincoln Master Plan from President Milliken. The Regents approved a five-year MOU between OPPD and UNO, approved University Program and Facilities Fee for 2006-2007, and the optional board plan available to housing students and room rates for Scott Village for the 2006-2007 ay. They further approved $900,000 from the 1993 Series Surplus Fund to renovate the MBSC Food Court.

4. Chancellor’s Council met April 27, 2006, and heard a presentation about facebook and how the students are using it, its strengths and weaknesses. Julie Totten reported on the FY 07 operating budget, and FY 08-09 Biennial Request. Regarding FY 07: 6.2% increase in state appropriations, 6.0% tuition increase, 1.5% increase in enrollment, 3.95% faculty salary increase, $3 m for Programs of Excellence, $1m diversity funding (formula uncertain), $1m need-based aid, and $1m faculty salary catch-up. Regarding Biennial Request: Health insurance increases at 10%, utilities might be 30% for 2008, $3m for POEs, $2 m for diversity funding, $4.3 m for faculty salary catch-up each year, 1.5% enrollment increase, and 9% 2008 tuition increase. These are all projections, and are not final. Enrollment projections for next year look like no increase or decrease. This summer’s enrollment has an increase 101 students. Deb Smith-Howell went over the Strategic Planning Advance which will be Monday, May 8 in the Ballroom at MBSC. Tom Bragg announced that Information Operations passed the Graduate Council.

5. Chancellor’s Written Response to Resolutions: On April 19, 2006, Nancy Castilow, Assistant to the Chancellor, wrote: The chancellor acknowledges Faculty Senate Resolution 2814, indicating that this is certainly the direction the administration is moving toward, however, there are significant cost factors involved relative to the purchase of software to convert these files to the web, as well as an on-going salary commitment for personnel to oversee and maintain these websites. At this time, it
is estimated $100,000 would be required for implementation. The chancellor acknowledges Resolution 2815 for the purpose of information; and heartily concurs.

B. Treasurer’s Report: Senator Shaw submitted the April 1006 Budget Report

IV Executive Committee Report. The following resolution will be brought before the full Senate next week:

A. Resolution regarding Faculty Senate members: (Senator Randall)

BE IT RESOLVED that Chancellor Belck, etc., has been notified that the following thirteen (13) faculty members have been elected to serve three-year terms from May 10, 2006, through May 13, 2009, unless noted (*):

College of Arts & Sciences (7*):
Lisa Boucher
Carolyn Gascoigne
Wai-Ning Mei
Owen Mordaunt (*2006-08)
Jeanne Reames
Robert Smith (*2006-08)
Suzanne Sollars

College of Business Administration (2)
Ziaul Huq
Shuanglin Lin

College of Education (1)
John Nobel

College of Communication, Fine Arts & Media (1)
Holly Miller

College of Information Science & Technology (1)
Parvathi Chundi

Library (0):

College of Public Affairs & Community Service (1):
Sam Brown

External Faculty (0):

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the following eleven (11) senators will be completing their term of service at the May 10, 2006, Faculty Senate meeting:

Randall Adkins (A&S)
Pamela Owens (A&S)
Debra Anderson (PACS)
Becky Pasco (ED)
Meredith Bacon (A&S)
Mark Scherer (A&S)
Raj Dasgupta (IS&T)
Marsha Watson (A&S)

Russell Nordman (CFAM)
(ending 2006 for Stroope, who was Helm’s replacement)
Also completing their service are the following two (2) members of CFAM who volunteered to resign in order to correct the imbalance of representatives for the new College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media since the School of Communication, the College of Fine Arts, KYNE-TV and KVNO-FM merged last summer:

Holly Miller
Doug Paterson.

V Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Anderson reported the meeting was held April 25, 2006. Those present were Scott Tarry, Peter Wolcott, Randy Adkins, Nancy Edick, and Deb Anderson. Mark Scherer was excused. The committee reviewed the goals and accomplishments of the past year, identified goals for 2006-2007, and wrote a resolution thanking the administration.

Goals for 2005-2006:
1. Dual Enrollment – continue to monitor. Review data with a focus on diversity.
3. Faculty Recruitment and Retention – Consider standardization of course evaluation, class sizes, distribution of TAs and Gas. Investigate post-tenure review process for equity.

