Members: Barnes, Boucher, Hewins-Maroney, Miller, Noble, Reilly, Shaw, Tarry

Excused: Sollars

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

II. The August 1, 2007, minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Tarry reported:

1. Chancellor’s Council met August 23, 2007. Chancellor Christensen reported on his work as chair of the Providing Academic Support and Career Awareness Task Force for the Building Bright Futures Initiative. The task force is ramping up and the Chancellor encourages interested faculty to contribute to his or one of the other task forces. The 12-month campus concept remains a focal point of the Chancellor’s agenda. Citing the needs to evaluate options in the context of meeting the needs of UNO’s diverse student body, the Chancellor is seeking input from faculty and other members of the campus community. The Collegiate Learning Assessment was administered to 260 entering first year students. These students will be reassessed at the end of their sophomore year. Plans include senior level benchmarking assessments as well. While the opportunity exists to use the results of the CLA for intervention and advising purposes, the decision was made not use the assessment process in this manner. The Holland Super Computing Center located on South Campus will be available for use by UNO faculty researchers needing use of the facility’s capabilities. No details about costs and other logistical issues are available at this time, but additional information on the Center will be announced soon. The Chancellor announced that Step Up Awards will be given again this year to recognize faculty and staff who have gone beyond the call of duty in support of their units and the university. These awards were initiated last year and will be awarded in conjunction with the strategic planning awards.

B. Treasurer’s Report: The August 2007 budget report was submitted.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Hewins-Maroney reported the committee met via e-mail. Data and the campus climate report, which were distributed at the May 2007 Faculty Senate meeting, were forwarded. Committee members will
review the material, do another round of data analysis, and decide the next steps in exploring faculty climate issues at UNO.

B. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Reilly reported the committee met on August 29, 2007, and all members were present. Senator Henry D'Souza spoke about alternative energy sources, specifically geothermal and fuel cell technologies. He is working on a report to be presented to the Strategic Planning Committee. Senator Hugh Reilly summarized his meeting with Wade Robinson regarding crisis planning at the University. It was suggested that a broad representation of faculty would be needed to get a complete picture of potential areas of concern in the event of a catastrophe. It was also suggested that a survey could be sent out to selected faculty to garner some initial information and department responses to specific crisis situations. A survey instrument will be developed.

C. Committee on Professional Development: Senator Noble reported the committee met August 29, 2007. Members present were Noble, Mei, Winter, Lamsam, Novikov. Tixier y Vigil was absent. We are in the process of creating a faculty survey attempting to identify discrepancies between things like:

- Travel dollars provided by the department/college and expectations of conference attendance (proceedings publications)
- Equipment dollars provided by the department/college and expectations of publications that would stem from research requiring such equipment.
- Do faculty members specifically know what they have to achieve in order to be successful (towards tenure and promotion)?

Each committee member will come to the next meeting with a couple of questions to address such issues. The committee is also considering a “Dialogue” grant (from the Ford Foundation) that would ultimately encourage discussion from all parties regarding tenure and promotion decisions. This has been call the “Stop the Silence” approach to open discussion. Senator Lamsam will meet with Deb Smith-Howell to discuss the possibility of UCAT sponsoring a workshop directed toward effective assessment of teaching portfolios.

F. Committee on Rules: Senator Miller reported the committee met August 29, 2007. Those present were Miller, Bacon, Chundi, Windler. Barnes was excused and Holley was absent. The committee members presented the nominees that they secured since our last meeting and identified potential nominees to fill the remaining open slots. Nora agreed to contact three tenured faculty members and request that they serve as nominees for the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee. Holly will continue working to find nominees for the Faculty Grievance Committee. Parvathi will continue working to find one nominee for the University Technology Resources & Services Committee. Lyn will continue working to fill a CPACS representative for the University Committee on Research & Creative Activity. The following resolutions were approved and will be presented to the full Senate next week:

1. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee (Senate approves nominees, then 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, 2007, through October 15, 2010, to replace Joan Latchaw, and Linda Parker, whose terms are expiring:

- Michael O’Hara  (tenured faculty)
- Joe Bertinetti  (tenured faculty)
- Robert W. Smith   (tenured faculty)
- Bonnie O’Connel  (tenured faculty).

One non-tenured faculty member will be elected from the following two nominees to serve a three-year term from October 16, 2007, through October 15, 2010, to replace Mark Scherer, whose term is expiring:

- Iulia Podariu  (non-tenured faculty)
- William Torrence  (non-tenured faculty).

2. Educational Policy Advisory Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments, from 08/01/2007 through 07/31/2010, to the Educational Policy Advisory Committee to replace:

- Patti Meglich, CBA (to replace Catherine Co)
- Richard Stacy, ED, (to replace David Corbin).

And the following name go forward as a one-year appointment to complete Tracy Bridgeford’s term through 07/31/08:

- Jeffrey Peake, A&S, (to replace Tracy Bridgeford).

3. Faculty Grievance Committee  *(for Faculty Senate 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.

One full professor will be elected from the following two nominees to replace Dale Krane, for a three-year term from September 16, 2007, through September 15, 2010:

- Marshall Prisbell, (Full Professor)

One assistant professor will be elected from the following two nominees to replace Jeanne Harrington, for a three-year term from September 16, 2007, through
September 15, 2010:

________________________, (Assistant Professor)
________________________, (Assistant Professor)

One member of the Faculty Senate Faculty Personnel and Welfare committee will be elected from the following three nominees to replace Stu Bernstein as the Faculty Personnel and Welfare Committee representative for a one-year term from September 16, 2007, through September 15, 2008:

Meredith Bacon, from the Committee on Faculty Personnel & Welfare,
Jack Heidel, from the Committee on Faculty Personnel & Welfare.

