Present: Boyer, Elder, Holley, Johanningsmeier, Laquer, Mitchell, Paterson, Tisko

Excused: Erickson, Sollars

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

II. The May 6, 2009 minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Elder reported

1. Executive Committee and Administration (EC&A) meeting was held May 20, 2009. Those attending were Elder, Christensen, Hynes, J. Totten (for Conley), Sollars, Laquer, Boyer, Robinson, Castilow. Absent: Mitchell, Holley. The use of an electronic recording device to facilitate the minutes of the meeting was announced and acknowledged.

a. Amended Resolutions:

i. Resolution 2897 as amended 5/13/09 (Statutory Leave) was accepted, “totally in support”. Chancellor Christensen has been supportive of this since the beginning; his concern was to get input on language and definitions to avoid potential issues with Academic Freedom. An implementation plan will be developed by AVC Robinson with the Registrar’s office since there will be implications for financial aid and student accounts. The policy will be included on the Business and Finance Policies page http://www.unomaha.edu/policies/. The student with written documentation in hand will need to initiate the procedure by discussion with the faculty member as to the impact of the mandated community service activity on their academic work and the advisability of the need for withdrawal from the course. Then the student continues the withdrawal procedure at the Registrar’s office. The faculty member is not responsible to forward the request for statutory leave. Dissemination of the policy will be through the Deans’ Forum, Student Government, by email to all faculty and staff, and included at new faculty orientation. It will also appear in the next print version of the University Catalog. It was suggested that faculty include a single sentence in their syllabus with the web link to the specific policy page, and/or the phone number of the Registrar.

ii. Resolution 2862 as amended 5/13/09 (Long Term Disability information) was accepted. The understanding is that this is informational, to assist faculty in making a decision. AVC Totten reported that Business and Finance has reviewed the resolution. SVC Hynes raised the question as to the long term implications of this very specific response to this specific
LTD insurance policy. What happens when the LTD insurance policy is changed? Information is recommended to be provided on the Web; what if pages are forgotten and this information is no longer valid? The maintenance of this Web-based information should be by Human Resources. When there is a change in the LTD insurance policy, then they would know and be able to make any changes needed. Laquer noted that in the NuFlex enrollment booklet there is a statement that in most cases one of three specific health insurance choices is the best choice for most enrollees. A similar statement could be implemented for the LTD insurance policy choices. The statement does not make decisions for people; it just helps communicate what the limitations are of the policy. It was reiterated that the FS resolution is a recommendation; details of wording and implementation are up to the responsible Human Resources (HR) administrator.

b. New Resolutions:

i. Resolution 2963, 4/8/09: A&S Senator. Accepted for information.

ii. Resolution 2964, 5/13/09: Appreciation For Dr. Steve Bullock, Interim Asst. V.C. for Academic & Student Affairs. Accepted for information. SVC Hynes acknowledged this appreciation.

iii. Resolution 2965, 5/13/09: Appreciation For Student Government of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Accepted for information.

iv. Resolution 2966, 5/13/09: Faculty Senate Members. Accepted for information.

v. Resolution 2967, 5/13/09: Appreciation For Outgoing Senators. Accepted for information.

vi. Resolution 2968, 5/13/09: Appreciation For Chairs of the Standing Committees and Chair of Cabinet. Accepted for information.

vii. Resolution 2969, 5/13/09: Appreciation For Faculty Senate Liaisons. Accepted for information.

viii. Resolution 2970, 5/13/09: Appreciation For Vice President Lisa Boucher. Accepted for information.

ix. Resolution 2971, 5/13/09: Appreciation For Secretary-Treasurer Meredith Bacon. Accepted for information.

x. Resolution 2972, 5/13/09: Appreciation For Parliamentarian Randy Adkins. Accepted for information.

xi. Resolution 2973, 5/13/09: Appreciation For Admin. Tech Sue Bishop. Accepted for information.

xii. Resolution 2974, 5/13/09: Appreciation For President Suzanne Sollars. Accepted for information.