Accomplishments:
- Dual enrollment – Completed. Reviewed data; met with Steve Bullock to review progress, especially re: diversity efforts.
- Center for Afghan Studies – Completed. Reviewed materials, including aforementioned letters, 2 Academic Planning Council’s Reviews of International Studies and Programs; policies regarding review policies (currently in revision); and Nebraskans for Peace documents. Also met with Deb Smith Howell and learned that each campus and the BOR have developed criteria for reviewing Centers and other non-academic entities. Determined that the revised review processes are sufficient and no further action is needed by this committee.

Resolutions:
- FERPA and Social Security Numbers (Resolution 2806): passed 10/12/05
- Students Rights and Responsibilities (Resolution ); passed 4/12/06
- Approval of School of Criminal Justice (Resolution ); passed 4/5/06

Other Committee Work:
- General Education Think Tank – Scott Tarry
- Academic Planning Council – Nancy Edick
- Review of post-tenure policies – Peter Wolcott
- Best resolution writer – Randy Adkins
- Best word smith – Mark Scherer

To be continued AY 2006-2007:
- Faculty Recruitment and Retention – Explore how TAs and GA’s are distributed
and assigned. Further investigate post-tenure review policies and procedures.
· Continue to monitor dual enrollment. OPS data should be available.

The following resolution will be presented to the full Senate next week:

**Resolution thanking UNO Administration:**

WHEREAS the faculty senate recommended that the UNO Administration make every effort to prominently display the undergraduate and graduate catalogs on the UNO website, and

WHEREAS the UNO Administration promptly responded to the faculty senate’s request;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the faculty senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha thank the UNO Administration for their quick response in making the catalogs available and accessible to students, faculty, and other stakeholders.

B. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Watson reported the committee met earlier this morning and presented the final report on Course Evaluations at UNO, including consistency in course evaluations across campus, use and purpose of course evaluations, development of a campus-wide course evaluation instrument, and a copy of the proposed interim Course Evaluation Instrument, and a report on course evaluations focus groups.

C. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Skreija (No Meeting/No Report)

D. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Bacon reported the committee met on April 26, 2006, and the following will be presented at next week’s full Senate meeting:

**Resolution Regarding Diversity at UNO:**

**Whereas** the University of Nebraska at Omaha is a metropolitan university of distinction, and

**Whereas** the metropolitan area which the University serves is racially and ethnically diverse and equally values the contributions of both men and women, and

**Whereas** the learning environment is improved by racial, ethnic and gender balances representative of the community’s diversity, and

**Whereas** the University administration has adopted policies designed to increase ethnic and gender diversity in enrollments and employment,

**Therefore be it resolved** that the University of Nebraska Faculty Senate reiterates its support of a diverse student body, faculty and staff and urges the University administration to maintain and to make more effective racial and gender diversity through rigorous implementation of existing policies and to reiterate its commitment to diversity.
E. Committee on Professional Development: Senator Corcoran (No Report)

F. Committee on Rules: Senator Randall moved the following, which will be presented at next week’s full Senate meeting:

1. Resolution on Six Standing Committees of the Senate:
   
   BE IT RESOLVED, that the following senators be appointed to the 2006-2007 Faculty Senate standing committees as designated:

   **Academic & Curricular Affairs (6)**
   - Nancy Edick
   - Carolyn Gascoigne
   - Owen Mordaunt
   - Jeanne Reames
   - Suzanne Sollars
   - Scott Tarry

   **Educational Resources & Services (6)**
   - Lisa Boucher
   - Robert Otteman
   - Hollis Glaser (to be replaced by Chris Stanichar)
   - John Thorp
   - Paul Williams
   - Peter Wolcott

   **Faculty Personnel & Welfare (6)**
   - Stuart Bernstein
   - Sam Brown
   - Barbara Hewins-Maroney
   - Elaine Lahue
   - Andris Skeija
   - Laurie Tilton-Weaver

   **Goals & Directions (6)**
   - Jayaram Betanabhatla
   - Lyn Holley
   - Ziaul Huq
   - Hugh Reilly
   - Robert Smith
   - Saundra Wetig

   **Professional Development (6)**
   - Steve Bullock
   - Bill Corcoran
   - Wai-Ning Mei
   - John Nobel
   - Tomm Roland
2. Campus Committees

a. AAUP Executive Committee
   (American Assoc. of University Professors) - Fac. Sen. Represenative

   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 05/10/06, through 05/09/07, to the UNO Chapter of AAUP:

   _______________________, (to replace Paul Williams).

b. Alumni Association, Board of Directors (must be a UNO alum)

   BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president appoints the following UNO alum as the senate representative for one year, 05/10/06, through 05/09/07, to the Alumni Association, Board of Directors:

