2011-2012 Faculty Senate
Executive Committee & Cabinet
Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 2 p.m., MBSC Tower Room

Present: Barone, Kelly, Laquer, Maring, Melanson, Petrow, Rech, Smith, Winter

Excused: Hayes

I. The meeting was called to order by Secretary/Treasurer P. Smith at 2 p.m.

Presentation: Mark Goldsberry, Director, Records & Registration, and Allison Junker, Assoc. Director Records & Registration. Presented the final draft of the Spring 2012 Final Exam Schedule.

II. The November 2, 2011, minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Rech reported

1. Executive Committee and Administration (EC&A) met November 16, 2011.

   a. There were no resolutions passed at the November 9, 2011, Faculty Senate meeting, so none were reviewed.

   b. Other

      i. Faculty Senate Topics

         • Articulation Agreements/Articulation Committee (status of agreement with IWCC): There is no articulation agreement with Iowa Western Community College. AVC Wallace said that UNO and IWCC have agreed to meetings, to first establish a relationship. Right now UNO does not exist on that campus. Chancellor Christensen pointed out that an articulation agreement across state lines makes it a more complicated issue for both institutions. This is a very slow process. Articulation Agreements fall under Academic Affairs, and ISVC BJ Reed. Once a relationship is established between UNO and IWCC, then Academic Affairs will become involved. The Ford Foundation might soon be working on establishing three educational enterprise zones, which would then deal with cross-state boundaries and universities.

         • Schedule for Spring 2012 Finals: Finals scheduled from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. are a concern for both faculty and students. Chancellor Christensen said this was a problem for ISVC BJ Reed, Academic Affairs. AVC Wallace said that Mark Goldsberry, Director of Records and Registration, Student Affairs, was the person who had the new finals schedule worked up. The problem he had to work around was to have the campus cleared before the Spring Convocation at 3 p.m.
• **Need for Training of Faculty in New Facilities:** There was faculty concern that when the newly renovated Roskens Hall opened up non-College of Education faculty were teaching in those classrooms. These faculty members had no experience or direction with the new technology. They were also told that the College of Education technicians could only help College of Education faculty and staff. Lanyce Keel, Executive Director of Academic Computing, Information Services, said some equipment was not installed in time to train faculty. There were materials that were put on every desk, but some disappeared. There were three different set ups. She brought handouts. After this semester most of the classes scheduled in that building will be College of Education classes.

• **Discussions of Evaluation of Administrators:** The Senate was discussing F.S. Resolution 1538 (passed in May 1983) regarding Evaluation of Administrators (Vice Chancellors and Chancellor). There was a lot of debate in the Senate. President Janice Rech just wanted to give everyone a heads-up that these evaluations are being reviewed.

ii. **Chancellor’s Topics**

• **Penn State has been a teachable moment.** There are a variety of activities going on at UNO, from re-examining the web site to doing some all campus e-mail reminders. This is obviously incredibly important. H.R. is heavily involved in this. Any and all suggestions are welcome. Background checks are already in place in Athletics.

• **Minority Advisory Review:** The Chancellor meets with minority advisory groups once each semester. They often have influence with agenda items, but we also provide them with certain information they should be aware of. Later this afternoon he meets with the Native American group, which is the last meeting this Fall for all the groups. They have been very beneficial over the years. For example, we provided a service for ACT preparation and information on financial aid. Families could come at no cost, waiving the usual fee of about $500.00. We were concerned that there were very few participants from the African-American community. But once a few members from the African-American Advisory Committee, from the Ministerial Alliance, were apprised of the situation they really made a difference. It was like night and day. The Chancellor said to just let him know about any items the Faculty Senate would like to be brought before these groups.

• **December Commencement** has already been discussed. The Chancellor asked the group to urge its membership to participate in Commencement.

• **Fact Finding** (With respect to Regental candidates): The Chancellor said Hal Daub and Ann Ashford have already approached him for a briefing. He said it is to not do more than provide information – a sort of overview of the campus.

