Present: Barone, Erickson, Laquer, Marx, Siy

Excused: Bartle, Benjamin-Alvarado, Elder, Mitchell

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

II. The July 14, 2010 Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Laquer reported

1. Enrollment Status
   The July 13 and August 10 Enrollment Management Steering Committee
   meetings were cancelled.
   Fall 2010 Enrollment Update (as of 8-02-10)
   Total Fall 2010 graduate head count: 2,388 or -183 off Fall 2009 pace
   (part-time graduate is down -147).
   Total Fall 2010 undergraduate head count: 11,158 or +10 ahead of Fall
   2009 pace
   Total Fall 2010 Head Count: 13,546 (-173 or -1.26% behind Fall 2009)
   Total Fall 2010 Credit Hours: 151,873 (-1334 or -.87% behind Fall 2009)
   Updated ones are expected Aug 9.

2. Board of Regents Meeting: June 11, 2010, Varner Hall. (Note: details are in the
   Executive Committee and Cabinet minutes for July 14. Some highlights.)
   Provost Pratt noted significant financial aid resources. During a presentation
   on the success of Thompson Scholars, (GPA has been comparable to other campus
   freshman at 3.0/4) she noted apparent U-wide grade inflation.
   The proposal for increased tuition was for 6%, with 4% added to the base
   budget, and 2% to be retained for u-wide projects. There will be no salary increase
   for non-AAUP faculty and staff. The funds for salary increases due to collective
   bargaining will be coming from internal reallocations on those campuses (UNO and
   UNK). Similarly the O&M costs of new buildings (UNO Mammel Hall) will also be
   obtained by internal reallocations. A 6% increase in financial aid was also proposed.
   Chris Kabourek (Assistant VP and Director of Budget) made a presentation of the
   University budget.
   Following that several regents made comments. Regent Ferlic noted that
   “our shared governance presents us with some opportunities, and some
   pitfalls”, but the dialogs at the BoR meetings are about capital expenditures
   and administrative activities. “I think that we need a better dialog with the
   Academy about how we are going to manage these things because that is
   where the vast amount of our resources go to”. He continued “I don’t think
we have a meaningful dialog with the Academy. To have them participate or to tell us all of the impact on curriculum, and what part of the curriculum can be altered. We have 14,000 some courses in the University, and about 70% of our regular funds go to that endeavor. So I think that while we sit here contemplating these other things and cuts, I think we need more engagement by the Academy, to have a meaningful dialog as to how they are going to help us solve this problem. That is not a criticism of the Academy.” “… the message “reaches the chancellor and the administration but it really doesn’t reach where it should be” … “where individuals are working from the bottom up to find out if what they are doing really warrants the type of support they’ve got. Now I don’t want to design the curriculum or anything like that.” … [looking at the Faculty Senate Presidents] “That’s your job. But I think you really need to start dialoging amongst yourselves and with us, because otherwise we’re going to face big problems.”

Regent Phares stated that there is no greater priority than for their two major committees, Academic Affairs and Business Affairs Committees, to manage the cost effectiveness of the University system. Regent Hassebrook noted several areas that should be looked at:

1) “look at cases where we have low enrollment courses and how we can find ways to work on line” … “a professor in a course with five students is one of the inefficiencies that we could find a way to tackle.” 2) some decades ago we looked at “professors going from teaching 9 credit hours to 6, and it is a legitimate question to ask if that should be the goal in every department, if every department has to be a research oriented department, or whether some departments could have teaching be their priority.” … “Because what’s really happening is we have tenured faculty now who teach six hours, but we fill it in by hiring a lot of adjuncts. It may make more sense to look at whether that six hour requirement really fits every department.”

Regent Hawks stated “As we all know, we’ve been beating on the cost effectiveness drum for several years, and I know under cost pressures the university campuses have had to make some progress; we’ve never been able to discern the kind of progress at the regents level that we have sought. Part of that may be communication, part of that may be we’re not getting as much done as we would plan to expect. So I would urge us as a board to have some specific processes going on, at least in Business Affairs and in Academic Affairs as well”… “so we have an intense focus on this over the next two years.

