Present: Barone, Bartle, Benjamin-Alvarado, Erickson, Hayes, Laquer (speaker phone), Marx, Mitchell, Rech, Siy, Smith

Vice President Mitchell welcomed the new Secretary/Treasurer Peter Smith, the Vice Chair of the Professional Development Comm. Karen Hayes, and the newly elected President Elect Janice Rech to their first EC&C meeting.

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. The December 1, 2010, minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Laquer reported

1. Executive Committee and Administration (EC&Admin.) met December 15, 2010. (The administration invitation list was expanded to include AVC for Research and Creative Activity Scott Snyder because of the topic, which was selected by consensus of the Senators)
   a. Chancellor
      i. Faculty Breakfast: Chancellor Christensen asked what the group thought about reinstating the annual Faculty Breakfast, held during Chancellor Del Weber’s time in office. This will be scheduled, probably, at the beginning of the school year and will include comments from the chancellor, Faculty Senate president, and deans, about what the coming year holds for their areas. It will also be a good place to introduce full time and part time newcomers.
      ii. Enrollment: the Chancellor said that faculty may be, and probably will be, solicited for help in the recruitment of students. Student/faculty connections are important in the recruitment of students.
      iii. Chancellor’s Medal: Jim Freeman, Director, Multicultural Affairs, has been recognized with this year’s Chancellor’s Medal. A faculty member has not received the Medal for a while. The Chancellor suggested that an effort should be made to nominate more faculty members.
      iv. Dodge Street Saga (Water main break, etc.): This is now in the District Court by process. The State of Nebraska already denied the City of Omaha’s claim. Community people are speaking out and sending both the State and city a message that this should be dropped. It is in the hands of the attorneys now.
      v. Allwine Hall Fire: VC Conley announced that Saturday night (2010 December 11) the transformer switch blew. Electrical power was lost to that building. Power was taken down to the entire east side of campus.
Animals were not at risk. The building is now powered by a generator, which is noisy, but that cannot be helped. This will be covered by University insurance, except that it is below the $200,000 which is when the insurance kicks in. But under $200,000 goes to the Shared Risk Pool, so we’ll be reimbursed by Central. The cost could be close to $100,000 by the time we are done. This was one of five transformers slated to eventually be replaced. Campus people responded quickly and appropriately.

b. **Resolutions 3068-3072**, passed at the December 8, 2010, Faculty Senate meeting were accepted, on December 10, 2010, by the Chancellor for purposes of information.

c. **Other**

i. **Research at UNO.**

1. Chancellor Christensen suggested a goal of doubling external grant funding to $24 million by 2020. For a long time the Deans felt a completely dedicated person as AVC for Research was absolutely necessary. Recently, Scott Snyder was hired for that position. Defining Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan (Excellence), comes into play in a larger way. Research contributes to excellence. It is also time to relook at the role and distribution or re-distribution of Graduate Assistants that are state supported.

   AVC Scott Snyder thinks that $24 million by 2020 is perfectly reasonable for UNO. Goals for him, in the next six months, are to start to compare and get exact numbers for things like actual research productivity and how much investment is made by similar institutions in the research effort. He feels about $200,000 in seed money is the amount that should be invested into the research enterprise.

   **Fund for Investing in the Research Enterprise (F.I.R.E.).** AVC Snyder has $100,000 for this program and will ask faculty to submit proposals (up to $20,000 for single investigative proposals; up to $35,000 for multi [two or more] investigative proposals). Any proposal eligible for funding must show evidence of the strong possibility of receiving external funding (at least $250,000 over term of grant which would then also bring in $100,000 in F&A funds). There seem to be two reasons why proposals are not funded: (1) poorly written, and (2) a need for proof of concept.

   **Fund for Undergraduate Scholarly Experience (F.U.S.E.).** There is about $75,000 to fund this program to institutionalize an undergraduate research experience. This is to help undergraduates working with faculty mentors doing research and creative activity. This will help a shift in the culture on campus and spur additional research. Members of the Student Senate are working on putting through a proposal to support this fund in the long term through Student Fees.

