Present: Anderson, Barnes, Boyer, Hewins-Maroney, Noble, Reilly, Shaw, Sollars, Tarry

Excused: Miller

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

II. The June 6, 2007, minutes were approved.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Tarry reported

1. Board of Regents met June 14, 2007, and approved a tuition increase of 6% for the coming academic year. A number of Regents expressed their reluctance for this and any future tuition increases suggesting that the campuses and the central administration have not done enough to find efficiencies and reduce costs. While focusing on "back office" administrative functions, there also seems to be some feeling that faculty could do more to help reduce costs. Noted at the meeting was the fact that even with this increase in tuition, the campuses will be left with budget shortfalls and will need to reallocate money to cover the expenses of some programs. Cuts at the system level include reductions in money for Programs of Excellence and Diversity. Regent Wilson rightly pointed out that reallocation means cuts. It is also important to note that the budget picture for next year is much worse and that either considerable tuition increases or substantial budget cuts, or some combination of the two will likely be necessary. On a more positive note, tuition at UNO and the NU campuses remains a bargain in the region. The HPER and Student Health program statement was approved with little discussion. This project has received considerable support on campus and it was clear that Student Regent Williams played a role in convincing his colleagues on the BOR of need for this project.

2. Executive Committee and Administration meeting was held June 20, 2007. The Administration is projecting a budget shortfall of about $400,000 for the coming year. Acting Vice Chancellor Rogers has been meeting with Deans to plan for cuts and reallocations. Concerns remain for much greater shortfall the following year. HPER will go before the Coordinating Commission for review and then the Legislative Executive Committee. Enrollments are about equal to last year at this point, which is good, but with new financial model based on student credit hour production, even staying even can create problems. Associate Vice
Chancellor Robinson discussed Emergency Planning and asked about the creation of a faculty committee that can assist the administration in planning for the continuation of academic programs in crisis situations. Senate will need to determine if there is a specific senate committee that could do this or if there is a need to develop a committee outside the senate.

3. Chancellor’s Council met June 28, 2007. Dodge Street Campus residence project is on schedule. The builder plans to have a model unit available for recruiting purposes by late fall or early winter. CPACS Building is on time and on budget. South of Center Campus fields are being developed with a focus on the competition soccer field that is necessary for the fall season. Athletic department reorganization underway. Financial situation still difficult, but improving. Focus is on presenting balanced budget in three years as requested by the Board of Regents. President Milliken is interested in intercampus collaboration to improve efficiency and reduce costs. Centennial planning is in full swing. A logo has been developed and certain “signature” projects have been identified. One such project is the digitization of the Gateway’s archive, which is now available and searchable on the web. Chancellor Christensen is assembling a task force to study the twelve-month campus concept.

B. June 2007 Treasurer’s Report was submitted by Senator Anderson.

IV Old Business

A. Planning for the August 22, 2007 Faculty Senate Retreat

1. Goals/Theme for 2007-2008: Engagement On and Off Campus

   a. Responsibility for Community Engagement to be discussed at the Faculty Senate 2007 Retreat, August

   b. Twelve Month Campus Concept (Faculty should be involved in planning)

   c. Use Resources Wisely: push for efficiencies, flexibility, collaboration, and consolidation (Faculty has to be aware and involved with what’s going on in
the above areas. Board of Regents is also pressing in this direction.)

2. Chancellor Christensen to speak on
   - Building Bright futures
   - Budget
   - Physical Changes on Campus (and where all will park) (contract for Crossroads?)
   - Search Committees
   - Twelve Month Plan

3. David Miller, recently appointed Athletic Director, to speak on UNO being accepted into the MidAmerica Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) and what that means to UNO.

4. Deb Smith-Howell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, to speak on the Gen Ed Task Force and UNO’s Centennial.

5. Other Guests to be invited for introduction and lunch at Retreat:
   a. Julie Totten
   b. Sheri Rogers
   c. Jennifer Forbes-Bailey (SAC President)
   d. Alexander Williams (Student Body President/Regent).

V New Business

A. UNO Business Continuity Planning (BCP): Senator Tarry asked Senator Reilly and the Goals & Directions Committee to see exactly what Wade Robinson, Associate V.C. for Students, is trying to accomplish when he asked the Faculty Senate “to consider some kind of committee structure in the Faculty Senate focusing on Business Continuity Planning (BCP) which would focus on academic delivery in the event of emergencies of four different durations which are one day, one week, one month, and one semester. Things like Avian Flu Pandemic are the long term areas of interest right now. The areas I identified as needing some planning for are as follow. There are certainly more so whatever you feel is appropriate is fine with me.
   1. Lab Sciences
   2. Performing Arts
   3. Lecture classes
   4. Distance Education Courses
   5. Student Teaching (independent courses)
   6. Animal Labs
   7. Computer Training Courses.”
   One recommendation from the EC&C was to see if there is any literature from the New Orleans area to use as models on how they got their classes up and running again.

B. Senator Tarry also introduced the subject of “Women in the Workplace.” The women faculty and administrators at UNO are talking about initiatives that UNO can take to give more leadership roles and equity to women. Interim V.C. Sheri Rogers
is asking for members for the Gender Equity Committee that reports to President Milliken.

C. It was suggested that it might be time for one of the standing committees or a Task Force to sift through committees that the Faculty Senate is asked to forward names to each year. Apparently all committees listed on the Senate web site are not meeting regularly. President Tarry will take this under advisement.

D. It was suggested that Senate President Scott Tarry talk with Ken Deffenbacher, current AAUP President-elect, and Sheri Rogers, Interim V.C. for Academic & Student Affairs, together to get accurate information about ways to get salary increases for faculty, whether salary compression or to counter external offers.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.