In the afternoon, the 2010-11 University budget which included a 6% tuition increase was approved, with only Regent Ferlic dissenting. Items from the discussion separate from the morning presentation, and relevant to UNO follow. Regent Clare recognized the challenges and wanted efficiencies and quarterly reports – no stone left unturned. Regent Ferlic explained his opposition to the increase expressing concern about student debt. He also did not believe that the economy would grow at 7%. Ferlic also “wants to send a message, particularly to the Faculty.” Student Regent Klutman (UNMC) expressed concerns that increasing student debt would impact post graduation decisions of jobs to take, for example working in Kansas City instead of North Platte since the pay would be greater, or not becoming a primary care physician for the same reason. Regent Whitehouse was troubled about a budget with no salary increase for the employees, and that there would still need to be reallocations and cuts. He was pleased with the increases in financial aid. Regent Hassebrook recalled the “bad old days” when tuition had to be raised in double digits, and again stated that we need to look at efficiencies in how we teach. Student Regent
Solomon (UNL) expressed concern on the increases in student fees, often not covered by scholarships. Student Regent Crabb (UNO) supported the increase, stated that even with the tuition increase the cost of education especially at UNO was extremely affordable for what you get. Regent Hawks again pushed for looking hard for efficiencies at the campus level and between the campuses.

President Milliken made a few closing comments, noting that the afternoon meeting was live streamed, but the morning committee hearings had not been. 1) The University of Nebraska on each of its campuses remains a great value, significantly priced lower than its peers. 2) Well over half of our students receive some financial aid. 3) There are four elements critical to the future of the University: a) affordable access to higher education (which includes the tuition rate with moderate and predictable increases); b) availability of financial aid, c) cost effectiveness of the institution; and d) the lynchpin, which is a stable base of state support, we are a public university and provide great benefit to the state. “For the University of Nebraska to continue to provide a very high quality education, at a reasonable tuition rate, requires an investment by the State of Nebraska.”

Regent Hawks cautioned that with K-12 and post secondary education being $2.2B of the $3.4B state budget, or 67% of the state budget, given the size of the shortfall, there will be an impact.

The meeting ended with a closed session to discuss (a) Collective Bargaining strategy session; and (b) Proposed private gifts to the University of Nebraska Foundation for the benefit of the University.

3. **Board of Regents Meeting:** August 17, 2010, Varner Hall (via Polycom) and UNO. Agenda pending (2010 Aug 9).

4. **Alumni Association:** [http://unoalumni.org](http://unoalumni.org) June 14. Met with Elizabeth Kramer and Kent Levine (SAC). She wants to see offices and lobby areas decorated for Homecoming, Sept 27 to Oct 2. Some departments have booths or tailgate parties on game day morning (Oct 2). Mailing list records of alumni are now managed by the NU Foundation. In order to have departmentally specific activities involving alumni, adequate lead time is required.

5. **Executive Committee and Administration (EC&Admin.) Meeting:** May 19, 2010 details are in the Executive Committee and Cabinet minutes for June 16.

6. **Executive Committee and Administration (EC&Admin.) Meeting:** June 16, 2010 (Note: details are in the Executive Committee and Cabinet minutes for July 14. Some highlights.)

   Changes to the Budget Advisory Task Force and merging with the Strategic Planning Steering Committee were discussed. SVC Hynes and VC Conley are co-chairing the change. All constituencies will be contacted, so everyone will have representation on the outcome. President Laquer had submitted a draft recommendation of the proposed membership.

   [From the Agenda, not discussed in detail during the meeting]

   BATF membership is here:
   
   http://www.unomaha.edu/budgetadvisorytf/tabs/members/members.php

   and Strategic Planning Steering Committee is here
   

   Size no more than 10, needs to be a manageable size.

   Suggested Membership (1st draft):
   
   1. Faculty (3) Selected as follows:
a. Senior Professor with long UNO experience (of Meredith Bacon's stature; she is currently a member of both committees and is willing to continue.)

b. Executive committee of Faculty Senate representative (John Bartle is acceptable).

c. Associate level or higher Professor with 10+ years at UNO, prior broad committee service or exposure to multiple colleges.