• **President’s Council Meeting with NU President J.B. Milliken:** There has been very little negative feedback about One+ Benefits. There has been much positive feedback. The UNL resolution was the one that was put forward, and that was because of purely fiscal
reasons.

### iii. Round Table

- V.C. Conley reported that Kayser Hall will be ready for new occupants in January 2012.
- He also reported that the Peter Kiewit Institute renovation is progressing. That may be going to the board/Business Affairs in December, in terms of the selection of the construction firm.
- He announced that on a weekend December night a barn will be moved to Allwine Prairie from a few miles away. It is privately funded. Students will be involved in getting it “up to snuff” as a Service Learning project.
- Health Insurance enrollment period has started. It goes through December 4. There was an overview session on November 16 and another scheduled for November 29.
- AVC Thomas Wallace asked to schedule a talk about the Strategic Enrollment Plan. President Rech had already heard about it and hopes to schedule the presentation for the December EC&C meeting.
- AVC Wallace also handed out a flyer announcing the schedule for Prep Week, with items such as hot chocolate and donuts.
- There has been a new person hired to replace Arnold Bateman to head NU’s On-Line World Wide. The Chancellor says she has been on the campus before and “gets” the program. It was suggested that she be asked to speak to the Faculty Senate.
- F.S. Past-President Laquer noted that the hot water in Durham Science is cooler than it was before. It will be looked into.
- He also asked if there was still a plan to widen Dodge Street to extend a turning lane. Since UNO has just planted some new trees it would be a good idea, if the widening plan is still in the works, perhaps the trees should be replanted farther in to leave more room to widen.
- He also announced that this will be his last meeting, as his term ends December 14, 2011 - - weather permitted. He was thanked for his service.
- President Rech announced that she had a committee working on where the Teaching Awards pictures, removed from the Student Center, will now be hung. She hopes to have their decision in December.
- She also noted that she has heard some discussion about faculty not being able to get newspapers from the boxes on campus, as those newspapers are only available to students through Student Government Fees. Some faculty incorporate the use of the newspapers in their classes. She has directed this to committees.

## 2. Chancellors Council

- Reiterate plans for 12/17 commencement: 2 ceremonies at 10 am and 2 pm
- UNO ranked #9 nationally as a military-friendly institution
- IT received an "energy star award", and is 1 of 5 nationally to receive this prestigious honor
- Safety & security update: a) code of professional ethic distributed, including 9 items regarding reporting of abuse and unethical behavior and anonymous texting system put in place for individuals to report incidents and b) after
University Village incident (intrusion and robbery) there are now improved peepholes, overnight security by an outside firm as been added, and security met with OPD and the Chief of police to learn more about efforts on other campuses and how the 2 agencies can work together.

e. Reminder: do not accept personal gifts from vendors.

f. Wednesday, 1:00 pm, David Osborne coming to campus (CBA) and will be part of panel presentation.

g. Blumkin professorship has been established in A&S.

h. Warren Buffett "genius class" was taught in CBA, he hosted students at Happy Hollow and listened to "[pitches", he was interested in only 1 and it was submitted by a student (not a professional that was also in the class).

i. Hockey will have a national TV game on Versus in January.

j. Town hall meeting was held with students after the University Village intrusion. Students were very responsive and had ideas to share.

k. Prioritization papers are being written & will be submitted soon. The final review will take place by 1/31/12.

l. Ph.D. in exercise science is on Board of Regents agenda for December, for final approval.

m. STEM prioritization committee had a community luncheon on 11/29 and had several individuals from community participate.

n. Marvel Maring is taking over a position in the library to manage the Institutional Repository.

o. Each commencement ceremony this December will recognize 1 alum (2 total).

p. Next year, Homecoming will be tied to both basketball (likely in new arena in Ralston) and hockey.

q. Big renovation beginning soon at PKI.

r. UNO has been selected as recipients of Brazilian government students.

s. Faculty Research International opportunity now available for our faculty.

t. Online Worldwide will be coming out with grants for a) capacity-building to expand current offering and b) for collaboration on new offerings (new system director is in place and indication is that Central will serve as the "umbrella" and individual campuses will have leeway).

u. Encourage students to participate in survey: Is UNO student-centered?

v. SAC is moving forward with a new employee of the month program.

w. New customer service workshop will be offered on 1/17 for faculty and staff.

x. "Who's Who Hall of Fame" Ceremony will be 2/2, 3:00 pm, 5 students will be honored -- faculty may nominate!

y. "Prep Week" activities are taking place at MBSC all week for students.

z. Foundation & UNO Alumni Assoc. met with Deans to discuss how to track grads and determine if they are "gainfully employed".