4. Graduate Council

BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president appoints the following member of the Graduate Council to be the liaison between the 2007-2008 Faculty Senate and the Graduate Council for a one-year term from 05/9/07, through 05/09/08:

Robertb Blair, (to replace Harmon Maher).

5. Resolution 2866, 5/09/2007: Campus Committees
d. Judicial Committee (Pool of Names) (to complete with Laura Dickson)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments, from 08/01/2007 through 07/31/2010, to the pool of names for the Judicial Committee:

Amanda Randall, (to replace Candice Batton)
Lisa Scherer, (to replace Doug Paterson)
Andrew Swift, (to replace Shereen Bingham)
Laura Dickson (reappoint).

6. UNO Professional Conduct Committee (for Faculty Senate Ballot Vote)

BE IT RESOLVED, that two representative must be elected by ballot vote to serve three-year terms from October 16, 2007, through October 15, 2010, to replace outgoing members Lisa Boucher and James Dick. In accordance with Section 1.1 of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Professional Conduct Committee's Rules and Procedures, the following four 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:

Jeanette Seaberry Joe Bertinetti
Janice Rech Robert Woody

The newly elected representatives will also serve as alternates for three-years from October 16, 2010, through October 15, 2013.
Lisa Boucher and James Dick will continue serving as alternates (replacing Rebecca Morris and Carol Mitchell) for three-years, from October 16, 2007, through October 15, 2010, per Resolution R2755.

7. University Committee on Research & Creative Activity

BE IT RESOLVED: that, on the University Committee on Research & Creative Activity (UCRCA), the following name go forward to complete the term of Deb Anderson (CPACS), (08/01/06 - 07/31/09):

Ann Coyne (CPACS), 08/01/06 - 07/31/09.

8. Resolution 2867, 5/09/2007: University Committees (to be completed with tba)

g. Technology Resources & Services, University Committee on

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following two names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/07 through 07/31/10, to the University Committee on Technology Resources & Services:

Rex Cammack, (to replace Kath Henebry)
Karen Hein, (reappointed)
_____tba__________ (to replace Andrea Zardetto-Smith)

Thanks to the entire committee for their diligent efforts to secure nominees

V. Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Senator Smith wrote that the Strategic Planning Steering Committee met Wednesday, August 29, 2007 in the Chancellor’s conference room to plan its activities for the 2007/08 academic year. The focus for the year is to be 1) developing unit strategic plans, 2) integrating said plans with the campus strategic plan, including budgetary allocations, and 3) maximizing resources. An awards ceremony is scheduled for November 15. Three Strategic Planning Awards will be presented to units for work in accomplishing the three principal strategic goals of the university. Approximately ten to fifteen Step-up Awards will also be presented (depending on the number of nominations) to individuals identified for outstanding contributions to the university and its mission. Engagement “links” will be established in a manner analogous with existing teaching circles and research triangles. The links are to facilitate engagement between units or individuals within the university and entities or individuals within the greater Omaha metropolitan area. The Chancellor’s investiture is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9 and the convocation for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 10. A strategic planning workshop is tentatively scheduled for spring, in March or April. It is hoped that it will draw a large amount of participation from across the campus communities. Toward that end, a noteworthy speaker is being sought.

VI. Old Business
A. UNO Administration Search Committees:

President Tarry spoke with Interim Sr V.C. for A&SA Noren Everts and raised concerns on the search committees not having enough faculty representation, especially on the Vice Chancellors search committees. She felt confident that one more faculty member could be added to the searches, but President Tarry felt it would be good to have more than one faculty member added. The Chancellor does not want unwieldy committees, but discussion during the EC&C noted that size should not be a consideration. The EC&C also wanted to know when the ads will be in the Chronicle and when all committee members will be notified. President Tarry will wait to hear from the Chancellor Christensen.

VII. For the Good of the Order

VIII. New Business

A. Resignation of A&S Senator Harmon. (Senator Tarry)

Senator Harmon Maher wrote, on August 15, 2007,

_I wanted to give you a heads up that I was recently appointed Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Creative Activity (it should be officially announced tomorrow or Friday). The contract is for next year. I assume that this means I will need to be replaced on faculty senate for that time. Please let me know if you have any questions in this regard. Thank you._

Article III, Section 5 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws reads: “...If the senator will be absent longer than one academic semester, he/she will be replaced and will not be entitled to the seat...”

Since there are no remaining A&S runners-up available from the last election, according to Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article III, Section 2; “... the remaining senators from that college shall caucus and elect a person from their college to fill the vacancy ...”

B. Scheduling Problems for Faculty Senate EC and UNO Admin. Meetings (Senator Tarry)

a. September 19, 2007 (Chancellor and Admin not available - - Chancellor’s Cabinet was moved to this date)

b. October 17, 2007 (Chancellor and Admin not available - - Chancellor’s Cabinet was moved to this date. October 24 also not available, due to Chancellor and Admin attending Strategic Planning scheduled for that date.)

c. November 21, 2007: Scheduled and should be on calendars - - Chancellor is
available so far -- but no classes that day, the day before Thanksgiving, campus IS open, though.

d. January 23, 2008 (Chancellor and Admin not available - Strategic Planning was already scheduled when the Senate changed to this date)

IX. **Adjourn:** 2:55 p.m.