   There is another $25,000 in UCRCA funding for Spring semester which will allow another five or six faculty proposals to be funded. Eight proposals were funded this past Fall.

   In the longer term, AVC Snyder wants to institutionalize this bigger seed grant through the context of some strategic research plans.
that we develop on campus in conjunction with faculty, and start to
develop a strategic plan for where research is going at UNO. Since
beginning the job 3 months ago, he has looked at faculty proposals
which have not been funded by various federal agencies. There are
some structural themes that run through those proposals. He plans to
work on that through the collective. He will have Brown Bag
Seminars in the spring. He also hopes, in the future, to bring a
professional grant writer on board to assist in the implementation of
some good ideas.

It is thought that undergraduate research grants will provide
stipends to help support expenses. Student fees at the University of
Nebraska at Kearney already fund this. Senator Benjamin-Alvarado
was excited at the thought of having a dedicated undergraduate scholar
program, like the University of Georgia.

2. The potential shut-down of Federal Earmark funds will impact that
process (OWH Nov 30). If the government does not do an omnibus
spending bill which has 5.2 million pending. If they do a continuing
resolution at 2010 levels that money is gone. Earmarks for 2012 are
$10 million. There will be fewer earmarks from now on. Senator
Nelson’s office said his priority is the new Tech Campus on the old
Nebraska State Fairgrounds. Senator Nelson is passionate about
Agriculture and Defense.

(Senator Bartle noted that there are many faculty publications which
are unfunded, as there is unfunded faculty research, and neither is
advertised nor rewarded/recognized.

Senator Siy asked if the UCRCA is being replaced by AVC Snyder’s
F.U.S.E. and F.I.R.E.? President Laquer remarked that the UCRCA
budget line has not been restored.)

3. Undergraduate vs. Graduate research priorities. SVC Snyder will
be focusing on undergraduate research first. They will be looking at
the distribution of Graduate Assistants, which has not been re-
evaluated in over 20 years, but which might have a negative impact on
faculty morale. Outside funding may play a role in allocation. It was
noted that any changes in the distribution of Graduate Assistants must
be transparent.

ii. Round table
VC Conley had three items to bring to the groups’ attention:
1. Omaha’s Commuter Wheel Tax, starting in 2011. The tax will be
collected by each business from those employees who live at least 3
miles outside Omaha. Those affected must provide their employer
with their Social Security numbers and their vehicle VIN. These will
be sent to the City of Omaha with the tax collected. A four percent
administration fee will be returned to the business. For example:
UNO expects that 400 of its employees may be required to pay this
tax. About $20,000 would be collected. Only $800 will be returned to
UNO to pay for the extra time and work involved. It costs much more
to implement than the 4% returned.

2. There is a new Parking Permit system in place. The next time parking
permits are renewed it may be done online.
3. The UNO Bookstore will start renting textbooks next week, both new and used. Many, but not all, books are involved.

2. **Meeting with Chancellor:** December 21, 2010

**FS President’s topics**
I brought up that some faculty are upset with recent changes in the Summer Schedule that appear to have been made without faculty input. I noted that the decision appears to have been made at the dean’s Forum of the Chancellor’s Cabinet, neither of which have faculty representation. The Chancellor noted that the 13 week schedule has been in effect before since a grade cannot be assigned before the project is finished. These have then started in the first regular 5 or 6 week session. This may just be making official (session 5) what before was done ad hoc. I also noted that concerns were also raised about a class 3 hours and 45 minutes long as being a long time to lecture. The Chancellor suggested that I check with Academic or Student Affairs.

