Monday, March 2, 2011, 2 p.m., EAB 196

Members: Bartle, Erickson, Hayes, Laquer, Marx, Mitchell, Rech, Siy, Smith

Excused: Barone

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

II. The February 2, 2011, Minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Laquer

1. Chancellor and Faculty Senate President meeting was held February 11, 2011. They discussed the Fall Breakfast, summer schedule, and the Board of Regents site visit.

2. Executive Committee and Administration (EC & Admin.) met February 16, 2011.
   a. Resolutions Passed at the February 9, 2011, Faculty Senate Meeting:
      i. RESOLUTION 3075, 2/9/11: Resignation of Senator Haworth
         2/10/11: The chancellor acknowledges receiving the resolutions for the purpose of information.
      ii. RESOLUTION 3076, 2/9/11: Replacement for Senator Haworth
          2/10/11: The chancellor acknowledges receiving the resolutions for the purpose of information.
      iii. RESOLUTION 3077, 2/9/11: Annual Committee Reports
           2/10/11: The chancellor acknowledges receiving the resolutions for the purpose of information.
           2/11/11: Under this scenario (Senate Appointees submitting report), the chancellor is supportive of Res. 3077 and believes it will improve communication between committees and the Senate.
           The Chancellor said the Senate raised a good question which UNO needs to work on. Communication is important. He doesn’t feel that non-Faculty Senate representatives should have to report to the Faculty Senate. Over time reporting of all committees has been variable. Some are good and detailed, others may not be as adept at reporting. He will have a conversation with all campus committees to institute a June 1 annual deadline for a couple of paragraphs summary of what’s happened on their committee, with a reference as to where their minutes can be found.

SVC Hynes asked if there was a central place on the UNO web site where all committees are listed with their charges? She said that just this year her
office was trying to sort out what EPAC was responsible for and what APC was responsible for. There is just a little information, some conflicting, about what EPAC’s responsibilities are, and there was nothing for APC.

The Chancellor suggested having all committees located in one place, so everyone would know where to go for information. He wants that to be assignment for next year, including the notion of a paragraph or two of summary, with a reference to where the minutes are located. He thought this request should come from the Chancellor.

The group decided that turnover of personnel also is a problem with keeping track of committees.

It was also noted that some Federal regulations may determine whether committees are needed and their requirements, without notification to groups populating the previous committee.

The Chancellor asked if FS R3077 could be amended in some way that suggests that it is resolved that the Chancellor and Faculty Senate President will address this issue during the coming academic year, report out, and establish a process. The Senate members agreed.

For instance: The Facilities Planning Committee is only active on an “as needed” basis. They were very active when UNO was doing Facilities Long Range Planning, as mandated by the Board. This needs to be addressed somewhere centrally, so new members aren’t put off by not having any meetings.

The Faculty Senate president was asked to identify someone, and the Chancellor will identify someone as well, to try to have a “clean process” in place by August. They can come back with ideas on overview of committees, committee charge, what they would like to see of all committees.

b. Other

i. Chancellor: Fall Faculty Breakfast: August 19, 2011, 7:30-9 a.m., at UNO’s Fieldhouse, for current, part-time, and Emeritus faculty. Announcements will begin this spring, with a “save the date.” Other reminders will go out during Finals Week, and then later in the summer. RSVPs will be necessary. E-mail will be the primary method for invitations. E-Notes will also be used. The invitation will also be put on the UNO home page. Different colleges have different ways to keep track of Emeritus. There will be real food.

Proposed Format

3-5 min Chancellor’s Welcome and two or three big things looming out there
3-5 min Faculty Senate President’s welcome and what is on the Senate’s Radar.

Breakfast

1-2 min (each) Deans introduce new faculty: identify new faculty’s department, what his/her area of expertise is, special interests, etc., prior institution, research/teaching area.
1-2 min (each) Dean identify 2-3 topics on each college’s radar
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min Questions / for the good of the order – format undetermined (verbal, 3x5 cards, or ?)

ii. How to improve retention and then ultimately graduation rates addressing all at-risk populations.

(Prompted by Provost Pratt's presentation concerning UNL at the last BoR
These groups include lower quartile of ACT scorers, lower economic status, first in family college student, the working student, and others. We want to work together.