*The Chancellor extended his appreciation for the service of all the senators listed in Resolutions 2966-2974, and specifically mentioned Suzanne Sollars, Meredith Bacon, and Randy Adkins.

xiii. Resolution 2975, 5/13/09: Proposed School of Interdisciplinary Informatics within the College of Information Science and Technology. Accepted for information. SVC Hynes thanked us for our support. There are many other levels to go before the school will be implemented.

xv. **Resolution 2977, 5/13/09**: Campus Committees. Accepted for information.

xvi. **Resolution 2978, 5/13/09**: University-wide Committees. Accepted for information.

xvii. **Resolution 2979, 5/13/09**: Chairpersons of Standing Committee Members. Accepted for information.

xviii. **Resolution 2980, 5/13/09**: Parliamentarian for the 2009-2010 Faculty Senate. Accepted for information.

xix. **Resolution 2981, 5/13/09**: Vice President of the 2009-2010 Faculty Senate. Accepted for information.

xx. **Resolution 2982, 5/13/09**: Secretary/Treasurer of 2009-2010 Faculty Senate. Accepted for information.

xxi. **Resolution 2983, 5/13/09**: Appointment of Chair of the 2009-2010 Rules Committee. Accepted for information.

xxii. **Resolution 2984, 5/13/09**: Appointment of 2009-2010 Chair of the Cabinet. Accepted for information.

xxiii. **Resolution 2985, 5/13/09**: 2009-2010 Standing Committees Vice Chairpersons. Accepted for information.

xxiv. **Resolution 2986, 5/13/09**: AFCON (Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska). Accepted for information.

xxv. **Resolution 2987, 5/13/09**: AAUP Executive Committee (American Association of University Professors). Accepted for information.

xxvi. **Resolution 2988, 5/13/09**: Alumni Association, Board of Directors. Accepted for information.

xxvii. **Resolution 2989, 5/13/09**: Budget Advisory Committee. Accepted for information.

The Chancellor indicated that he had no issues with any of the appointments made in resolutions 2976-2989; if there had been, he would have let us know.

c. **Resolution Action Table**: Selected resolutions were brought up for discussion as follows:

**Resolution 2961 (LTD Task Force)** Elder indicated he would be meeting with David Corbin (U-Wide Benefits Committee), and communicated Molly Anderson’s (HR) opinion that the committee should be meeting more than twice a year.

**Resolutions 2949-2954 (Sustainability issues)**. Elder commented that the Goals & Direction Committee had been working on these for several months, and had additional resolutions pending. That process has now stopped. Whenever there is a great deal of energy available on an issue, it is helpful to tap that energy. Elder would like to see us make some progress, identify some steps, and proceed systematically. At an earlier EC&A meeting, it was communicated to us the need to perform a cost-benefit analysis of these proposed sustainability policies. This is a major undertaking. Can we identify small steps that we could start making on this issue? There are people on campus who would be pleased to see the campus taking a leadership role in our actions; more than what we teach in the classroom. While this is not a good time to be starting expensive new projects, there are inexpensive new projects. Morale is impacted in a positive way when we make progress, even if the steps are small. Where are there win-win issues; places we can move forward in a tight economic climate?
The Chancellor commented that when he receives a resolution, in this case without cost factors, that there is no way he can take any action without that cost information. He suggested that the Faculty Senate work with the sustainability task force reporting to SVC Conley. This could avoid some duplication of effort. Sustainability is important to all of us; it may cost some money to start, but in the long run it should save money. Beyond conservation for the greater good, conservation for fiscal management is also something we should all be interested in. While we could each generate a list of fifty things that we would all be interested in, the question is which ones are realistic. There could be quarterly meetings of the two groups. Elder responded that cost-benefit is needed, but would unlikely be generated by Faculty Senate as the time and expertise is not there. Christensen reiterated that without that sort of cost-benefit information he would find it difficult to respond.

The Chancellor next suggested that the people who would be able to start making a cost-benefit analysis would be the people on the sustainability task force. AVC Totten wanted to know if these resolutions were absolute, or sentiments of interest. In addition it would help if Conley knew who on Faculty Senate should be contacted to facilitate the communication of these issues.