*(Senator Rech asked if this Summer Schedule is “written in stone,” and, if not, can questions be asked and changes made? It was noted that the Summer Schedule is to be looked at at Friday’s AAUP meeting. Senator Marx thought the new Summer Schedule might be an infringement on Faculty Governance, meaning it affects the faculty. Senator Bartle, while for the new Summer Schedule, would like to make sure that procedurally, a mistake is not made by rushing it through. He would like to hear the reasons for it first. There were many voices concerned that communication, or lack thereof, was an issue. President Laquer will send an e-mail regarding the subject to SVC Hynes and AVC Wallace, with a first draft to the entire EC&C to approve.)*

On returning from the Graduation ceremony, several faculty brought up to me their displeasure with the SVC’s two references to “Faculty and Staff.” These faculty understand that the staff are important in the operation of the university, and would not object to them being recognized separately, just not in the sentence as the Faculty. The Chancellor said that he had not noticed the phrasing, which was not in the script (it is standardized) and must have been inadvertent or a slip of the tongue. He suggested that I discuss it with the SVC. He was also surprised that Faculty would react to that.

**Chancellor’s topic**
Chancellor wants to reestablish the annual Fall Faculty Breakfast. He has had discussions on this with Del Weber and Ron Roskens; Weber noted that people like less formal occasions. This year the Fall Faculty Breakfast has been scheduled for Friday August 19, from 8:00 – 9:30 am (tentative time). The purpose is forward looking, what is coming up in the next year, and not a question and answer forum. His thoughts for the agenda are: a. Brief Hello/ welcome; b. the Deans introduce their new faculty; c. eat breakfast; d. Beginning at about 8:50 am he would speak on 3-5 items on the Chancellor’s “radar”; e. President of the Faculty Senate then has 3-5 minutes for Senate topics and issues; f. College Deans have a couple of minutes to address issues in their colleges. I suggested that the FS president should also ask senators to stand so that Faculty in attendance can see who represents them, and the Chancellor agreed. The timing seems reasonable. For him the first President’s Council has occurred (earlier in August). Faculty-Staff picnic is the previous Monday or Tuesday, Aug
15 or 16. Faculty Senate Retreat is Wednesday, Aug 17. Classes have not begun so there is no teaching schedule conflict. Most faculty should be back on campus. He would like to see a good turnout. He asked for feedback from the Senate.

1. Is there any reason that this is not a good day for this event?
2. He is concerned about the cost. Should this only be for full-time faculty, or should part-time faculty be invited / included? If the budget is bad it may not be possible to include the part-time faculty?
3. Should emeritus faculty be invited? What would be the purpose of including them?
4. Location – MBSC Ballroom, or the Field House as an alternative if the numbers are too large, i.e. if include all three groups there could be 600 people attending?

See also item in New Business.

3. Enrollment Management Steering Committee:

(At this point in the meeting Vice President Mitchell handed the gavel to Sec./Treas. Smith, as she had to leave for a previous appointment she could not reschedule.)


5. Written Acknowledgements of Resolutions (& Table):

On December 10, 2010, Nancy Castilow, Asst. to the Chancellor, wrote in an e-mail:

*The chancellor accepts resolutions 3068-3072 for the purpose of information.*

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| 3013   | 3/18/10  |                                                            |         |                                                                      |
| 3013   | 4/21/10  |                                                            |         |                                                                      |
| 3004   | 10/14/09 | Parking Issues (Events Calendar)                           | X*      |                                                                      |
| 3003   | 10/14/09 | Regarding Stem Cell Research                               | X*      | F.S. sent to all on 10/14/09                                        |
| 2944   | 1/4/09   | UCRCA Funding                                              | X*      |                                                                      |
| 2931   | 11/12/08 | “Shots Fired: When Lightning Strikes” Video                | X*      | Senate in-progress following report                                  |
| 2930   | 11/12/08 | Park-and-Ride/Park-and-Bike System of Transportation or Other Transportation Alternatives | Senate Working on | X*                                                                 |
| 2928   | 10/8/08  | Electronic Communication                                    | X*      |                                                                      |
| 2909   | 5/14/08  | UNO Disaster Planning                                      | X*      | Return to Senate for further work                                     |
| 2899   | 4/9/08   | UNO Child Care Center                                      | X*      | 2009 Retreat Item                                                     |