3. **Deans Forum Summary:** As of 11/21/11 Web includes Summary for October 13, 2011.


4. **Written Acknowledgements for Resolutions:** No Resolutions passed in November.

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*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.”)


IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Petrow reported the committee met November 30, 2011.

The committee met with Kris Liewer, Megan Essay and Stacey Cherry, all whom deal with student orientation. We communicated two concerns to them. First, we are concerned that we are losing students because we require them to travel to our orientation from too far away. Second, we are concerned that plagiarism education and awareness is not communicated to them during the orientation.

On the first point, they listed the concerns and to our proposal that perhaps students outside of a 150 mile radius of Omaha not be required to attend the orientation. They seemed amenable to that. We discussed various options concerning advising and orientation.

On the second point, they relayed that nothing about plagiarism is communicated to students during orientation. As a group, we decided that making a flier about it to place in their packets, and their parents’ packets, is a good idea. Also, the academic advisers deliver a talk, and we all agreed that that would be a good time for it to be discussed. We will follow up with them in January, and possibly get a follow-up report from them, to the committee, in February, about progress on these issues.

B. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Maring reported the meeting was held November 30, 2011.


Interim SVC B.J. Reed attended the meeting to discuss UNO’s globalization efforts. He discussed the steps UNO is taking to increase international scholarship opportunities for faculty and graduate students. He mentioned the good work that ILUNO, Study Abroad and many of the sister institutions’ are doing but he wants to increase the level of international involvement on the research side. SVC Reed acknowledged that there have been few incentives for faculty research and that he has
wanted to bolster this. Two of the initiatives to support international research include:

**FRI: Faculty Research International**

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA) sponsors the *Faculty Research International* (FRI) grant. FRI grants will support the establishment of new research and creative activity partnerships among UNO faculty and international collaborators. Awards of up to $5,000 are available to individual UNO faculty members to support travel-related expenses for UNO faculty, affiliated UNO graduate students, and/or their international partners. Deadline: January 30, 2012.

**FIRE: Fund for Investing in the Research Enterprise**

FIRE grants will support the collection of preliminary data/proof of concept for faculty projects that demonstrate a high potential for attracting substantial extramural funding (> $250,000 in direct costs over the term of the grant). Awards of $20,000 are available to single investigator FIRE proposals, and multi-investigator, collaborative proposals may request up to $35,000. Deadline: February 20, 2012.

These are pilot projects and we’ll “see how it goes.” What he would like to see would be an increase in the number of Fulbright recipients and greater collaboration with our international sister institutions that might be a good fit. He mentioned Brazil, India, China and Norway as examples but there may be others that might be a good fit. Graduate and doctoral students are eligible to apply for these funds when working with a faculty sponsor. There is $50,000 allotted for the FRI grants.

Question and answers followed and one of the questions had to do with UNO’s identity as a metropolitan university and whether or not the international focus was consistent with the mission of a metropolitan university. Interim SVC Reed stated that it was not in conflict or inconsistent with our identity as a metropolitan university. Most of the sister institutions are metropolitan universities. He discussed the criteria that has been set up to establish sister institution relationships and that Faculty Senate may need to take a look at the existing criteria (Tom Gouttierre is the contact for this information).

On another topic, another question was posed about the establishment of a Professional Master’s in Chemistry. This allowed Interim SVC Reed to discuss set of campus priorities, which include global engagement, STEM, early childhood education, sustainability and graduate research. The five committees are in the process of drafting white papers which will be due before winter break, reviewed and returned to Faculty Senate and stakeholders. The white papers should be finalized by January and presented to the Chancellor.