Elder communicated that these resolutions are not prescriptive that he recognized that in order to be implemented some flexibility was expected. Elder and Conley will need to meet to sort out the contact details, and to help set the agenda for further discussion. Sollars communicated that one of the most involved senators in these resolutions (M. Marx) is now a member of the task force. There is also a new senator who has been a member of the sustainability task force (R Lomneth).

The Chancellor then conveyed his sense of a helpful resolution on this topic that the Faculty Senate will work with SVC Conley and his task force identifying priorities for the campus, and assisting where possible with cost analysis and so on. The Chancellor is also aware that some on the task force have met with students, who have recommended initiatives, or who are going to start projects of their own. But in some cases it might be better to not do on their own since it could be included in a bigger collaborative project. Sollars stated that an acceptable response to these resolutions could have been that they had been forwarded to the sustainability task force. At the time these resolutions were passed, the Senate may have only just become aware that this task force existed. The intent of the resolution is recommendation. Elder summarized his understanding that these resolutions are sent to the task force and that he will be following up with SVC Conley and working with the taskforce.

SVC Hynes suggested that when resolutions are generated, it would be helpful that they be articulated at a level that is not so specific, and also not so generalizable that they go to the other extreme. Hynes continued that it was not self evident that these sustainability resolutions are recommendations, and that they are not intended to be dealt with very specifically. In other resolutions throughout the past year, they have been specifically intended, and the response has been specific. She was concerned that if the faculty on the senate and beyond understands that resolutions are specific, and that if the response that is returned is general, then there would be a loss of credibility and trust. An alternative would be for the resolutions to be stated at a generic
level that gets the issue on the table, and finds the right place for the issue (in this case sustainability) to be considered, and with some examples that are suggestive. Elder indicated that the resolutions are part of a democratic process, and would convey those sentiments. The Chancellor did not want individuals who had worked hard to develop these proposals to think that nothing was being done when that is not the case. Elder stated that ultimately people would look for actions. Hynes indicated the importance of both groups working together.

Sollars commented that there are times when the Faculty Senate is asked to be more specific, as for example with the Statutory Leave policy. It is important that there be an understanding in this group that these resolutions are to be considered; that the committees developing these resolutions have worked a long time on these issues, and that they are made specific since these are items that the committee has found to be particularly relevant. Still at the level that we turn them over to the administration, they are still recommendations. The Senate is looking for some action on the topic.

Sollars doubted that anyone or committee would be discouraged by a response such as “Yes these are interesting, thank you very much; we are going to have a task force look at these”. The task force now has very specific things that are of interest to the faculty that they can work on.

SVC Hynes agreed that the process had worked well with the Statutory Leave policy, and that the faculty had been the right group to revise the wording and finalize the policy. The level of specificity was less in the Statutory Leave policy than in the sustainability resolutions. What gave SVC Hynes pause on the sustainability resolutions was that they address very specific issues. It could be that as the task force looks at these, that they may find another issue that is not addressed here that may serve as a foundation for these issues. At several meetings recently the issue of conservation of utilities has been bought up. Hynes expressed concern in hearing that the Faculty Senate committee activities had come to a halt. These are important issues, which is why SVC Conley had established a task force. Sollars explained that the reason she understood that committee had come to a halt was for more specificity in looking at a cost-benefit analysis.

The Chancellor affirmed that one of the functions of this group was to have these conversations, so that issues can be directed to appropriate places on this campus. There are likely to always be questions as to how we respond in a meaningful way.