The final Faculty representation should be broad, and include one from A&S and the other two from other colleges (Education, Business). (See strategic framework for insight as to who and why).

2. Deans (2). The A&S Dean (largest college) and a second academic Dean, not from a college with a Faculty representative so as to increase College diversity and keep the committee size manageable.

3. Administration (3); Academic, Business, and someone with long tenure at UNO (10 years) and broad knowledge of the history of UNO and the strategic plan.

4. Staff (1) From SAC.

5. Student (1) Student Regent or active junior.

6. Community (1) From the Campaign for Nebraska coordinating committee.

7. Ex-officio recording secretary to generate minutes so process is transparent, and constituencies are kept informed as criteria are developed and decisions made.

The status on the Community Engagement Program Statement process is ongoing. The thought is to bring the Statement to the BoR in September/October, so completion of the Statement would probably be the end of July/early August. Fund raising will not move along until the Statement is completed. The majority of donors will need to see the Program Statement before moving forward. When asked about new curricula being designed, both Chancellor Christensen and SVC Hynes indicated that they knew of no curricular issues; but that this was to be a place to bring together people who do like things.

Business practices on campus were discussed. The Colleges of Education, Business and IS&T, and some other areas, do have professional Business Managers. The other colleges seem to make do with secretaries, chairpersons, etc., who do their best, but are not professional accountants and there are worries that some things will fall through the cracks. A good business manager can not only prevent problems, but may also generate new opportunities. V.C. Conley agreed that business practices on campus need to be strengthened.

The group was reminded of the BoR policy regarding Outside Employment (BoR Bylaws 3.4.5 [http://nebraska.edu/docs/board/bylaws.pdf](http://nebraska.edu/docs/board/bylaws.pdf)) for UNO employees/faculty with a printed copy. All respective constituency groups (Deans, etc) also have received a copy of the pertinent section. SVC Hynes also reminded the group that there is a campus policy regarding Conflicts of Interest. [Possible document referenced: [http://www.unomaha.edu/policies/docs/conflictofinterest.pdf](http://www.unomaha.edu/policies/docs/conflictofinterest.pdf)] Discussion centered on review of procedures, etc. Harmon Maher and Scott Snyder will work on the revision of UNO’s Conflict of Interest Policy, especially regarding research, development, intellectual property, etc.

7. **Executive Committee and Administration (EC&Admin.) Meeting:** July 21, 2010 cancelled. Chancellor and SVC out of town. Student billing has been changes with the new NESis.
8. **Chancellor’s Council:** May 27, 2010 (full details are in the June 2 minutes, Some highlights.)

   A Supervisor training program has been developed. A mobile platform for smart phones for UNO’s web site is under development. A “Social Media Policy” is under development along with HR, SAC, and Student Government. [Dr. Juan Casas, Psychology, is the Faculty Representative].

9. **Chancellor’s Council:** June 24, 2010 (Note: full details are in the Executive Committee and Cabinet minutes for July 14. Some highlights.)

   A new policy for staff allowing 0.8 FTE with full benefits is pending. A budget advisory subset of the Strategic Planning Committee is being developed by SVC Hynes and VC Conley. The Chancellor acknowledged the proposal of the FS on the makeup of that committee presented at the June 16 EC&A meeting.

   There was no Chancellor’s Council meeting in July

10. **Chancellor & FS President Meetings:**

    June 29, 2010

    Laquer communicated his goals for the year:

    1. To be a strong advocate for our Faculty and their input as to the direction of the University.

    2. To maintain and improve Shared Governance. The reputation of the efficacy of the Faculty Senate is not as positive as I would like. Faculty are not interested in serving; see it as a chore. Some do not see the Senate as effective. Some of that is the perception that the faculty do not have much of a voice. Shared Governance is more than Faculty serving on a committee and who are presented with some action *fait accompli*. Minutes of these committees should be publically available without needing to ask. Examples: University Committee on Facilities Planning, University Committee on Athletics (membership unknown other than the Faculty Senate Appointees, Parking, Dean’s Forum (out of date) (U-Wide Fringe Benefits – not just UNO)

    3. To improve the image of the University and its Faculty to the greater Nebraska Community.

    Chancellor Christensen’s topics included legislative activities, topics to be discussed at the Presidents Council July 2, future growth of UNO student population, and his possible agenda for the Faculty Staff Picnic August 17 (recommended none since the occasion has people attending at staggered times, and it is generally an informal occasion.). The fall convocation may be a more appropriate occasion for discussion of serious issues.