Another question was whether or not proposals dealing with the pedagogical research in the STEM fields and if there would be institutional support for travel funding for that type of proposal. These would be appropriate proposals, especially if it deals with “carving out our niche and our take on STEM.”

Questions about the future and the sustainability of the international research funding were asked and it is hoped that they will lead to an increase in external funding. These grants are available for the next two years.

**C. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare:** Senator Melanson reported the committee corrected the [RP-4.2.5 Emeritus Status](#) as follows:

**RP-4.2.6 Emeritus Status**
Emeritus status is the rank customarily awarded by the President or Chancellor of each campus to a faculty member at the time of his or her retirement. Emeritus status is given in recognition of substantial service rendered to the University in the field of teaching or of research and to facilitate retired faculty to continue their research and to provide advice and the benefits of their expertise to colleagues and students. Emeritus status may also be given to senior administrators including, but not limited to, Chancellors, Vice Presidents, Vice Chancellors, Deans, and other administrators whose work with academic programs has contributed to the educational work of the University.

The Board of Regents must approve emeritus status for a retiring president.

Designations of emeritus status are reported to the Board of Regents in the regularly scheduled personnel reports.

While length of service is not necessarily material, employment for at least ten years is to be presumed, although exceptions to this term may be made by the President.

1. General Principles

While it is believed that, because of past service, there are substantial perquisites and privileges which should accrue to persons who have retired from active service to the University because of having reached retirement age or because of ill health, emeritus status normally signifies non-activity in connection with all assigned duties. Retirement should not sever all appropriate connection between the person and the University, and emeritus members are encouraged to maintain their associations and to continue study, scholarly investigation, and professional advising of students.

The practical development of this program of continuation is indicated in essence in the following paragraphs.

2. Privileges

a. Office space or desk room, while ordinarily not assigned to staff-emeritus faculty, may be so assigned by the dean or director of the division concerned if, in his or her judgment, such location is especially desirable in a given instance and it is recommended by the staff of the department.

b. Similarly, research facilities, while not ordinarily available to emeritus faculty, may be granted, where practicable, by the dean or director, if the proposed work is deemed, by the dean or director, to be a considerable contribution to the scholarly life of the University and it is recommended by the staff of the department. When an emeritus member is pursuing such study, he or she has the same rights as active members of the faculty in applying for publication privileges or for grants-in-aid for research.

Unless renewed, the assignments end with the University fiscal year.

Any item not covered in this policy shall be determined by the chief executive officer of the college or division concerned in conformity with the implications of similar relationships herein included, or referred to the Chancellor for ruling.

3. Perquisites

| Official rosters of the University shall carry the names of living persons officially awarded emeritus status.
a. On all formal occasions, in all social affairs, in all public meetings, and as
University representatives, emeritus members are recognized on the same basis
as active staff members. They do not attend departmental or faculty meetings
except upon invitation by the presiding officer thereof, and then without vote.
Emeritus faculty may also attend senate meetings without vote but with privileges
of the floor, provided other faculty members.

b. Official notices and communications will be accommodated to these ends, using,
where necessary, the United States mail.

c. When emeritus members are called upon to act as references for former
students, to furnish information to earlier associates, or to perform any other
similar University service stemming from a responsibility which continues beyond
their retirement, it is expected that they will use official stationery and such other
departmental office privileges as they might customarily use.

d. Library and e-mail privileges shall continue, fully, subject to the same limitations
as are necessary for active staff members. Furthermore, emeritus faculty will
retain access to university email and the posting of webpages for university-
related business within the limits of the Executive Memorandum 16.

e. Student Union, cultural and athletic events, etc. are available to emeritus
members pursuant to campus policies.

f. Emeritus faculty may submit manuscripts or studies for publication, subject to
acceptance by publishing boards.

Reference: BRUN, Minutes, 19, pp. 16-17 (January 29, 1949).

Justification of suggested revisions:

Paragraph 3 (Intro): The word "officially" should be struck from the first sentence, since there is no
other award of emeritus status.

Paragraph 3 (d): Some funding bodies require that the university maintain web access to
publications and official reports of the work they sponsor, so continued
professional activity would be hampered without this, making its assurance
consistent with the general principles stated in the policy.