*3013 (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 5/27/10: “While he is supportive of Res. 3033, he acknowledges that the subject matter is primarily an Academic Affairs issue and has asked Vice Chancellor Hynes to respond as appropriate.”)  
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*3004 (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 10/15/09: “The chancellor will discuss the resolution with Vice Chancellor Conley and Tim Kaldahl, University Relations.”)  
*3003 (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 10/15/09: “While the Chancellor has not taken a public position on this matter, he suggests that, should the Faculty Senate wish to do so, this resolution could be forwarded to Donal Burns, BOR Corporation Secretary, to document Senate support.” (This was done by the UNO Faculty Senate on 10/14/09)  
*2961 (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 4/0/09: “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.”)  
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(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.”)
*2944 (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.) 6/10/09 Nancy Castilow wrote for Chanc. Christensen: “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.”

*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.”)

9/2/09: As a recently appointed member of the UNO Disaster Preparedness Committee, Past-President Suzanne Sollars will be sent to training to be certified, as are the other members of the committee, by the National Incident Management System (NIMS). It is affiliated with FEMA and provides a standardized structure for organizations to coordinate incident management.

*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.)

*2928 (From 10/15/2008 EC & Admn Mtg: Chancellor Christensen 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.”

*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; 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

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*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.


1. Budget Advisory Committee Report: Senator Bartle, Prof. Ebdon, Prof. Kriz
   (Senator Bartle will have a report for next week’s full Senate meeting. The Committee will reiterate Resolution 3020, 4/14/10: UNO/NU Budget Considerations/Suggestions.)

IV. Standing Committee Reports
A. **Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs:** Senator Bartle (No Meeting/No Report)

B. **Committee on Educational Resources and Services:** Senator Siy (No Meeting/No Report)

C. **Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare:** Senator Erickson

The committee met December 15, 2010, 2:00pm ASH 301
Present: Erickson, Melanson, Nordman, Proulx, and Srithongrung

Items discussed:

The entire meeting was consumed drafting the domestic partnership resolution which we submit to the UNO Faculty Senate for vote on January 12, 2011. We will take up other items in January.

*The following resolution was passed by the EC&C to the full Senate at next week’s meeting.*

**Faculty Senate Resolution: Employee Plus One Benefits:**

*WHEREAS*, Nebraska Revised Statute 85-106 gives the NU Board of Regents the power “to equalize and provide uniform benefits for all present and future employees, each employee should be eligible to receive an equal share of University financed benefits, and

*WHEREAS*, access to affordable healthcare is essential to all, and many employees might prefer to use their fair share of the university benefits to cover a parent, sibling, other family member, or friend, who might or might not reside at the same location with the employee, and

*WHEREAS*, expanding the scope of those covered by health insurance policies is seen to be in the national interest, especially given the aging population of the nation, and

*WHEREAS*, expansion of benefits to any designated adult would be an attractive draw for recruiting and retaining faculty and staff in order to remain competitive in both university and private industry markets, and

*WHEREAS*, at least 83% of Fortune 100 companies and at least 59% of Fortune 500 companies offer some form of employee plus 1 health care benefits (as of 2009; Human Rights Campaign),

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE UNO FACULTY SENATE:** Requests that the NU Board of Regents create a “Plus One” category of beneficiary and incorporate this into the benefits package for all NU employees.

1. Each employee will be able to designate one and only one Plus One beneficiary during the coverage period. A Plus One beneficiary is an individual over 18 whom the primary beneficiary chooses to designate prior to or during the coverage period.
The meeting ended at approximately 3:00 pm.
Next meeting: 1-26-2011