   Paul Barnes, (to replace Amanda Randall).

c. Academic Planning Council (APC)

   BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as the Faculty Senate's representatives to the Academic Planning Council from the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs and the committee on Goals and Directions each for a one-year term from 05/04/05, through 05/10/06:

   ______________________ Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs (to replace Senator Edick)

   ______________________ Hugh Reilly, Committee on Goals and Directions
   (to replace Senator Reilly).

d. Campus Safety Committee

   BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from 08/01/06, through 07/31/09, to the Campus Committee on Safety:
Gregory Petrow, (to replace Donald Rowen).

e. Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as two-year appointments from 08/01/06, through 07/31/08, to the Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs:

Doug Paterson, CFAM (reappointed)
Josie Metal-Corbin, ED (to replace Karen Hayes)
__________________________, IS&T(to replace Raj Dasgupta).

f. Educational Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments, from 08/01/2006 through 07/31/2009, to the Educational Policy Advisory Committee to replace:

Victor Winter, IS&T (reappointed)
Laura Dickson, LIB (to replace Linda Parker)
Miriam DeLone, PACS (to replace Lisa Sample).

g. Greek Ideals Implementation Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from 08/01/03, through 07/31/06, to the Greek Ideals Implementation Committee:

Jennifer Dalbey, (to replace Marshall Prisbell).

h. Judicial Committee (Pool of Names)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments, from 08/01/2006 through 07/31/2009, to the pool of names for the Judicial Committee:

Joshua Nichter, (to replace James Carroll)
Peggy Jones, (to replace Jayaram Betanabhatla)
Nora Hillyer, (to replace Robin Ogle)
Patrice Carlson, (to replace Lotfollah Najjar).

i. Parking Advisory Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as three-year appointment from 08/01/06, through 07/31/09, to the Parking Advisory Committee:

Donald Baum, (to replace Joseph Bertinetti).
j. 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 2007. (The Administration will select one additional member of this committee.)

Brigette Ryalls, (to replace Bruce Garver)
Nick Stergiou, (to replace Patrice Proulx).

k. Strategic Planning Steering Committee (from Goals & Directions Committee)

One member of the 2006-2007 Faculty Senate Goals & Directions committee will be appointed to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee for a one-year term from 05/10/06, through 05/09/07:

_______________ (to replace Senator Meredith Bacon).

2. University-wide Committees

a. Athletics, University Committee on

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from 08/01/06, through 07/31/09, to the University Committee on Athletics:

Mark Scherer (to replace Hai-Feng Guo).

And the following name go forward to complete a term for Tej Adidam, who has resigned:

Dave Ogden (08/01/04 - 07/31/07).

b. Excellence in Teaching Award, University Committee on

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following faculty member be recommended for service as three-year appointment, from 08/01/2006 through 07/31/2009, 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 (08/01/2006 - 07/31/2007).

Lynn Harland, CBA (to replace Ziaul Huq)

AND,
c. Facilities Planning, University Committee on

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from 08/01/06, through 07/31/09, to the University Committee on Facilities Planning:

Michael O’Hara (reappointed).

d. Honors and Awards, University Committee on

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three year appointment from 08/01/06, through 07/31/09, to the University Committee on Honors and Awards:

Sue Maher, (to replace Kenneth Kriz).

e. Library and Learning Resources, University Committee on

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from 08/01/06 through 07/31/09, to the University Committee on Library and Learning Resources:

Jeanne Harrington, (to replace Brent Bowen)
Jan Boyer, (to replace Laura Dickson).

f. Student Affairs, University Committee on

BE IT RESOLVED: that the following name go forward as a three year appointment, from 08/01/06 through 07/31/09 on the on the University Committee on Student Affairs:

Franklin Thompson, (to replace Harrison Means).

AND the following name go forward as a two-year appointment from 08/01/06 through 07/31/08, to the University Committee on Student Affairs, to correct an imbalance in term endings:

Maria Elvira Garcia, (to replace Joshua Nichter).

g. Technology Resources & Services, University Committee on

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following two names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/06 through 07/31/09, to the University Committee on Technology Resources & Services:

Timi Barone (to replace Carey Ryan)
h. UCAT (University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following three names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/06 through 07/31/09, to the University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT):

Kath Henebry, BA, (reappointed)
Leon Dappen, ED, (to replace Carol Mitchell)
____________________ , IS&T, (to replace Ann Fruhling).

i. UCR (University Committee on Research)

BE IT RESOLVED: that the following names go forward as three year appointments, from August 1, 2006, through July 31, 2009 on the University Committee on Research (UCR):

Henry Bulley, A&S  (Sciences: Geo/Geol), (to replace Elaine Lahue)
____________________ IS&T (to replace Sajda Qureshi)
Deb Anderson, CPACS (to replace Karl Kosloski).