Paragraph 3 (e): This item should retain its item letter (which is currently crossed out).

Paragraph 3 (e): The first instance of the word "to" should not be capitalized in the middle of the
sentence.

D. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Kelly reported the committee met
Wednesday November 30 and has drafted the following resolution, in regards to the
Center for Sustainability:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at
Omaha (UNO) supports the establishment of an externally funded Center for
Sustainability at the UNO Peter Kiewit Institute.

The Faculty Senate EC&C sent it back to the committee so it could be expanded to
assure future explanation is clear.

E. Committee on Professional Development: Senator Winter reported the meeting
was held November 30, 2011. Present: Chao, Hayes, Kriz, Robins, Winter, Woody.
1. Approved minutes of the 10/26/2011 meeting.
2. The online footprint of academic institutions is growing rapidly. In order to stay competitive UNO needs:
   a. support and training on the use of state-of-the-art tools to develop new online courses and improve existing online courses.
   b. it would be beneficial to have a professional "voice over" person deliver the audio portion of online course (e.g., for international faculty)
      i. It may be appropriate to engage UNO radio voices for this service. Care should be taken to properly compensate those involved. An issue is that the UNO relinquished its broadcasting license so this capability now resides at UNL.
   c. it may be useful to have subtitles accompany narrative
3. It is important to better understand our student's views towards online education. In some cases, students prefer online courses. In other cases, students feel they are being pushed into online courses and they do not like it.
4. To provide the highest quality in online education, UNO faculty and administrators should view online education as a shift in medium rather than along a monetary dimension. To be successful in the long run, we must be willing to invest in this medium exceeding the extent of short term profit. We would recommend more grant money be provided to develop online courses. Also, it may be beneficial to adopt a more uniform approach, across colleges, towards the prioritization of online education as well as how revenue generated from online courses is allocated.
5. There is a campus-wide distance super committee, called the Distance Education Advisory Council (DEAC), whose members are appointed by various groups (including members appointed by the faculty senate). [http://www.unomaha.edu/facsen/uno_comms/distance_ed.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/facsen/uno_comms/distance_ed.php)
6. Section 850 is the designation for online/hybrid courses. This is a cause for confusion regarding whether physical presence in the classroom is part of the course. For example, some courses are wholly online -- except for the final. The DEAC is developing definitions of online versus hybrid courses and the goal is to create distinct section numbers for online versus hybrid courses.
7. Presently, having UNL's Online Worldwide promote an online course is optional. However, in all cases, tuition runs through Online Worldwide which retains 5%. Here is how this is broken down:
   a. Online tuition = Standard tuition + Delta tuition
   b. Standard tuition flows back to the campuses using the traditional model
   c. Delta tuition flows back in a different manner
   d. Online Worldwide gets 5% of Online tuition, but this is paid from the Delta tuition portion.
This model is being revised and a new model is expected in the spring. The long term goal is to have Online Worldwide provide a gateway to programs - thus, course/program descriptions would be wholly controlled by the content provider (e.g., UNO).
8. For the January meeting we would like to invite BJ Reed, John Fiene, Lanyce Keel, or Leah Pietron.

F. **Committee on Rules:** Senator Barone reported the meeting was held November 30, 2011. Present: Barone, Decker, Hewins-Maroney, Mahoney. Excused: Smith
The committee met to discuss the following items:
a. We discussed the nomination of Michael Matthews as the Faculty Senate Representative for the Hall of Fame committee. The following resolution will go before the senate requesting confirmation of this appointment. This was approved by the EC&C.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michael Matthews’ name be forwarded to Erin Cron, Assistant Director, Student Organizations and Leadership Programs, to serve on the new Student Hall of Fame Award Committee.

b. We discussed and are moving forward with a plan to find a replacement for Amy Teten on the Excellence in Teaching Award Committee.

c. We discussed the College of Arts & Sciences election proposal as it relates to the election of Faculty Senators. Specifically we discussed whether or not the proposed change in the election process within the College of Arts & Sciences is in conflict with the election process described in the Faculty Senate By-Laws. The committee expressed concern about some aspects of the proposal and agreed the proposal should be further evaluated. We have invited Randy Atkins, one of the authors of the proposal, to our meeting in January to answer some questions raised about the proposed Arts & Sciences nomination process.

V. Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. **Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON):** Professor Mitchell submitted the following report:

There was no regular AFCON Board Meeting in November. The **AFCON Annual Membership Meeting** was held on November 12, 2011 at the Beacon Hills Convention Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. The next regular meeting of AFCON will be Saturday, January 14, 2012.

B. **Alumni Association, Board of Directors:** Professor Radosta reported the meeting was held August 23, 2011.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Deb Anderson, Garrett Anderson, David Craft, Lee Denker, Scott Durbin, Jamie Herbert, John Jesse, III, Shonna Kadavy, Laura kapustka, Susie Melliger, Kevin Munro, Liz O’Connor, Kathy Radosta, Andy Rikli, Laurie Ruge, Tina Scott Mordhorst, Jim Temme, Sarah Waldman

**Guests:** Lori Byrne

**Others:** Anthony Flott, Julie Kaminski, Elizabeth Kraemer, Maria Malnack, Gina Ray

The board assembled into Priority committee groups and met to discuss goals and tasks. The board assembled for the annual board picture.

**Welcome:** Laura Kapustka called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the June, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

**Programs Update**

Elizabeth Kraemer distributed flyers for the new event kicking off the UNO Alumni Association Scholarship Swing golf tournament. The event is planned by the Young Alumni group and will be on Thursday, Sept. 8 at “Mojo’s Smokehouse & Ales,” 67th & Frances beginning at 5:30 p.m., Kramer said, and invited board members to attend. Kraemer said the golf tournament will be held on September 12
at Tiburon Golf Course. Kramer stated that the alumni staff will be on campus this week participating in “Welcome Week” distributing new lanyards and helping to dish up free lunches to students, staff and faculty. Kraemer circulated a sign-up sheet for upcoming events sponsored by the UNO Alumni Association asking board members for their help.

Kraemer showed a Power Point presentation of two videos taken at the Shakespeare event July 8 and Young Alumni Academy events conducted 2010-2011. Kraemer said that the young Alumni Academy will have forty members in the 2011-12 class and the notification letters of acceptance will be mailed this week.

**President’s Report**

Lee Denker asked board members to complete the conflict of interest disclosure forms contained in their meeting packets and to note the “Points of Pride” document and the “Whistleblower Policy” also contained in the packets. Denker said that the UNO Alumni Association will celebrate the 100th Anniversary in two years and is working on plans for events to celebrate. Denker stated that the alumni association will be participating in a new UNO Freshman Convocation this week and will have a chance to speak and tell Freshmen to finish as strong, networking alumni.

Denker introduced UNO Alumni Association staff member, Gina Ray who is Thompson Center Director. Ray said that since she has started at the UNO Alumni Association Thompson Alumni Center in January, her goals are to dedicate the Thompson Center as a premier event site and provide outstanding customer service. Ray stated that she has converted the rental pricing to all-inclusive and is working on catering to provide competitive pricing. Ray added that she has been in contact with nearby hotels to talk about partnering to provide client packages for hotel and meeting room sites.

**New Business**

David Craft presented the 2011-12 UNO Alumni Association proposed budget for approval, noting a 2% investment draw to generate $103,000 in revenue. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented and the motion carried.

**Strategy Priority Teams**

Laura Kapustka said that the new Priority Team committees are a result of the board strategy planning sessions in January, 2011 and provides steps to bring us closer to the UNO Alumni Association’s vision: “To ignite a highly engaged alumni network to promote and achieve UNO’s vision and goals.”

**Priority 1:** Team Leader, Andy Rikli, presented the UNO Alumni Association Priority 1 board committee update noting that the committee has met twice with a goal to benchmark engaged alumni. Rikli said that the committee has collected a shared definition of engaged alumni through surveying alumni associations nationally. The committee will then identify expectations of engaged alumni through surveys to alumni and internal stakeholders and analyze the data, Rikli said.