    July 27, 2010

    The chancellor had just received notification of Dr. John Langan’s death.

    The staff option to reduce their workload to 0.8 FTE with full benefits will need approval by the Board of regents first.

    President Laquer shared a recent study on “Trends in College Spending, 1998-2008” by the Delta Cost Project, [http://www.deltacostproject.org/resources/pdf/Trends-in-College-Spending-98-08.pdf](http://www.deltacostproject.org/resources/pdf/Trends-in-College-Spending-98-08.pdf) that had been reported in the New York Times as “Share of College Spending for Recreation Is Rising.” The story had not made the Omaha press, but he thought the administration should be aware of it. Christensen thought Milliken might have shared it with the presidents.

    Laquer also shared a recent OWH article (July 26, p1D, “Omaha advised to boost level of annual exports.” and that there could be opportunities for UNO in the Global environment.

    Chancellor Christensen again shared the serious threat he sees to higher education
posed by the economic slowdown and some of the major problems with state funding; in California for example. The Midwest is different than the coasts, but faces similar problems. The big question is the proportion of state funding that goes to Higher Education in comparison to the increasing portion to Medicare, K-12, and prisons.

11. Deans Forum Summary: Current to July 1, 2010
http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/insidepages/deansforum.php
Note: had not been updated since March 4th posting
March 18 P-16 initiative, 120 hours for graduation.

12. Standards of Communication Mtg: No meeting, no report

13. Written Acknowledgements of Resolutions (& Table):

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*3034 (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 5/27/10) ‘Chancellor acknowledges receipt, will share its contents with the Strategic Planning Committee chairs, and suggests the Faculty Senate work with its representative to the
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Affiliated with FEMA and provides a standardized structure for organizations to coordinate incident management. (From the EC & Admin Mtg 11/19/08: 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)

One clarification related to Res. 2944, dealing with ongoing support of the UCRCA budget. I said that I was open to the concept and supportive of continued funding of the UCRCA budget, albeit we would need to review its funding during times of budget constraints, as we do with other such programs. The decision to fund and how much to fund remains the purview of the Office of Academic Affairs. I did not opine that the UCRCA budget line would automatically see no funding during years of budgetary problems.

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.

Follow-up by Sollars via e-mail: “Chancellor Christensen brought the matter to President Milliken who concurred with the Lotus direction suggested in the resolution.”

Relative to the minor language changes on 3013 (Plagiarism), the chancellor indicates that he would like Academic Affairs to share the policy with the academic deans at an upcoming meeting.

There was some discussion of providing bicycles for students to go between campuses. (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow)

The chancellor will discuss the resolution with Vice Chancellor Conley and Tim Kaldahl, University Relations.

The chancellor said he would bring up Senate Resolution 2928, 10/08/08, concerning seeking alternatives to Lotus Notes, with the President’s Council. John Fiene is aware of the problems and supports the direction suggested in the resolution.

Follow-up by Sollars via e-mail: “Chancellor Christensen brought the matter to President Milliken who concurred with the Lotus Notes problem, but said the matter needed to be deferred until after SIS implementation.”

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.

Executive Committee & Cabinet Minutes– 8/11/2010
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: See Minutes of Exec Committee and Cabinet 7/9/2008 for further information: http://www.unomaha.edu/facsen/minutes/2008_2009/08_7_minutes.php

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.

B. Treasurer’s Report: Senator Benjamin-Alvarado submitted the June and July 2010 Budget Reports which were accepted as submitted.