D. **Committee on Goals and Directions:** Senator Marx (No Meeting/No Report)

E. **Committee on Professional Development:** Senator Hayes (No Meeting/No Report)

F. **Committee on Rules:** Senator Barone (No Meeting/No Report)

V. **Non-Senate Committee Reports**

A. **Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON):** Senator Mitchell reported that as of January 4, 2011:
- Annual Meeting was held in November 6, 2010 where William Ayers spoke.
- The Kurz Foundation awarded AFCON $2000
- There has been an increase in memberships which has given a boost to the treasury funds.
- The officers for 2011 presented by the nominating committee of Ball and Edler are:
  - President-elect – Laurie Thomas Lee
  - Secretary – Peggy Adair
  - Treasurer – Cathi McMurtry
  (Ballots will be sent out in the next edition of the Sentinel.)
- Commendations were given to the following for their services to AFCON.
  - Linda Parker – exceptional year of service as President of AFCON
  - Rod Wagner – great 2010 Conference
  - Cathi McMurtry – Treasure for Life
  - Peggy Adair – work as Secretary

B. **Academic Planning Council (APC):** Senator Bartle will send a report for the full Senate Agenda.

C. **Alumni Association, Board of Directors:** Professor Hugh Reilly wrote that a meeting was held on November 23, 2010.
   **President’s Report:** Lee Denker presented the new pilot program, UNO Young Alumni Academy. The program began with the first meeting on Thursday, November 11, with the main topic of the meeting on UNO’s metropolitan mission, Denker said. Denker stated that he will be contacting all UNO Alumni Association board members who have not yet contributed to the UNO Annual Fund in effort to boost the donations for December and January.
   **New Business:** Laura Kapustka said that the UNO Alumni Association Strategic Planning Session is in place for January 21-22, 2011, with facilitator Scott Focht. Kapustka referred to the two-page handout reflecting the agenda and session goals. Kapustka said that the session outcome will produce a vision statement and statement of values which will give more direction to the board committees, as well as develop long-term goals and objectives for the UNO Alumni Association. Kapustka added that all board members are invited to attend, but need to plan to be in attendance for both sessions. Kevin Munro said that all board members will be given the information relating to the sessions and are encouraged to edit the information and provide input.
Old Business: College Rep Reports – UNO college alumni meet with the Dean of the college as a representative of the UNO Alumni Association Board of Directors. The goal is to expand communications between the college and the alumni association to develop ways to work collaboratively to benefit UNO and UNO alumni. Joan Lukas reported that she has met with Dr. Gail Baker, Dean of the College of Communication, Fine Arts & Media. Lukas said that CFAM has three goals: Continue to serve students, serve UNO and serve the community. Lukas added that the College is promoting the fact that it is unique in the nation for having fine arts & media under one roof. The College would like to raise awareness in the community, get students out in the community and invite businesses to host fine arts shows, Lukas said. Lukas stated that she has joined the CFAM fundraising cabinet for the NU Campaign.

Susie Melliger reported that the College of Education recently hosted an event for Phi Delta Kappa, which is primarily for educational administrators. Melliger said that the event featured presentations from doctoral students. Melliger stated that the College will be seeking applications for distinguished alumni awards in the Spring. Tom Warren reported that the College of Public Affairs and Community Service will be reviewing student scholarships, conduct an open house for parents and students to promote the College, hosted a lecture series, and recently had a visit from Senator Hagel.

Committee Assignments/Reports

Communicate Committee: Blake Edwards reported that the committee follows progress on the magazine, the web site, and social media sites. Edwards said that the committee is helping with the need to increase magazine advertising and asked board members present for their help. There are ad restrictions to carry ads from the travel, banking and insurance industries due to the ability to continue mailing at the nonprofit rate, Edwards added. Edwards said that the magazine is getting good feedback from readers and that the next themed issue will be crime, safety and justice. Edwards referred to the communicate section of the scorecard, saying that the numbers are on task to reach the goals, or exceed them.

Connect Committee: Brandon Steenson reported for Bob Hearron that the focus of the connect committee has been to involve alumni in events and activities. Steenson said the alumni involvement at homecoming, UNO Young Alumni Academy, and recent outreaches to Chicago, Kansas City, and Minnesota have successfully involved alumni.