**Priority 2:** Lee Denker reported for Team Leader Louo Anne Rinn. Denker said that the purpose of the Priority 2 team is to enhance coordination among the UNO colleges, NU Foundation, and UNO Alumni Association to align activities with the needs of stakeholders. Denker stated the committee has used a questionnaire to assist in meetings with UNO College Deans. The information from the meetings is being compiled to use as a tool to help UNO Alumni Association aid the Colleges to connect with alumni, Denker said.

**Priority 3:** Team co-leader, David Craft presented the goals of the Priority 3 Team
goals as follows: Grow annual fund revenue, develop an investment return and spending policy for scholarship & facility growth, increase alumni giving %, and compartmentalize programs & build funding model for each. Craft said that the committee will work with NU Foundation to increase UNO Annual Fund efforts, possibly targeting corporate and young alumni groups. Craft said that as previously approved, the committee is awaiting a fund agreement to implement the process of selling ten shares of Berkshire stock and transfer the proceeds into NU Foundation’s Fund A. The committee will work on building a funding model using current assets, Craft added. Craft stated that the committee will talk about ways to increase alumni giving through reaching out and providing services to alumni.

**Priority 4:** Team Leader, Garrett Anderson stated that the committee met on August 9 to assign tasks, review last year’s magazine statistics, and look at the magazine advertising and postage situation. Anderson said that it will be a challenge to decide whether to change the postage rate to allow for additional advertising, which will change the mailings from three times a year to four times a year, increasing the magazine budget. Anderson stated that the committee is working on reviewing “best practices” at peer institutions and implementing digital media and social media advertising.

**Updates**

**Chancellor’s Scholarship Swing:** David Craft stated that to date there are 34 core sponsors for the Monday, September 12 tournament at Tiburon golf course, which is eight short of the number this time last year. Craft acknowledged new board member, Shonna Kadavy, who acquired a $2,500 sponsorship from Gavilon. Craft encouraged board members to reach out to companies and contact individuals to obtain sponsorships, including raffle prizes. “Two-somes” may now be bought for $625, Craft added. Craft said that the UNO Young Alumni Academy graduates are planning a kick-off party for the Thursday before the tournament at “Mojo’s” to promote the tournament and raise additional funding for the scholarships.

**NU Foundation:** Lori Byrne, Vice President & UNO Campus Director of Development, College of Public Affairs and Community Service presented an update of the NU Foundation. Byrne reminded the board members of the dedication of the newly renovated Roskens Hall on September 23 at 4:00 p.m. Byrne said that the capital projects conducted by the NU Foundation also raise funds for programs, students and faculty. The Foundation has successfully raised 5.6 million of the targeted 7.5 million for Mammel Hall. Byrne stated that currently there is a push on UNO endowed chairs and professorships, with a donation received from one donor for 1 million for STEM and 1 million for Math. Byrne said that to date 15 million of the targeted goal of 24 million has been raised for the new UNO Community Engagement Center, going up north of the Bell Tower. Byrne stated that despite the poor economy, the Foundation has experienced that donors will give money to the University. Byrne said, to date, University of Nebraska Foundation has raised 172 million, with 130 million for the University of Nebraska system.

**Students:** Liz O’Connor, President of UNO Student Government, said that Welcome Week is underway and that the sororities are finished pledging and fraternities are beginning the process. O’Connor said that student government continues monitoring the many successful projects worked on the past couple of years: campus bike program, metro bus passes, readership program and the unorthodox lecture series.

**UNO:** Interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, B.J. Reed provided a UNO campus update for Chancellor John Christensen. Reed said that in addition to the move to D1 status, the University of Nebraska at Omaha has been
awarded the status as a doctoral research institution which puts UNO now one out of eighty-eight universities. Reed talked about the new Freshmen Convocation on August 26, which 100 family members of Freshmen are expected to attend. Reed reminded the board members that Roskens Hall, the new 35,000 square-foot home for the College of Education, conduct the building dedication and tours on September 23. Reed stated that there is a new graduation policy of 125 hours needed to graduate; the introduction of the “O”; and the new “academic mark”, which will be similar to the “O”, but without the white color.