**Resolution 2909 (UNO Disaster).** Elder raised the question as to the status of emergency planning since he had not been at the meeting in 2008 (June 20) and with the forthcoming move of AVC Robinson to Wichita later this summer. Robinson responded that this was a topic begun with former FS President Scott Tarry. Robinson was looking for faculty representation on a standing committee to discuss how academic delivery would continue in a long-term event (measles outbreak or a pandemic) where the campus was shut down for longer than an ice storm or snow day. The question [for the faculty senate] was if there were available a faculty member interested in a long term commitment. This process is now in the hands of Stan Schleifer and John Amend as the continuing incident command personnel to determine the structure of that command. The need for faculty representation was passed onto FS President Sollars last fall. All the different forms of academic delivery that takes place need to be considered; including animal labs, on-line,
traditional lecture, and internships. There may be students in another state who are not affected by the local situation. The administrative structure is already in place with the business calamity planning process. How documentation is performed, payment of bills, food delivery to the student center is only part of the equation. The other piece is how you continue to deliver the academic content, or how to restart the enterprise after a longer term shutdown has occurred. That is what the faculty would need to establish. There is guidance from the state so it is not all new. Chancellor Christensen suggested that the Faculty senate ought to have a crisis advisory team; that when these things happen, the University established team contacts the University established campus teams, which then talk to people in business and management, or in the faculty senate. What we don’t have at this point is a team that can then get on the phone (all of this is mandated by the state) to talk to the Faculty Senate for their advice in the event that the University would need to be closed. Robinson stated that the incident command structure has formal sub groups, but does not have one for the academic view. SVC Hynes asked if the sub groups could have faculty representation to accomplish this goal. When the crisis hits there will not be time for discussion; the decisions will need to be made. For example a faculty representative should be on an IT task force because delivery will depend on the status of the IT facility; can we get Blackboard up? Robinson indicated that that would work, but the dilemma is that nobody wants to make that a permanent piece. The appointment needs to be permanent or long term since if faculty rotate on a three year term then there is always training going on. There is also no continuing knowledge base that comes forward. SVC Hynes indicated that a standing committee could still have rotating members and could be accomplished with faculty on the subcommittees. There may be separate issues associated with turnover, but our ability to do what is needed will be guided by state rules in this issue.

Elder acknowledged that this was an issue that needs to be addressed early on.

The Chancellor related that this is an issue on other NU campuses, and that no person is operating alone; they are going to have to have a group that they can go to. Robinson’s concerns are valid since if the people are constantly changing, the newcomers will not know what the parameters are in terms of making the decisions, since there are some very specific parameters about attendance and indicators that change the questions that need to be asked. It would be a good idea for a representative of the Faculty Senate to sit on the emergency or crisis planning team generally. What they will be doing is what everyone else on that team is doing; they will be called together so that they will be in contact with their group. That group will need to have the information on the decision rules given the circumstance, which is the training necessary. Do we need to go through the time and effort to train a new set of people every three years? This position will take a lot of time. For example, the chancellor, who is not a member of the crisis team, but needs to understand their advice, has already had three full days of training at the state level, and additional follow-on information subsequently. It is a serious commitment.

Sollars asked if there were the possibility for release time for that position. The Chancellor answered that that would be a college, a financial, and a programmatic issue. If the Deans are asked to release someone to serve on a
committee, the answer is probably no. Since the service would likely result in \( \frac{1}{4} \) of that person’s load, the answer is probably no.

Robinson volunteered to meet with Elder to review what it is that they do; what the structure is, and what they do to provide a better sense of what is needed of a faculty representative. Robinson stated that the prescribed structure does not have a faculty widget. They are contacted. The administration needs some expertise coming forward which they do not have.

SVC Hynes indicated with the long history of shared governance on this campus that this could be realized with people who know what the needs are going to be if we would need to close the campus. What do we need to know about the delivery of instruction from a faculty perspective, about research or service projects? What do we need to know that will help make the decisions, beyond what the teams know now? Looking at the ideas early would help in deciding if they could be implemented when the need arises.

Elder asked if this wouldn’t be information gotten from the Deans? No, some of it needs to come from the grassroots level.

The Chancellor suggested that the logical person to serve would be the Faculty Senate President. They already have their contact lists. Their function would be to be the traffic cop in case something does happen. That does not take a lot of [preparation] time. It is part of the Faculty Senate business for which the president has release time. Maybe the Faculty Senate, instead of having a specific committee would instead have a go-to list depending on the incident. For example in the case of loss of power for an extended time, the list would include people working with animals so that the administration would know that certain labs would need to be powered up earlier due to the animals.

d. Other:

The Chancellor announced that there is a new MOU (memorandum of understanding) between the Foundation, the Alumni Association and the Campus. The goal is to limit duplication of effort, and to capitalize on the expertise that exists in those organizations. A different committee structure has been established with representatives of all three groups. (At today’s EC&C meeting, Faculty Senate President tasked the Goals & Directions Committee, Senator D. Paterson, Chair, with looking into this MOU. The Senate Coordinator, S. Bishop, will find and send copies of this MOU to all members of the EC&C."