And that the following name go forward to complete the term of Timi Barone (Social Science) through July 31, 2007, on the University Committee on Research

Melanie Bloom, A&S  (Social Science: Foreign Languages)  (to replace Timi Barone).

4 Other Committees:

a. Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president reappoints the following senator to be the senate representative for a one year appointment, through May 2007, to the Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON):

Doug Paterson (reappointed).

a. Budget Advisory Committee (Faculty Senate Committee)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Faculty Senate President, Hollis Glaser, has named

Ken Kriz (to replace John Bartle)
to the Faculty Senate Budget Advisory Committee for a term of three years, August 1, 2006 to July 31, 2009.

Continuing members of the committee are:
b. Graduate Council

BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president appoints the following member of the Graduate Council to be the liaison between the 2006-2007 Faculty Senate and the Graduate Council:

_____________________________, to replace Doug Paterson.

X New Business

A. The Executive Committee accepted Senator Glaser’s (CFAM) resignation as of June 30, 2006. Her replacement will be Christopher Stanichar.

B. The Executive Committee accepted Senator Miller’s and Senator Paterson’s resignation as of May 10, 2006. Their resignations balance the term endings and number of senators from CFAM. Senator Paterson will continue representing the Senate at AFCON, Senator Miller was re-elected for a three year term.

C. President Glaser will prepare a resolution to be presented at next week’s meeting regarding Appreciation for Service to the following Outgoing Senators:

- Randy Adkins (A&S)
- Graham Mitenko (BA)
- Becky Pasco (ED)
- Debra Anderson (PACS)
- Russ Nordman (CFAM)
- Mark Scherer (A&S)
- Meredith Bacon (A&S)
- Richard Ortman (BA)
- Marsha Watson (A&S)
- Raj Dasgupta (IS&T)
- Pamela Owens (A&S)

D. President Glaser will prepare a resolution to be presented at next week’s meeting regarding Appreciation for Service to the following senators and/or faculty colleagues acting as liaisons to these various groups:

- Senator Paterson: Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON)
- Senators Edick and Reilly: Academic Planning Council
- Senator Randall: Alumni Association, Board of Directors
- Senator Williams: American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
- Senator Paterson: Graduate Council
- Senator Bacon: Strategic Planning Steering Committee
- Senator Bernstein: UNO Spirit Committee

E. President Glaser will prepare a resolution to be presented at next week’s meeting regarding appreciation for service of the following 2005-2006 ad hoc committee and members:

Faculty Grievance Committee Policies and Procedures, participating faculty members: Henry D’Souza, James Hagen, Lynn Harland.
F. President Glaser will prepare a resolution to be presented at next week’s meeting regarding appreciation for service of the following Standing Committees/Chairpersons:

Members of the 2005-2006 Senate Cabinet – Senators Debra Anderson, Marsha Watson, Andris Skreija, Meredith Bacon, Bill Corcoran, and Amanda Randall;

And Senator Skreija and Senator Randall, members of the Executive Committee.

G. President Glaser will prepare a resolution to be presented at next week’s meeting regarding appreciation for service for Senator Randall Adkins for his work as Vice President during this academic year 2005-2006.

H. President Glaser will prepare a resolution to be presented at next week’s meeting regarding appreciation for service for Senator James Shaw for his work as Secretary/Treasurer during this academic year 2005-2006.

I. Senator Randall will present the following resolution at next week’s full Senate meeting:

**Appreciation for Service (President Hollis Glaser):**

WHEREAS, Hollis Glaser has provided excellent leadership as President of the UNO Faculty Senate during the 2005-2006 academic year, and

WHEREAS, she has served as an eloquent facilitator in meetings of the UNOmaha Faculty Senate, and

WHEREAS, she has articulately and passionately represented her colleagues and the university in conversations with the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors, the Board of Regents, the University President, the legislature, and the media, and

WHEREAS, she has dealt with a diverse range of topics in a calm, candid, and professional manner; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha extends its deep appreciation to Professor Hollis Glaser for her outstanding service to the faculty and the University as President of the UNO Faculty Senate during the 2005-2006 academic year and wish her continued success in all future endeavors.

X The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.