AVC Wallace said that for those students who have a 1.5 or lower for their first semester will be identified and given help on time management, etc., with a 6 week, required, course. This begins this semester and will be held on 6 consecutive Tuesdays, in the same place (this year it will be a classroom in HPER). In his previous institution this course resulted in an 86% retention rate of those students.

The other thing to consider were the students who were suspended academically. When those students return to school, that student usually returns under the same circumstances he/she was dismissed. If we don’t do something for them when they come back, like requiring them to meet with a mentor, or having a class for them, and they fail again, the assumption is that they didn’t do what was necessary or try hard enough. Sometimes that is the case, but other times they were able to identify students with learning disabilities that hadn’t been discovered. So these students would be required to do something on returning to the institution. These things might be phased in over time.

These are the discussions we are having now and looking at the course of action we want to take.

SVC Hynes noted that there are 8 or 9 “learning communities” on this campus, the oldest of which is the Goodrich Program. They are hoping to enhance these learning community groups, including Honors, by having specific space, two floors, in Kayser Hall when Education moves out. Students may belong to more than one community. They hope to focus on the student advising. A good way to measure success is to look at student “connections.” Their interaction with faculty is very important in retaining these students when they come to this campus.

AVC Wallace noted that orientation is now a “shopping” experience. He wants to change it from a half day to a full day this year. He wants to include faculty in orientation. Many students leave because they don’t feel connected. Barbara Treadway, Student Organizations, is beginning a mentor program, that she will have in place for those students interested. He is asking faculty to have study groups for their classes, even to assigning students to study groups. That gives students a feeling of being connected to some other students.

It was noted that for those units without funding, the use of clubs, societies, etc, could be used to engage students. There are some students who do not know how to become involved. That would be one way the mentor program would work.

AVC Wallace feels that the full day orientations will also help students become more involved. Parents will be invited to orientation, but will only be with their child at the beginning and end of the day.

iii. UNO change in Carnegie Classification to “DRU: Doctoral/Research Universities.” Chancellor Christensen and SVC Hynes were very excited that this was included in a front page, above fold, OWH article about Dr. Stergiou’s research. UNO sends out many press releases that do not get printed. The press release was also on the UNO web page for a week or
The Chancellor noted that the classification status has nothing to do with what UNO is going to do, it’s based on what we have already done. It’s based on number of graduates from doctoral programs. Once in that group, they apply a couple of different metrics to look at the amount of research that is being done, and that will indicate whether or not the institution will belong in very high, high, or doctoral granting category. This is all based on what has been done, so nothing will change at UNO. He would like to see external funding grow to support research activities. The Chancellor strongly suggested that the Faculty Senate invite Scott Snyder, AVC for Research & Creative Activity, to speak at one of its meetings.

The Chancellor said faculty workload will not change. It will always be determined as a discussion between the chairs and their deans and their program. It varies from program to program. There is a Board of Regents rule that faculty workload is 11-13 hours per semester.

Senator Barone commented that dues for some departments, and library subscriptions, are priced according to the Carnegie Classification, and was concerned for the library budget. SVC Hynes will ask the cross campus committee of Library deans to look at this. But the Chancellor reminded the group that it is a free economy and private organizations can charge anything they want. The Chancellor also recommended asking AVC Snyder to discuss the pros and cons of the new Carnegie Classification with the Faculty Senate.

c. Round Table
i. The Chancellor reminded the group that the Board of Regents will be on the UNO campus on Friday. They have asked to have input on particular issues. They want to know about General Education, Learning Communities, what our faculty are doing regarding diversity and engagement with the community, and more about research and involvement of students in research, both faculty and student research. Reflecting on that, basically they have taken UNO’s Strategic Plan as to what they will be looking at.

On Thursday afternoon the Board of Regents will be having their Academic Affairs meeting on the UNO campus. They have invited UNO, as the first campus in the system to talk about how we measure student performance. AVC Steve Bullock, head of the AQIP group, will lead a panel for discussion. Nora Bacon, Lynn Harland, and Karen Dwyer will be sharing some of the things they do. Doing performance measurement does not mean anything without that data being used in some way to inform instruction or change.

ii. Spring Break is coming up and Seven Days of Service. If anyone knows of any student interested, contact Paul Sather or Kathy Oleson Lyons, there are many opportunities to get involved in. Lauritzen Gardens has been very impressed with the UNO students, not only the volunteers who did things there, but also those who did academically based projects there. The Chancellor also asked that the group promote involvement with students, faculty, and staff because it makes a great impression on everyone.

iii. Senator Rech announced that the Math Department will have hundreds of
dual enrollment calculus students coming to campus over Spring Break. UNO Recruiting will also attend the event and talk about UNO. Both the Chancellor and SVC asked to be sent a reminder of the event.