The Chancellor also reported that the Iowa outreach trip with the Deans and which Elder was part of – representing Faculty Senate, was well received with lots of positive feedback; at least equivalent to an earlier outreach trip to West Point, Norfolk, and Columbus. The Chancellor mentioned this since with budget cutbacks, it will be important to maintain enrollment, and faculty and staff are very important to the recruitment process. Increased creativity in this regard may be needed. Some faculty have related how dual enrollment also serves that purpose. History has collected some data, and the percentage of students then entering their program is impressive. There could be a future brainstorming meeting on ways to get the faculty more involved in the recruitment process.

June 12 for budget is when the Regents will make the decision on approval of salary, approval of other benefits issues, and approval of tuition. The chancellor anticipates very specific rules to come from Central Administration. He mentioned several other items that he expected could
occur. [They are not reported here since they are only speculative and immaterial until the BOR makes their decision.] He reported that Julie Totten is working on various scenarios of tuition increase for the Deans and people in the non-academic units so they have some sense of what they could need to be doing. The Chancellor said that they are prepared, except that the problem with the process is that it is so late in the fiscal year. Once the Regents decide, the administration will be very busy until July 1 to finalize the budget. There has been “what-if” planning all along including by the Deans. Next year may be similar, but it depends on the economy. It is important to be patient and stay calm.

The Chancellor thanked the new faculty to this group for agreeing to serve, and for our council. This group along with the SAC are vital to shared governance.


There was only one agenda item: Salary Guidelines Discussion. This discussion took the two hours leaving no time and little appetite among participants for the Roundtable (a regular feature where participants share some news – e.g. Deans brag about the neat things happening in their college). The discussion concerned two topics.

a. Governor Heineman signed LB533 on May 26. The state is tightening up its reimbursement requirements effective May 27. Everyone should have received an email concerning this on May 28th.

b. President Milliken will be allocating funds for a 1.5% salary increase (all faculty, staff and administrators on all campuses). Note that for UNO faculty, salary increases will be consistent with the collective bargaining process. In addition, the University of Nebraska will provide benefits-eligible employees with expanded life insurance coverage equal to the amount of the employee's annual base salary, up to a maximum of $120,000, fully paid by the university. The university will also pay the annual increase in employee health insurance premiums so participating employees will not have to pay more for the health insurance.

Accompanying this allocation are the University of Nebraska Salary & Benefit Increase Guidelines for 2009-10. Discussion of this document took most of the allotted time. The main points were:

i. Funds are not allocated for across the board increases.

ii. The purpose of the funds is to address competitiveness issues for employees with meritorious performance.

iii. There should be individuals who receive 0% increase. There was much discussion of the 0% issue as regards employee morale. Mollie Anderson (Director, Human Resources) described strategies that Administrators can use to determine how the salary increase money is disbursed.

3. Written Acknowledgements for Resolutions:

On May 27, 2009 Nancy Castilow, Assistant to the Chancellor, wrote Resolution 2897: (amended: Student Statutory Leave) Accepted
Resolution 2962: (amended: Informing Faculty and Staff of provision of the Long-Term Disability Policy) Accepted
Resolution 2963: (Ana Carballal as New A&S Senator) Acknowledged
Resolution 2964: (Resolution of Appreciation) Acknowledged
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Resolution 2975: (Proposed School of Interdisciplinary Informatics within IS&T) Accepted
Resolution 2976: (Standing Committee Membership) Acknowledged
Resolution 2977: (Membership on various campus committees) Acknowledged
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*2962 (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 4/10/09: “With regard to the second resolution, he would ask Vice Chancellor Conley to review how these benefits are currently communicated to faculty and staff, with follow up as he deems appropriate.”) (Resolution was passed as amended at 5/13/09 full Senate meeting, and accepted by Administration on 5/27/09)

