Attendees: Barnes, Betanabhatla, Bernstein, Boucher, Brown, Bullock, Chundi, Corcoran, Edick, Gascoigne, Hewins-Maroney, Holley, Lahue, Lin, Mei, Miller, Mordaunt, Noble, Ottemann, Reames, Reilly, Shaw, Skreija, Smith, Sollars, Tarry, Thorp, Tilton-Weaver, Wetig, Winter, Wolcott

Excused: Huq, Randall

Absent: Arbelaez, Roland, Stanichar, Williams

Presentation: Wade Robinson, Assoc. V.C. Student Affairs, accompanied by Stan Schleifer, Manager, Student Services, presented an overview of UNO’s Emergency Preparedness Process, which included a UNO Emergency Response Notification List, a UNO Business Continuity Planning list, and a UNO Incident Command Organization Chart. Dr. Robinson also answered questions about the Undergraduate Admission Statistics by Level for Fall 2007.

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

II. The December 13, 2006, minutes were approved.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Shaw reported:

1. The projects the Senate Standing Committees have completed this year and are continuing to work on.

2. A memo will be sent to all UNO faculty next week regarding the work to be done on a base evaluation form for UNO. This memo will also include any Senate resolutions regarding a base evaluation form.

3. The Senate President is on the search committee for the UNO Athletic Director. So far about 45 applications have been received. Dean Langan is chair of the committee. Those to be interviewed will soon be identified. There is hope that the decision may be announced in March 2007.

4. The OWH Op-Ed article, “Use ‘Private’ Remedy for College Expenses” (12/19/06) was sent to the Senate Budget Advisory Committee and the EC&C for their opinions on whether the Senate might want to respond in some way. Since then NU President Milliken’s response was printed in the OWH. Asked if that was sufficient, some senators suggested that the President’s response should not
preclude the Senate from submitting a piece, especially if it had something new to offer. Senator Corcoran noted that his response, regarding UNO, was printed in the OWH Public Pulse on December 28, 2006. He also noted that another article on a similar subject on the OWH Editorial page and his response were printed in October 2006. Copies of all these articles and replies will be distributed to all senators so they can judge if further action is warranted.

B. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: Senator Tarry submitted the December 2006 Budget Report.

IV. Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. Academic Planning Council: Senators Edick and Reilly reported the Council met last week. Outside Advisors have been invited. The department of Public Administration is working on scheduling its Program Review. The department of History will have its Review on March 8-9, 2007.

B. Alumni Association, Board of Directors: Professor Carter reported the meeting was held on December 19, 2006. Interim Chancellor Dr. Christensen reported that the Search Committee for Athletic Director is underway with Dean John Langan as chair. The South Campus development is underway and a transportation committee is exploring transportation between campuses. The Board of Regents will be meeting on January 19th to discuss housing issues. 2008 is the target date to have new housing up and running on campus. The new 2007 Alumni Association Board Meetings were provided changing from monthly to quarterly meetings. They new dates for 2007 are: February 13th, May 8, August 14, and November 13th. All meetings will be held at 4:00 pm. The election of 2007 officers included the following: Chairman: Deb McLarney, 1st Vice Chair: Rod Oberle, 2nd Vice Chair: Mark Grieb, Secretary: Patricia Lamberty, Treasurer: Dan Koraleski, Legal Advisor: Martha Zajicek, Past Chairman: Mike Kudlacz, Special Appointments: Angelo Passarelli, Kevin Warneke, John Wilson. Election of 2007-2009 Board members: Jim Garbina, Larry Gomez, Jamie Herbert, Laura Kapustka. Recognition of Retiring Board members included Gary Domet, Adrian Minks, Luanne Nelson, and Kelli Sears. Adrian Minks has 11 years on the board and received the Outstanding Service Award.

V. Old Business

A. The Senate discussed the report that fees for faculty to use the HPER facilities will increase to $350 per year from $30 per semester ($90 per year). It was questioned whether goals will continue to be met for the six-year-old Wellness Campaign. It was reported that Student Focus Groups okayed the rise in fees. President Shaw will ask those present at the Senate Executive Committee & UNO Administration meeting next week if the faculty was polled. He will also ask when the fee increase goes into effect.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.