**iv.** The Student Events Calendar was made available. AVC Wallace’s office can send copies to anyone who is interested.

3. **Board of Regents** met February 17-18, 2011 (UNO Campus Visit).

On Thursday, the Academic Affairs subcommittee heard a presentation on Student Learning and Assessment by Steve Bullock, UNO Assistant Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs, Nora Bacon, English; Karen Dwyer, Communications; and Lynn Harland, College of Business. Bullock placed the presentation in the context of a recently published book “Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses” by Richard Arum and Josipa Roksa. Assessment is one means to document learning. UNO has used the CLA with success. AQIP also addresses these concerns with the academic program review process, semi-annual unit assessment plans, fundamental skills, and accreditation related assessment.

Karen Dyer discussed the processes used in assessing Speech 1110, a course taken by most UNO students with 2500 students per year in 100 sections. The program received a national award in 2010. Speech has a 4-year cycle in their assessment process. They have training of their GTA and adjunct instructors and provide rubrics. They also have a common workbook.

Nora Bacon discussed the first year writing program which sees 2800 students/year in 140 sections of Composition I and II. Theirs is a three year cycle of evaluation of their program. In the spring, they perform an outcome assessment when a group of 10-15 instructors gather to read over 120 papers (8-10 page research type) from the last half of Composition II to score them against a common scale. From these papers they assess their strengths and weaknesses and decide how to make changes.

Lynn Harland discussed the AACSB accreditation process. Students take the ETS Major Field Exam scoring at the 84th percentile, with the MBA students at the 95th percentile. Important parameters not measured by ETS are teamwork activities and leadership skills. Which are being evaluated by video recording a small group working on a problem in an upper level course.

On Friday the regents heard from Scott Snyder, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Creative Activity on “The Student Research Experience." Three students made presentations on their research: Neil Huben, an undergraduate Biotech major on his work in biomechanics; Benjamin Wigert, a MS student in Psychology on adaptive and maladaptive perfectionism; and, Israt Zohra a Ph.D. student in Criminology and Criminal Justice on political rape (war). Snyder then summarized several other areas of active research on the campus.

Deborah Smith-Howell, Associate Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs and Dean, Graduate Studies made a presentation on the “General Education Curriculum Revision" assisted by Faculty representatives from the General Education Committee; Jody Neathery-Castro, Political Science, David Conway, COE, and Scott Tarry, Aviation.

The next presentation on “Learning Communities Update" consisted of a Panel discussion with representatives from the Thompson Learning Community (Kellie Picket), Goodrich Program (Imafeidia Okhamafe), Project Achieve (Mel Clancy), Honors (Rosalie Saltzman with students Ankit Agrawal, Marie
Schellenberger) and Avenue Scholars (Wayne Brown).

At the luncheon, a graduate student in Music, Sara Schuhardt, flutist, provided entertainment. Several students were seated at each table to help expand on their activities to the regents.

The last presentations on "Community Engagement and the Learning Experience" were made by Lynnette Leonard, Communications (North Omaha Media Alliance), Sarah Edwards, Teacher Education (Culture Walk), and Sajda Qureshi, ISQA, substituting for Peter Wolcott (Micro Enterprise Development).

Additional materials were handed out in a packet for most of these presentations and will be shared with anyone who is interested. This was the first of a series of visits to the several NU campuses that the Regents and President Milliken plan to make to evaluate how we measure student performance.

The Business Affairs subcommittee meeting in the afternoon was closed.

4. **Chancellor’s Council** met February 24, 2011.

The Chancellor's Council had not met in several months (Budget forums, winter break) so there was only a roundtable to share information.

Chancellor Christensen had met with Christi Janssen Executive Director of The Durham Museum and is looking for more engagement with the campus. Internships are possible through the NU Foundation.

Chancellor Christensen noted that the recent Strategic Planning Forum was productive and well done. It was one of the better ones with positive feedback from the campus and community.