*2961 (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 4/10/09: “The chancellor acknowledges receipt of the resolutions, but suggests that the Senate may want to make a call to Central Administration to inquire about the existence of the U-Wide Benefits Committee, under whose auspices, this might normally fall. There may be no need to establish a separate task force if this committee, or a subgroup, is active, and would entertain an examination of the existing disability benefit procedure.”) (The Faculty Senate Admin Tech notified the UNO rep to that committee, David Corbin, on 4/9/09. He replied on 4/12/09: “The NU Benefits Committee will be meeting on April 16. I will bring the two resolutions to their attention. It does seem that the Benefits Committee should be able to handle the issues without a new committee, but I'll wait and see what kind of response I get.”)

*2044 (From the EC & Admin Mtg 1/21/09: The Chancellor supports the concept in Resolution 2944 on funding an UCRCA budget line but opined we wouldn’t get it during the years of budgetary problems.)

*2937 (From the EC & Admin Mtg 12/17/08: Vice Chancellor Hynes asked F.S. President to send the Task Force’s final report.) (From the EC & Admin Mtg 1/21/09: Vice Chancellor Hynes promised to look over the materials on the Common Course Evaluation. There is a form from a previous incarnation of the task force. The recommendations, as reviewed, need to be implemented.) (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 2/20/09: Acknowledged and referred to Vice Chancellor Hynes for review. VC Hynes acknowledges receipt of final report; review in process.)

*2931 (From the EC & Admin Mtg 1/21/09: Senator Sollars gave Wade Robinson a list of faculty willing and qualified to comment on “Shots Fired” While Robinson says all the feedback he has received has been positive, faculty senators reported that students who had viewed the video were not impressed.) (From Wade Robinson via e-mail on 2/16/09: “The Shots Fired issue is resolved based on the wording listed.”) (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 2/20/09: Acknowledge receipt of resolution and list of faculty educators to Assoc. VC Wade Robinson. Robinson reports that presentations to large campus groups is essentially completed with no further presentations scheduled. No additional action required.) (From Wade Robinson via e-mail on 2/24/09: “Based on the information you gave me I have contacted a person at NASP to learn more about their PREPaRE program and learn about the program structure and costs. I have also contacted De. Scott Pollard to get program and cost information as well and hope to hear from both in the near future. I will also be communicating the UNO faculty you provided as well.”)

*2930 (At the EC & Admin Mtg 11/19/08: VC Conley said that there were a number of components of Resolution 2930, as written, that needed further consideration.) (At the EC & Admin Mtg 1/21/09: Vice Chancellor Conley reported that B. J. Reed was working with MAT and that there will be an integrated campus parking plan. The Regents will be asked to extend the contract with Crossroads. There was some discussion of providing bicycles for students to go between campuses.) (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 2/20/09: Acknowledge receipt and forward to Vice Chancellor Conley for additional review and implementation as feasible.) (5/5/09 From SAC V.P. Jeri Maxwell: SAC has voted and would like for you to know that we support Faculty Senate in their decision on resolutions 2930 & 2947. However we would like to suggest a slight word change in Resolution 2930. “WHEREAS single-use motorized vehicular transport has a detrimental effect on the environment and a negative impact on finances via the cost of fuel.” We would rather it say something like “Single person motorized vehicular transport”...)

*2909 6/20/08 EC&A Mtg: 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 in there is a specific senate committee that could do this or if there is a need to develop a committee outside the senate. See Minutes of Exec Committee and Cabinet 7/9/2008 for further information: http://www.unomaha.edu/facsen/minutes/2008_2009/07_08_minutes.php

*2899 EC&A Mtg April 16, 2008. The Chancellor responded to the Senate’s recently passed resolution regarding the University’s day-care facility. He was primarily concerned about the Senate’s recommendation that UNO develop a lab school as part of the day-care facility, since this represents a significant departure from what the university is doing and would require a substantial investment of resources. He pointed out that the original goal was to develop a day-care that would meet national accreditation standards. The differences between day-care and preschool curricula and facilities was discussed. The administration agreed to provide the Senate with information about the current day-care operation and also agreed to work with the Senate and Student Government to explore the issue if that is desired.