IV. Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON): Senator Mitchell
June 12, 2010  Abrahams Library, Omaha, Nebraska
Present: Peggy Adair, secretary, legislative liaison;  Laurie Thomas Lee, representing UNL Faculty Senate; Cathi McMurtry, treasurer; Carol Mitchell, representing UNO Faculty Senate; Linda Parker, president, representing Nebraska Library Association; Rod Wagner, president-elect, representing Nebraska Center for the Book

MINUTES
 President Parker called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. The minutes for the AFCON board meeting held on April 10, 2010 were approved upon a motion by Wagner and second by Lee. Minutes of the May 8, 2010 executive board meeting were distributed for review.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s report dated June 11, 2010 was reviewed and filed for audit. Balance on hand for June 11, 2010 is $2,777.07

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Parker reported her presentation at the Nebraska High School Press Association meeting in May was well-received. Twelve teachers indicated interest in attending a meeting with AFCON members some time in July, 2010 to discuss student expression issues. President Parker reminded board members that most of the AFCON documents can be accessed online at google.com. Our user name is afcon2010board@gmail.com. For the password, please contact President Parker.

President Parker reviewed the 2010 goals and timeline of activities. The 2010 Goals are: (1) Develop Membership Outreach Program, (2) Document the Student Expression Bill, (3) Plan Programs to Support Academic Freedom, and (4) Organize Afcon’s Records

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Adair reported she contacted Tom Green in Senator Haar’s office regarding strategy for LR 433. Green replied that the legislature’s education committee would be meeting soon to determine how they will approach their legislative resolutions, so we should wait until after that meeting to plan next steps. Adair reported she sent a follow-up email to Green on June 10, 2010 and has not heard back from him yet.
MEMBERSHIP REPORTS: Adair distributed a copy of Tom Black’s Public Pulse letter dated June 9, 2010. Adair also reported she sent an updated AFCON board directory via email to all board members.

ANNUAL MEETING: Wagner distributed a draft budget of the annual meeting. Motion by Adair, second by Mitchell, that AFCON will charge a registration fee of $35.00 for adults and $20.00 for students. After discussion the motion carried by voice vote. The board also discussed the possibility of soliciting donations for the event from AFCON organizational members and also from other relevant organizations.

JULY MEETING WITH TEACHERS: The board brainstormed parameters of the proposed July meeting with the teachers who indicated an interest at the NHSPA meeting. Following are some proposals the board arrived at by consensus: The purposes of the meeting shall be to obtain input from the teachers, and to inform the teachers of the research and background work AFCON has done thus far regarding the status of student expression in Nebraska. Input from teachers may include but not be limited to their personal stories of censorship, their concerns, any objections they may have to the current student expression bill, and their suggestions for improving the bill. The board proposed holding the meeting during the time of the next scheduled AFCON executive board meeting, **July 10, 2010**, at a Lincoln location to be determined. The board proposed inviting Senator Haar and his staff to attend the meeting. Parker will contact the teachers to see if this date/time is feasible for the majority of them.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK: Lee offered a motion that AFCON join with ACLU-Nebraska in co-sponsoring Banned Books Week event(s), if the ACLU board decides to take on this project for 2010. The motion also included a provision for AFCON to spend up to $100.00 in support of the Banned Books Week event(s). Mitchell offered a second to the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

After adjournment, Parker said she will email the AFCON board to solicit suggestions for 2010 Academic Freedom Awards to be presented at the annual meeting in November.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the **AFCON EXECUTIVE BOARD** will be on **Saturday, July 10, 2010**, in **Lincoln**. Exact time and place for this meeting depends upon the finalization of the proposed meeting with teachers on the same date.

The next meeting of the **AFCON BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will be **Saturday, September 11, 2010** at 10:00 a.m. in **Eiseley Library, Lincoln**.