The Board of Regents Academic Affairs subcommittee visit last week was also a success. The presentations by the students blew them away. Phone and emails from the regents and President Milliken have all been positive. A consequence is that UNO will be able to join UNL and UNMC in making presentations to the board on research.

Seven Days of Service is coming up and also coincides with Omaha Public Schools spring break. High School students and their teachers will be coming to campus. Avenue Scholars and Dual Enrollment will focus on the Open Door Mission.

A $3M gift toward the Community Engagement Center has recently been received. The design is by Holland Basham architects; Hawkins Construction will build it.

SVC Hynes noted that UNO is now a Doctoral Research University [DRU] in the Basic Carnegie Classification [http://classifications.carnegiefoundation.org/lookup_listings/standard.php] . This is important for elevator speech that the world now recognizes UNO for the full range of its degrees and quality, and that is important to Omaha and the metropolitan area. There are over 4000 total universities classified; about 300 are doctoral. Of those, there are 110 in the Very High Research category [RU/VH, includes UNL], 100 in the High Research [RU/H] and 89 in DRU, of which only 27 are public. The former category, Masters Large had over 400 members. This new competitive environment is important for us in quality, intellectual depth, our ability to attract faculty, staff, and students. She attributed the new classification to the work of faculty, staff, and students. The four AQIP action projects have also contributed. GenEd (1) Deb Smith-Howell) has one more year as a task force. Advising (2) provides a foundation for future planning. Research (3) helps say to the world that it is important to integrate research / discovery into learning.
The engagement (4) task force (Neal Topp) will be soon finished also. This classification will help attract and retain student, and generate spirit among students. Faculty is at the top of her mind in February & March as she reviews applications for tenure and promotion. In this, her third year, she is impressed with the files; an extraordinary record, noting writing, English and more. The quality of the student presentations in front of the BoR is a reflection of faculty, staff, and students working together. The classification helps with long and short term planning, what the campus will look like in 2020; how we manage budget reallocations this year and next.

Andrew Taylor, SAC noted that they had 12 nominees for the Spirit award. The SAC award will also begin processing in the next week or so. The Salvation Army Back-to-School project this year is to collect highlighters at UNO. Creighton will have erasers this year, and College of St. Mary will also be participating. Chancellor Christensen (who is on the Salvation Army Board in Omaha) noted that there is still a prohibition against advertising on these items. This is to avoid identifying the student recipients as poor.

Dean BJ Reed provided a handout of CPACS Activities (CPACS_Activities110224.pdf). He highlighted online Criminal Justice programs, collaboration with Laramie County (WY) Community College for BGS in Management, Gerontology discussions with UNL-Law, Whiteside’s lecture on space flight, the Social Work research fair in March, and noted that the 2010 Census data becomes available in March.

Dean Dave Booher announced changes to the A&S College website with 30-40 faculty and student research items available; clicking leads to a page with all listed in more detail [http://www.unomaha.edu/cas/moreinfo.php]. Additional submissions are still sought. A&S is collaborating with the College of Education in filling the Dr. George Haddix Community Chair in Mathematics. Candidates will be brought to campus soon. [From the position advertisement: The purpose of the Haddix Chair is to provide leadership and resources for the Mathematics Department, in cooperation with the College of Education, to address the critical shortage of well trained secondary mathematics teachers in the metro Omaha area and to place UNO at the forefront of professional innovation in the preparation of mathematics teachers.] Booher expressed a hope that this could be done again with science.

Lanyce Keel, IS, announced that the campus backbone was being upgraded to 10 GB. A smart phone app to link to MavLink was well received by Student Government. Students can then see their schedule. 10% of the credit hour production is in Distance Ed. Discussions on a new email vendor are under way. IBM and MicroSoft had large teams making presentations. Google only had their local representative. MS is embarrassed that UNL which is the alma mater for one of their highest executives does not use a MS product.