*2897 (From the 3/19/08 EC & Admin Mtg: The Senate’s resolution concerning Civil Duty/Jury Duty was well received by administration. Before the administration places the language in the undergraduate and graduate catalogs, they plan to check existing policy and AAUP agreements to assure the language was not conflicting. For example, there was a brief discussion of whether the policy infringes on the faculty members right to determine the grade for a course.) (From the 10/15/08 EC & Admin Mtg: One example was Resolution 2897, 3/12/08, on civil duty
leave allowances for students. Associate Vice Chancellor Robinson asserted that such arrangements, on a case by case basis, are faculty decisions. (At the 11/19/08 EC & Admin Mtg: The Chancellor handed off Resolution 2897 [Civil Leaves for Students] to VC Hynes. Apparently, some stipulations of the Resolution are contrary to University policy.) (At the 1/21/09 EC & Admin Mtg: The Administration informed the Executive Committee that some faculty regard a uniform policy on student civil leave (Res. 2897) as interference in academic freedom. Consultation with the AAUP was suggested and Vice Chancellor Hynes said she would speak with the University Counsel. Senator Sollars will discuss the issue with the other Senate presidents at the Regents meeting.) (From the Chancellor via Nancy Castilow sent in an e-mail 2/20/09: Issue was referred to University Legal Counsel by administration. Discussion revealed incongruence of language relating to definition of civil leave between senate resolution and federal statute. Recommended initial action: Bring resolution language into compliance with statute language defining civil leave.) (Resolution was passed as amended by full Senate on 5/13/09 and accepted by Administration as amended on 5/27/09)

B. Treasurer’s Budget Report for May 2009 was presented by Senator Laquer.

1. Budget Advisory Task Force had no report. The EC&C asked the Senate Coordinator to contact Senator M. Bacon, a member of that committee, and request reports each time the Task Force meets.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

There were no reports from the Standing Committees. The Professional Development Committee Interim Chair, E. Tisko, announced that the new Chair will be Senator Benjamin-Alvarado.

V. Non-Senate Committee Reports

Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON) met on May 9, 2009. Senator Paterson reported the meeting was held at Eiseley Branch Library in Lincoln. Those present were: Dwayne Ball, president, representing ACLU Nebraska and the Nebraska Association of Scholars; Robert Brooke, webmaster, representing Nebraska Writing Project; Karen Buckley, secretary, representing Nebraska Educational Media Association; Nancy Comer, past president representing Nebraska State Reading Association; Bob Haller, representing UNL chapter of the American Association of University Professors; Mark Karpf, representing Nebraska High School Press Association; Cathi McMurtry, AFCON treasurer; Dave Moshman, policy coordinator; Laurie Lee, representing UNL Faculty Senate; Susan Oles, representing Nebraska English/Language Arts Council; Doug Paterson, past president-, representing the Faculty Senate at UNO; Rod Wagner, representing the Nebraska Center for the Book

   Opening: Ball called the board meeting to order at 10:12.

   Minutes: (Buckley) The minutes of the April 11 meeting were approved upon a motion by Brooke and a second by Haller.

   Treasurer’s Report: (McMurtry) AFCON’s treasury has a balance of $2096.84, as of May 8. AFCON has 33 paid and two guest individual members and 11 paid and two in-kind organization members current with dues. The treasurer’s report was filed for audit.

   President’s Report: Ball noted that Moshman had written a letter on Mark Vasina’s behalf but needed some details for clarity. Vasina has not yet responded to the e-mail with questions, so the letter is being held for a response. Haller remarked that he had been in touch with Vasina and the event, which included showing the documentary on White Clay went well.

   Newsletter: (Black) The deadline for the June 19 issue is May 25. Legislative Report: Adair sent a note requesting that members e-mail stories demonstrating the need for passing a student expression bill.