**B. University Committee on Facilities** Senator Baguyos reported that in the past two years the University Committee on Facilities has met twice (maybe three times). It is often difficult to reconcile the preferred schedules of faculty and administration. The committee is comprised of administrators, faculty, and staff. Although faculty provide comments and input, the committee seems to function mostly as a reporting committee and not as a decision-making body requiring consideration of faculty input. The administrators in charge of facilities report on current projects, what they have planned, and what they would like to do. Highlights of the reports from administrators in the past meeting include the progress on Mammel Hall, HPER building, water main repairs to Dodge Street and the city of Omaha trying to bill UNO for the repairs, current building renovations such as the work being finished at the MBSC, the newly renovated visitor center, and parking on the south campus. There is still some uncertainty regarding the repurposing of the Education building. It looks like the UNO Community Engagement Center that is supposed to be erected between the Strauss Performing Arts Center and Criss Library is going to go forward. A parking garage to the south of Criss is proposed in order alleviate the loss of parking spaces. Wish lists include finishing the construction
of the Strauss Performing Arts Center (about 25% of the original architectural plans still needs to be implemented), a new UNO Child Care Center site and building is being investigated, and an addition to the Peter Kiewit Institute is being proposed to accommodate the growth and projected growth in programs. There is a very ambitious long-term wish list for UNO, but relative to UNL, UNO's wish list is nowhere near the mammoth project of UNL’s proposed Innovation Campus which seems to duplicate the mission of some of the facilities on UNO's south campus.

V. Old Business

A. Retreat Planning
   1. Retreat Schedule was discussed and included:
      a) Speakers Confirmed.
      b) UNO & Faculty Senate Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) and how can the Faculty Senate engage them
      c) Other retreat discussion topics

B. Chancellor Topics for Sept 8 Meeting:
   Preliminary topic list was discussed and included:
   Current Budget situation
   Integration of Strategic plan with Budget
   Vision for UNO past the next Biennium, 5 years, 10 years out

C. Mavlink update Senator Barone reported that mavlink Faculty Support Team members remind faculty that UNO has transitioned from E-BRUNO to mavlink over the summer. http://www.unomaha.edu/mavlink or https://mavlink.nebraska.edu
   A mavlink faculty support website has been created at http://www.unomaha.edu/mavlinkfaculty/. More than a dozen tutorials (pdf format) are available in the green box under “I want to:”
   Faculty who logged on to mavlink during the spring or early summer might have seen both a 'Faculty Center' and a 'PeopleSoft' button (and possibly a 'Staff' tab as well). These have now all been collapsed under the 'Faculty Center' button to eliminate navigating back and forth for faculty members who also serve as advisors. Screens will not have all of the advising functions for those who do not serve as advisors.
   In addition, DegreeWorks our new, improved degree audit system will be available via link on the mavlink portal in August. It clearly shows how the courses taken by a student have been applied toward their degree requirements. More importantly, DegreeWorks will inform students of remaining requirements yet to complete. In addition, DegreeWorks will enable students and faculty to do the following:
      Plan their courses with your advisee for a term or for their entire college career
      Link directly to course information from the audit
      View your advisee's class history
      Explore other degree, major, or minor options (What If)
   The website is continually being updated. Watch eNotes for more information, and if there are any questions, comments about the content, or concerns, contact one of the team members at mavlinkfaculty@unomaha.edu or contact a mavlink Faculty Support Team member directly: Timi Barone (tbarone@unomaha.edu), Tracy Bridgeford (tbridgeford@unomaha.edu), or Anita Saalfeld (anitasaalfeld@unomaha.edu).

E. Faculty Development Fellowships: SVC Hynes was emailed the following July 16.

Last year the Faculty Development Fellowship policy was changed at the last minute (e.g. after
the applications had been submitted) to only allow for a full year at half pay, causing many
successful applicants for the half-year at full pay FDF to decline their award. See Faculty Senate

1. What is the policy in place for Faculty Development Fellowship applications during the 2010-
2011 academic year for the 2011-2012 AY?
The application document http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/documents/fellowship.rtf
linked on this page http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/insidepages/fellowship.php
implies that both full year at half pay, and half year at full pay FDF options are available.
i also note that the policy information link referenced on the instruction page of the fellowship.rtf
document www.unomaha.edu/academicaffairs/fellow.php is broken.
2. Has a schedule of Faculty Development Fellowship application dates, etc. for the 2010-2011
AY been established and published?
Thank you.

VI. New Business

A. Temporary Replacement for Senator John Bonsell (was moved and seconded by
Senators Barone and Erickson and will be forwarded to the full Senate at next week’s
Faculty Senate Retreat)

BE IT RESOLVED, having been notified by Senator John Bonsell that he will be
unable to serve on the Faculty Senate for Fall 2010 due to a conflict, the External
Senators have caucused. Dr. Yong K Cho has agreed to be his temporary
replacement.