AVCAA Deb Smith Howell pointed out the GenEd task force http://gened.unomaha.edu/ had been busy and had more work to do going forward. The Service Learning Academy has Seven Days of Service planned for spring break, and that courses and partnerships with K-12 were involved. On Sunday is the Culture Fair, which involves UNO students and K-12 schools. There will be a Service Learning workshop over Spring Break; more information will be on the calendar [http://www.unomaha.edu/facconnect/calendar.php]. Additional workshops are listed there also. Retention was high for fall to spring in the TLC cohort. Their first student will graduate in ay (transferred into UNO). Office practices are being reviewed in Graduate Studies. The Elton Carter reception is March 16.
Frederic Laquer reported the Faculty Senate had passed resolutions in support of the Ph.D. in Exercise Science, the BS in Public Health, and Employee Plus benefits. He announced that Peter Smith, COE, was now Secretary Treasurer. He noted that the Chancellor had proposed a Faculty Breakfast on August 19 which the Senate thought a good idea. He reported that the Senate was unhappy that faculty had not been consulted on changes to the Summer 2011 schedule, that temporary fixes had been applied for this summer with an understanding that more discussion would occur in time for Summer 2012. The final item reported was the resolution in support of reports from university committees with Faculty Senate appointees in the interest of long term information sharing and transparency.

Tim Kaldahl, University Relations has a new assistant, Charley Reed, updating video offerings on the website http://maverickland.unomaha.edu/ and http://www.youtube.com/unomavtv. Some additional videos may be found here http://www.unomaha.edu/mavchannel/tube/2011.php. These include both short and long video clips of courses, organizations, research activities, and building histories. The goal is to add a new one weekly. The short versions appear in eNotes. They are available to the relevant departments for additional display. They are scheduled through March. Once the video is shot the turnaround is 2-3 days. Kaldahl is seeking additional ideas. These can be shared with community donors. The UNO Alumni Magazine is also available online http://unoalumni.org/unomag. The UNO Facebook site now has over 3900 fans http://www.facebook.com/unomaha. The new athletics “O” design is scheduled to be rolled out March 31. As an alternative logo (the UNMC shield is an example), it is still not approved by central administration for the rest of the institution. BJ reed noticed that in the TV coverage of recent Hockey games out of town in ND and Denver, the local announcers referred to both UNO and Omaha. Kaldahl noted that a brand identity is in the works. Dean Gayle Baker indicated that the same group who worked on the December Commencement booklet design were working on that project also. A PowerPoint template is planned.

Josh White, Associate Athletic Director, pointed out the new ticketing site http://omahasteam.com/ and demonstrated a video “Take it to Denver” at http://omahasteam.com/on-demand; additional videos are also available. UNO will host the first round of Hockey playoffs in two weeks. They hope to make the final five in Minneapolis. The national Division II wrestling championships are March 11&12 in Kearney. A “Night With the Mavs” is scheduled for March 31, 2010 at the La Vista Embassy Suites with Terry Pettit the speaker. Women’s Walk has a new format over two days, April 29-30. Senior banquet is April 17. He noted the academic achievements of the athletes with a 3.16 combined GPA, 120/400 are on the deans list, 72/139 of women athletes are on the Dean’s list, their combined GPA is about 3.4. The volleyball team has a 3.7 GPA and Golf 3.6. The strategic planning process that Chancellor Christensen challenged Trev Alberts to look out 25 years is nearly finished. The prior financial problems have been part of that review, as well as the expectations of the Omaha community. How we look as a systems school in a metropolitan area, Title 9 concerns. Consultants will be brought in to evaluate their analysis.

Julie Totten, Associate Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, reported the Legislative Budget hearing for the University is March 1. The preliminary budget is the same as the Governor’s request. The first year there is a decrease of
$3.5M due to removing the 1% building depreciation assessment. In year two there is a 2% salary increase proposed, so that over the biennium there is about a $3M increase U-wide. Following the hearing, President Milliken hosts a dinner for the legislators. This year some faculty have been invited to attend to interact with the legislators.

Thomas Wallace, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, reported that the 1st Spirit Night for children of Faculty and Staff was a success with a capacity crowd; they ran out of food. Avenue Scholars were brought to campus to register for admission; some may not qualify and will need to attend Metro, but they still see UNO as the next step. Saturday there will be a Housing Showcase and in the evening Dual Enrollment and MAP students and their parents will be on campus; 1300 are expected. A Friday Midnight Maverick Mojo event had 400 attendees. New student orientation will change from ½ day to a full day this spring and summer.