Laura Kapustka reminded the board members to sign up for events to attend or donate, to note the “O” on the UNO Field House as they exit campus today, and that the next meeting will be at the newly renovated Roskens Hall.

Lee Denker reminded the Board that UNO Homecoming is October 1, 2011.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

A tour of the CPACS building was conducted by Sara Woods, Associate Dean, College of Public Affairs & Community Service.

C. American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator P. Smith reported that the AAUP and Faculty Senate are hosting forums for the four final candidates for SVC Academic & Student Affairs.

D. Graduate Council: Senator Mahoney reported the grad college is changing requirements for students who want to come into the program to just take classes. The general idea is that students will fall into three categories: Degree Seeking, Non-Degree (e.g. certificates) and Temporary Non-Degree. The temporary category covers students that might just want to take a class or two during a semester, or students that do not yet have a transcript on file in Graduate Studies. This will allow more flexibility for those that might want to try grad school before making a decision.

VI. Old Business

A. Election of President Elect: President Rech advised the EC&C that she had decided not to run for the 2011-2012 year. The EC&C viewed the list of eligible senators again, and also noted that Senator P. Smith had been nominated at the November full Senate meeting. Close of nominations and elections will be held at next week’s full Senate meeting.

B. The Faculty Senate Resolution 1538, 5/11/1983, Evaluation of Administrators was reviewed by the EC&C. After discussion it was decided that since NU President does a full reviews the four Chancellors every five years, that the UNO Faculty Senate need not do their own evaluation. It was noted that a Vote of No Confidence is still available to the Senate. NU President J. B. Milliken also told Faculty Senate President Rech that the review of the Vice Chancellors was the purview of the Chancellor. President Rech will look into what kind of review the Chancellor does for the Vice Chancellor of Business & Finance and the Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic & Student Affairs, but the thought of the EC&C was that the resolution was not relevant or applicable today.

VII. New Business
A. The following resolution will be brought forward to the full Senate next week:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the CFAM senators have caucused and appointed Paige Toller to complete Miles Waggener’s term on the Senate (5/12/10-5/8/13).

B. **Election of College Faculty Senators / Statistics Memo** was shared with the EC&C:

**To:** Janice Rech, Faculty Senate President  
**From:** Sue Bishop, Coordinator  
**Date:** November 29, 2011  
**Re:** 2012-2013 Faculty Senate Representatives

Below are the statistics for the 2012-2013 Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha based on a total of **475** full time academic faculty, divided by college, as of Fall 2011.

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C. **Academic Business Intelligence Reporting Update.** President Rech received an e-mail from Senator J. Carroll regarding an e-mail he received from Dr. Russ Smith (Acting Director, Institutional Research). The deadline has already passed, so there is no reason to bring anything before the full Senate.

D. **Request for 2012 Student Tech Fee Proposals** (from eNotes 11/22/11). It was decided that this should be put with “Announcements” in next week’s full Senate agenda.

*Request for 2012 Student Tech Fee Proposals*

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs requests proposals for potential funding by UNO Student Technology Fees. By February 3, 2012 submit a one-page proposal and Excel budget sheet to Joyce Crockett at jcrocket@unomaha.edu. Crockett reminds everyone that it is important that you work with the dean of your college as they have been asked to submit a college prioritized project list. Final decision will be made in May 2012.

*Criteria when reviewing proposals:*
- Leveraging (or potential to leverage) other funding sources
- Matching funds
- Congruency with the university and college strategic plans
- Innovation
- Breadth of impact, depth of impact
- Collaboration within and between units
- Leveraging existing technologies or facilities
- Suitability of budget for the purpose
- Update to IT Infrastructure
- Funding cannot be used for salaries

If you have questions, contact Crockett by email or by phone at 402.554.3364.

E. The 2012 Spring Semester Undergraduate Admission Stats AND Partial 2012 Fall Semester Stats as of 12/01/2011 were included in the agenda purely for information for the members of the EC&C.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. with announcements.