B. Resolution on Resignation Of Senator Adkins (was moved and seconded by Senators
Barone and Marx and will be forwarded to the full Senate at next week’s Faculty Senate
Retreat)

BE IT RESOLVED, on August 2, 2010, Senator Randall Adkins submitted his
resignation from the Senate effective August 2, 2010 to serve as Chair of the
Department of Political Science. ________________ has agreed to complete his
term which ends May 08, 2013.

C. Resolution on the Passing of John T. Langan, long time University of Nebraska
professor, and department chairman, Dean of the College of Education, and Faculty
Senate President (was moved and seconded by Senators Barone and Marx and will be
forwarded to the full Senate at next week’s Faculty Senate Retreat)

WHEREAS John T. Langan had a forty-four year connection with the University of
Nebraska as a student to Dean of the College of Education, and

WHEREAS, John T. Langan volunteered as an assistant coach with the first
woman’s softball team marking the beginning of varsity athletics for women at the
University of Nebraska at Omaha, and

WHEREAS John T. Langan served as the first Coordinator of the Office of Student
Services, and
WHEREAS John T. Langan served as, chairman of the Teacher Education Department, professor, and
WHEREAS John T. Langan was Faculty Senate President from 1978 to 1980, and
WHEREAS John T. Langan served as the Coordinator of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and
WHEREAS John T. Langan was committed to quality teacher training in college to the extent he designed a teacher mentoring program and prepared thousands of new teachers for the classroom, and
WHEREAS John T. Langan began the Career Advancement Development for Recruits and Experienced Teacher (CADRE) project, and
WHEREAS John T. Langan was intentionally dedicated to the University of Nebraska at Omaha and was involved in all aspects of the University operations, serving on committees, helping to plan the remodeling of Roskens Hall, the home of UNO’s education college, and
WHEREAS John T. Langan was an active supporter of Maverick teams, and
WHEREAS John T. Langan was devoted to community engagement serving on the Board of Education for the Omaha Public Schools for fourteen years and Board president for eight years,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha gratefully acknowledges the many contributions of John T. Langan, and honors his memory by encouraging colleagues to emulate his devotion to the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the community of Omaha, and lifelong learning and expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of John T. Langan.

D. Parliamentarian Presentation: Edgar Moore presented a handout of which motions take precedence. He will present the same at the Retreat next week, with a little more explanation.

E. UNO & Faculty Senate Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) and how can the Faculty Senate engage them. Resources: "Help Wanted Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements through 2018" http://www9.georgetown.edu/grad/gppi/hpi/cew/pdfs/FullReport.pdf (122p)
There will be a handout presented to all Senators at the Retreat. A worksheet will also be attached and discussion will be held at the Retreat.

F. Dell computer corporation ethics; Settlement with SEC. Should the University reconsider their purchasing policy. This was given to the Educational Resources and Services Committee to research.

G. Technology Committee decisions on site license software. This was given to the Educational Resources and Services Committee to research.

H. President Laquer will invite Regent Ferlic to a FS meeting to explain his interest in a dialog on curriculum, and how Faculty can help with budget problems [see President’s report, comments from the June 11 BoR meeting; and OWH Midland's Voices, July 21, 2010].
I. Dana College closing and UNO quick response was discussed. Rita Henry, Asst. V.C., Student Services reported that maybe 2 students transferred to UNO. There was also a “Welcome to Dana College Students” listed on the UNO homepage.

J. Part-time faculty hiring status. This was given to the Faculty Personnel & Welfare Committee to research.

K. Tenure clock pause criteria and procedures. This was given to the Faculty Personnel & Welfare Committee to research.

L. Senate Meeting calendar 2010-2011: It was decided that there would be no change in the posted Faculty Senate Calendar. The January EC&C meeting will still be held on Jan 5, 2011; school begins January 10th.

M. Proposals for B.S and MA in Athletic Training for Faculty Senate Review (from Deb Smith-Howell). This was given to the Academic & Curricular Affairs Committee to research.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. with announcements.