Dean Ali announced an Open House on Saturday from 1-3 pm. Some awards to his college are known but not yet formally announced. An undergraduate team took 7th place in a Cyber Security World Wide competition against 72 other teams. They were the second place US team, which was a graduate student team led by a former UNO graduate. His college is also supplying IT support to the community with a project to create a database of Public Art and a Droid App to help people find art near them. There is also an IT academy working with High School Biology Teachers. They are working on modules for classes. There will be three projects that coincide with the three different spring break periods of OPS, Millard, and Westside. Additional projects are planned for summer.

Lee Denker, Alumni Association, reported receiving 5 CASE awards, three for the alumni programs and two for the magazine. The next theme for the Alumni Magazine will be energy and the environment. There is a new alumni credit card program.

Mollie Anderson, HR, reported UNO had received a Gold designation for wellness due to work by HPER. It is also the time of year for employee performance evaluations. A class for supervisors is starting soon. The Chapman Kelly dependent eligibility audit is underway. The purpose is to help keep medical costs down. Individuals with concerns should contact HR. Along with student health, plans for an employee health clinic are nearly complete which will allow employees access to minor medical services on campus.

Linda Mannering, Institutional Research noted only a 27% response to the HERI UCLA Faculty Survey (which occurs every three years). About 350 part time (>25% FTE) faculty are also being asked to participate. The closing date for the survey is March 31. The IR is looking for 50 students who took an earlier CLA assessment to participate in a proctored 90 minute follow-up. Career Coach is online. This allows students to select possible occupations, see salary ranges, links to degree programs at UNO, and possible job openings in the region.

Dean Gouttierre, International Studies and Programs noted additional interactions with students with the current situation in the Middle East. The largest group of students, from Saudi Arabia, have received additional funding from their government. There are no UNO students in harms way at this time. All international students on UNO Advantage or Fulbright scholarships are required to volunteer for 20 hours in the community. Many make presentations in
their native dress to their partner schools Crestridge Elementary, Beveridge Middle, and North West HS. World Thinking Day last Saturday brought 800 Girl Scouts and their mothers to UNO hosted by 70 international students. There will be a model UN for local HS students April 1-3. The international student banquet is March 11 (?); tickets are always at a premium. A senior University Administrator from Ghana will be on campus to work with Mollie Anderson in HR and Gouttierre beginning March 12. This is a major recruiting period for IS&P with new efforts underway in Brazil, Vietnam, and Indonesia.

Dean Gail Baker reported the UNO Forensics won at state last Saturday [http://www.unomaha.edu/wwwcomm/headlines/02242011.php]. “Dark Play” opens this weekend. It is edgy; there will be faculty led discussion afterwards. There will be an Arts Academy for High School students this summer. In cooperation with Kaldahl, she is wrapping up the strategic communications plan. A documentary that she wrote last spring “DuSable to Obama” with WTTW has gone national to 40 cities. It is also being screened at the third largest international film festival in Africa. In the credits is reference to UNO CCFAM and the Department of Theater [http://www.wttw.com/main.taf?p=76,9,1].

Lori Byrne, NU Foundation, reported the $3M gift toward the $24M needed for the Community Engagement Center. She has reserved space in the Great Waters restaurant in Minneapolis for a pre-game event in case the hockey team makes it to that stage. Jim Clifton, CEO of Gallup, and his CIO will be having a private dinner to which they have invited 20 other Omaha CEO and CIO’s to hear Vint Cerf, one of the founders of the internet. On April 6, Jim Young, Union Pacific, will have an event at Mammel Hall for UP alumni from UNO. There are over 430 UNO graduates working at UP. UP matches donations 2:1. Rosken Hall will be dedicated Friday Sept 23 with a private naming ceremony at 3:30 p.m. and a public one at 4:30 p.m. The Campaign for Nebraska for UNO is at $115M through December, with 4 years to go. Jim Young has funded an expendable scholarship for $1M / three years.

VC Conley provided a handout for Business and Finance [B&F_Update_110224.pdf]. He highlighted that the 10 year agreement with Pepsi expires July 21, 2011, and that a new RFP and contract is being developed for BoR approval. An update is due to the Facilities Development Plan by January 2012. BossCars, the new online parking management system is working well. They are working at implementing Event Management Systems software for campus scheduling/calendaring this year.

Audrey DeFrank, Library, provided a handout [Library_110224.pdf] on Digital Commons, a repository for Scholarship, to include the Journal of Religion and Film, COE materials, and content from the Afghanistan Collection. A book fair is scheduled April 18-20. A seminar on Institutional Repositories is scheduled for March 18.