Operations Committee: Dan Koraleski reported that the eighteen month audit has been completed without adjustment and presented to the Operations Committee on November 12. Koraleski commended Maria Malnack, UNO Alumni Association Business Manager, for her efforts in the audit. A motion to approve the audit report was made and seconded. Koraleski presented the financial summary ending September 30, 2010 referring to the total revenue less than last year due to the decrease in UNO Annual Fund income.

Chancellor’s Scholarship Swing: Blake Edwards referred to the golf tournament handout stating that the 2010 Chancellor’s Scholarship Swing provided a net profit of nearly $44,000.00. Edwards said that the primary focus of this year’s tournament was to encourage scholarship donations. Edwards said that current scholarship recipients were present at the tournament to provide incentive for the donations. Tax forms mailed to course sponsors and donors will include a save the date tri-fold brochure to encourage early sign-up for the tournament in 2011 on September 12.
AFROTC Alumni: Chuck Holderness reported that the AFROTC Alumni group also had a golf tournament that provided income for the scholarship fund for cadets. Holderness said that the AFROTC Alumni group held a brunch and raffle in conjunction with UNO Homecoming which also provided income for scholarships and cadet activities. AFROTC alumni plan to visit cadets on December 14, serving desserts to cadets at the Offut dorms.

Updates
UNO Annual Fund: Lori Byrne, Vice President & UNO Campus Director of Development reported that the UNO Annual Fund has two-hundred thirteen Century Club donors that have donated a total of $125,401 in 2010. Byrne said that a phonathon directed to past donors will be conducted by current UNO students. A follow-up mailing to the phonathon, as well as an end of the year email to entire UNO Alumni database will be conducted to complete the 2010 campaign. Byrne stated. Byrne said that the total income at this time last year for the UNO Annual Fund was at $196,000 and that this year the campaign has a total income of $211,000, which includes pledges. Byrne stated that the bigger giving months of December and January are coming soon and remains optimistic that the campaign will reach its goal.

Students: Michael Crabb reported that student government has accomplished new bylaws and committee structure and changed the elections to March. Crabb said that student government has also been involved in a pilot program with UNO and the Metro transit called "MavRide Program", to provide free bus rides for students as follows: 400 students will get free bus passes to be used to go back and forth from campus. Student Government is paying $20,000, MAT is paying $20,000, and the rides run out when the money does (est. 6-9 school months). Still working out application details and security measures, but planning to begin offering passes in the Spring. Crabb stated that the program has cost approximately $40,000 and will probably last for about six months. Crabb said that student government is participating in a lecture series called, “unorthodox” collaboration as follows: Interdisciplinary lecture series in cooperation with the SOLP office, modeled after the TED talks, Student nominated faculty will get 27 minutes to discuss whatever they want (topic pre-approved) 11 minute moderated Q&A discussion, The goal is to stimulate discussions about contemporary issues between students of different backgrounds and experiences to lead to unique solutions and ideas. Crabb also highlighted the F.U.S.E. - Fund for the Undergraduate Student Experience - program as follows: Working with the Vice Chancellor for Research and Creative Activity Dr. Snyder to find ways to encourage and support undergraduate research/creative activity, Proposed fund pool, where students can apply for funding and go through a peer review process, Where all the money comes from is still being discussed; still hope to begin program next fall.

Legislative Session: Guests Julie Totten and Ron Withem presented the concern of State budget cuts and encouraged board members to become an advocate for UNO through lobbying. Withem asked that board members call their legislator, contact through email, or send a postcard to volunteer to contact State Senators about issues facing the UNO.

D. American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator Mitchell reported at a meeting held January 4, 2011 the following was discussed.

- Biennial Collective Bargaining
  Bargaining team is pulling together a considerable amount of data and
information from peer institutions to help justify our offers.

- The Chapter has filed a law suit in the Walker case that has been going on for over a year. To see the documents related to this case prior to the lawsuit visit the AAUP website. The Chapter leaders believe that this case is very important and must be pursued with vigor.