   Policy Coordinator: Dave Moshman goes to NYC to consult on definitions of Academic Freedom.
Membership Reports:
• Karpf reported that the Nebraska High School Press Association would be meeting Monday and the student expression bill would be an agenda item.
• Brooke, NELAC, aid that the next issue of the English Journal would focus on academic freedom.
• Buckley said that the next issue of NEMA would contain an article on the student expression bill and board members will discuss the bill at their July meeting.
• Comer said that Adair will attend the summer meeting of the Nebraska Reading Council to discuss the student expression bill.
• Lee noted that the UNL Faculty Senate is considering sponsoring a conference on academic freedom.
• Wagner said that the student expression bill would be discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Center for the Book on May 16.

Old Business:
Haller said that the Eleanor Roosevelt event went well April 25. AFCON was a cosponsor of the event. Discussion then turned to the annual meeting, with Bill Ayers as the featured speaker. Questions were raised concerning a site, whether to have a meal as is the usual custom, what expenses might be incurred and additional sources of funding. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

VI. Old Business

A. The following resolution, to be completed, was moved by Senator Holley for the Rules Committee. It passed.

Resolution 2984, 5/13/09(completed 6/3/09): Appointment of Chair of the Cabinet

BE IT RESOLVED, that according to the Constitution of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Article IV, the senate president appoints the following senator as 2009-2010 Chair of the Cabinet:

Jan Boyer, to replace Senator Noble.

B. The following resolution was moved by Senator Holley for the Rules Committee. It passed.

Resolution 2990, 6/3/09: Graduate Council Representative:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate president appoints the following member of the Graduate Council to be the liaison between the 2009-2010 Faculty Senate and the Graduate Council for a one-year term from 5/14/09 through 5/12/10:

Edmund Tisko, to replace Frederic Laquer.

VII. New Business

A. Senator Boyer moved on behalf of the UNO Parking Committee and Senator Holley seconded the following. After a short discussion it was remanded to the Faculty Personnel and Welfare Committee, chaired by J. Erikson. S. Bishop, Faculty Senator
Coordinator, was directed to be sure he receives a copy of this and the committee charge.

UNO Parking Committee Proposal on Events Parking Calendar and Parking

WHEREAS, UNO units schedule many worthwhile events that result in additional vehicles parking on campus, and these additional vehicles create parking conflicts that could be reduced by better exchange of information and more careful planning, and

WHEREAS, the UNO Events Calendar is available for listing campus events,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that one person from each campus unit be assigned the responsibility of listing all unit events that will increase the number of vehicles parked on campus on the UNO Events Calendar, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a mechanism be developed for units whose events will bring more than 50 vehicles to campus to provide this information to the Campus Police, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Campus Security use this information to facilitate parking for these events, and to advise event organizers of changes in the location or time of their events that would reduce parking conflicts.

B. The EC&C chose to keep the dates of the July and August 2009 EC&C meetings as scheduled (July 1 and August 5). This may change later in the summer as vacations are planned and quorums must be met.

C. The EC&C began planning for the Retreat, to be held August 19, 2009. Guest speakers to be invited are Sr. Vice Chancellor Hynes and Interim Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Research Maher. Chancellor Christensen has already been invited to speak and has accepted.

D. The EC&C asked the Faculty Senate Coordinator to contact NU President Milliken’s office to invite him to speak at the September 9, 2009, Faculty Senate meeting. This would be for a short presentation and an extended question and answer period (total of 45 minutes) before the meeting begins.

E. It was suggested that the EC&C meet in the soon to be completed conference room in the Criss Library Faculty area. Senator Boyer, a Library faculty member, will check when the Library will begin to take reservations for the room. While on this subject the EC&C suggested that full Senate meetings be held in different buildings on this campus and south campus. Some suggestions were conference rooms in the new CPACS building and in PKI.

F. The EC&C ended the meeting by discussing how to better hold meetings, especially with the Administration. Some suggestions were to work on presenting things more in a positive manner than negative, just ask if anyone has any problems with any of the resolutions listed, mention the numbers of resolutions that should not be problematic while naming titles of any resolutions that must be discussed, etc.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. with announcements.