Dean Lou Pol announced he has an award and accreditations that he could not discuss yet. He noted that several recent promotions within UPRR are UNO CBA graduates. The courtyard at Mammel Hall will be dedicated this spring. The American Society of Engineering Companies (ACEC) gave the Grand Engineering Excellence Award to Farris Engineering for Mammel Hall [http://cba.unomaha.edu/news/AF_2_25_2011.cfm]. It seems as though Open House occurs every day at Mammel Hall; recently a group from Boys and Girls clubs stopped in. In April there will be 600 Girl Scouts and their parents in Mammel Hall for an art show / sale, and they will host a Cookie University.
The Chancellor closed noting that every opportunity that we have to showcase UNO to prospective students and their parents needs to be taken.


6. **Written Acknowledgements of Resolutions (& Action Table):**

   **Resolutions 3075, 3076, 3077:** On 2/10/11, Nancy Castelow, Asst. to the Chancellor, wrote in an e-mail, “The chancellor acknowledges receiving the resolutions for the purpose of information.”

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*3033 (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.”)

*3013 (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 3/11/10) “The chancellor said the first resolution (3013) “needs to be considered by Terry” (Hynes) . . . ” (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 4/21/10: 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.)

*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.”) (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.”)
**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 & Admin 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](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.


**IV. Standing Committee Reports**

A. **Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs:** Senator Bartle reported the
committee met at 2 pm on February 23, 2011. Present were Professors Hendricks, Mitchell, Baguyos and Bartle. Profs. D. Matache and Bonsell were absent.

The Committee reconsidered its resolution regarding the 120 credit hour minimum for the bachelors degree. It had received input from Institutional Research regarding the practices of other universities. Deb Smith-Howell, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, had sent an email pointing out that the Education Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) reviews proposals for new degrees, among other things. EPAC is developing a list of reasons why programs may need more than 120 credit hours, and will review all future proposals. The Committee amended the previous resolution and later voted electronically to approve it.

The resolution was approved by the EC&C and will be passed to the full Senate next week:

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, it is appropriate that the citizens of Nebraska be provided a clear and accurate message as to degree requirements at their state universities, and

Whereas, there is a developing opinion among educators in the state that 120 credit hours be standardized as the minimum credits required for awarding a bachelor degree, and

Whereas, a recent survey of twenty doctoral research universities found that 60 percent of these universities required 120 credit hours for a bachelors degree, and

Whereas, the University of Nebraska at Omaha currently requires 125 credit hours as a minimum for a bachelor degree, and

Whereas, university administration has assured the Faculty Senate that a change from 125 to 120 credit hours as the minimum for a bachelor degree will be without significant adverse financial effect upon the university.

Therefore be it resolved that, the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha supports changing the minimum credit hours required for awarding a bachelor degree from 125 to 120 credit hours, and

Be it further resolved that, nothing in this change of minimal requirements should affect the prerogative of each College to establish its own credit hour requirements for a bachelors degree.


Preliminary Findings from New Course Evaluation Data

AVC Steve Bullock reported some preliminary results from the data collected from the Fall semester using the new course evaluation forms. His report is reprinted:

Items related to the new course evaluation:

Completed

- Forms scanned from fall classes and results delivered to faculty
- Aggregation of all on-campus course data—final verification occurring this week
• Website developed with teaching strategies workbooks available
  (http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs-tabs/facstaff/accreditation/courseeval.php)
• This would seem to be the logical place to include display of university-wide aggregation.

**Preliminary Findings**

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Five questions that have the highest u-wide averages:
1. Instructor was enthusiastic about teaching this course (Q5—Enthusiasm)
2. Students were encouraged to ask questions and were given meaningful answers (Q15—Group Interaction)
3. Students were encouraged to express their own ideas and/or question the instructor (Q16—Group Interaction)
4. Instructor was friendly towards individual students (Q17—Individual Rapport)
5. Instructor made students feel welcome in seeking help/advice in or outside of class (Q18—Individual Rapport)