- There are many concerns from faculty regarding pregnancy benefits and the possibility of delaying the tenure clock when on pregnancy/disability leave. To see the document that Jim Shaw, president-elect of AAUP, wrote, please go to the AAUP website. (http://www.unoaap.org/)

- If there are any faculty members interested in joining AAUP, please refer them to John Noble, the membership chair.

- Please visit the AAUP website for updates and to view the President’s blog.

E. Commencement Committee: Professor Bill Corcoran reported there were two meetings. At the December 2010 meeting the Committee has decided to not move the Spring 2011 Commencement from the Civic Center, too many issues, too little time. The commencement may be moved from the Civic starting with the Winter 2011 Commencement or the following spring.

At the January 2011 meeting factors involved with the next winter move will be considered. Also on the agenda is whether to have a commencement ceremony for the summer graduation.

F. Facilities Planning Committee: Senator Baguyos (No Report)

G. Graduate Council: On December 16, 2010, Professor Harder wrote in an e-mail:
The Graduate Council heard an academic appeal at its monthly meeting on December 13. No other business was conducted.

VI. New Business

A. A Memo for 2011-2012 Faculty Senate Representatives (Senator Elections for Colleges) was attached for information purposes only.

B. It was announced that AVC Thomas Wallace will speak at the January 12, 2011, Faculty Senate meeting. (Topic: What he has learned in his first 6 months at UNO. His vision for Student Affairs and what he is planning for the next year.)

C. The Faculty Personnel and Welfare Committee (Senator Erickson, Chair) will follow up on the following request by Rita Henry, received in an email 11/15/2010:

“Mollie Anderson and I are co-chairing a committee that will be piloting a project to allow employees to utilize Student Health Services. The pilot project is planned for spring semester and, if successful, we hope that it will become a permanent service. Laura Grams is the Faculty Senate representative on this committee.

It is my understanding that agenda for the December meeting of the Faculty Senate is full. Although the pilot project will have already started, would it be possible to place this topic on the agenda for the January 12 meeting? This is for..."
advertising/information only; no action is needed.”

And follow-up email from Anna-Maria Hansmann-sw Friday, December 10, 2010 09:08AM:

“Mollie Anderson would like to add the On-Site Health Care to the January 12, 2011 meeting for the Faculty Senate.
If you have any questions please contact myself or Deb Bertrand.
Thank you.
Anna-Maria Hansmann
Student Wellness Coordinator
Human Resources EAB 205
554-2553”

Reply from President Laquer (January 3, 2011, 8:34 a.m.):

Anna-Marie,
Sorry to be so long getting back to you.
The speaker for the January meeting has been set. If you have a summary (e-version) of this proposal that we can distribute to the senators please send it to Sue Bishop. I will ask one of our standing committees to invite you to their January meeting if you need additional feedback.
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D. Topics for EC&A, to be held January 19, 2011, were discussed. They included:
   ● Research issue and visability/communication of books & manuscripts published by UNO faculty.
   ● The outcome of Gail Baker’s committee.
   ● Graduate enrollment decline. Is there a plan? Is there money for the plan? At the moment units do their own recruiting. Is there or should there be a plan for a more coordinated effort at the Administration Level? Invite AVC Smith-Howell to the January 19, 2011, EC&A meeting if this topic makes the EC&A agenda.

E. Senate Speaker for February 9, 2011, Faculty Senate meeting; possibilities:
   1. B. J. Reed on the Strategic Planning Plan / committee (*Chosen, since the Strategic Planning Forum will take place February 4, 2011.)
   2. Scott Snyder
   3. Trev Alberts
   4. Hesham Ali
   5. Someone else

F. Fall Faculty Breakfast questions will be added to the full Senate agenda for next week:
   1. Is there any reason that this is not a good day for this event?
   2. Should this only be for full-time faculty, or should part-time faculty be invited /
included.
3. Should emeritus faculty be invited? What would be the purpose of including them?
4. Additional discussion topics or ideas for this event to share with the Chancellor.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with announcements.