Five questions seem to have the lowest u-wide averages and highest standard deviations:
1. My interest in the subject increased as a consequence of this course (Q3—Learning)
2. Instructor’s style of presentation held my interest during class (Q8—Enthusiasm)
3. Instructor’s presentation of material facilitated taking notes (Q12—Organization)
4. Feedback on examinations / graded materials was valuable (Q25—Assessment and Evaluation)
5. Required readings/texts were valuable (Q28—Assignments)

**Soon To Be Completed**

- IR is currently finishing up the dimension aggregations and we are still getting in some of the non-Blackboard online responses
- Slight alterations to the format of the form

**Issues during the First Semester**

- UNO faculty who teach at UNL
- Dimension averages for individual faculty were miscalculated and then corrected

**Issues Unrelated to the New Form:**

- Some confusion on the semester code
- CBA misplacing hard copy evaluations

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We briefly discussed the questions with the highest and lowest averages. Questions related to individual rapport and group interaction were high. Particularly, individual rapport as a dimension scored high. It was noted that this attests to the strong student focus of the university. On the other hand, it was also pointed out that one question with consistently low responses was Q28 (required readings/texts), indicating that students did not find assigned reading material to be helpful. Interestingly, Q28 responses were much higher for online courses.

We then discussed several open issues that require some continued dialog going forward:

1. Should the questions be modified for online courses? Though the SEEQ was created mostly from research in the 1970s-1990s (based on conventional courses), the thinking is that most of the questions are applicable to online courses.
2. Should the evaluations be moved to mid-semester? The voice of students who withdraw from courses are virtually never heard. By conducting the evaluations mid-semester, we can get feedback from more students and instructors may be
able to make adjustments that could improve the student learning experience.
3. How does this compare to other universities? Once the data has been finalized, it
would be possible to make comparisons and perhaps identify and prioritize areas
for improvement based on the university strategic goals.

Information Services Update
AVC John Fiene and IS Executive Director Lanyce Keel gave an update on the
status of the Technology Fee proposals and briefly discussed draft revisions to the
UNO Privacy Policy.

Student Technology Fee Funding Proposals. IS received a total of 14 proposals
for the Student Technology Fee. (The Student Technology Fee is used to fund college
and university projects that improve the overall technological infrastructure of the
university.) As part of the proposal review and evaluation process, IS will seek inputs
regarding prioritization from the Faculty Senate ER&S committee, the University
Committee on Technology and Resources, and the Dean’s Forum. Funding decisions
will be announced in May.

Email Replacement Update. Microsoft, Google and IBM Lotus Notes submitted
their cloud-based proposals in December. A decision may be made before the end of
the academic year.

Updates to UNO Privacy Policy. To enforce the university Privacy Policy
(official version can be found here: http://www.unomaha.edu/policies/docs/UNO%20Privacy%20Policy-v1.0-final.pdf),
the Vontu monitoring product has been deployed to scan and detect data patterns that
appear to be restricted data (e.g., social security, credit card numbers, etc.) in transit
(such as email) and stored on PCs (PC scanning is only performed upon request).
AVC Fiene also shared some proposed revisions to the university Privacy Policy. The
changes mostly clarify the language regarding restricted data transmitted by email. As
we were out of time, ER&S will review the document offline and provide feedback to
AVC Fiene.

Our next meeting will be on March 30, 2-3pm. Scott Dickey from UNO
Bookstore will give an update on the book rental and e-book program.

C. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Erickson reported the
committee met February 23, 2011. Present: Erickson, Melanson, Nordman, and
Proulx.

Items discussed:
We discussed several items in this meeting. First, we propose the Faculty
Development Fellowship resolution, as noted below. Second, we discussed the
campus smoking policy. Third, we discussed the request that we investigate the
possibility of the State of Nebraska increasing the limits on employer contributions to
employee retirement. Finally we discussed the potential impact of some of the
pending bills in Nebraska on the subject of state employee collective bargaining.

1. Faculty Development Fellowship resolution
Proposed was the following resolution regarding the developmental leave
program. The EC&A voted for it to be returned to committee for more work.

Whereas, the University of Nebraska at Omaha has committed itself
through its strategic plan to academic excellence, and

Whereas, in support of this commitment the University of Nebraska at
Omaha is attempting to increase research and creative activity
commensurate with that of a metropolitan university of national
distinction, and

Whereas, programs such as developmental leaves for faculty are critical for the recruitment and retention of high quality and motivated faculty and the realization of academic excellence and increased research and creative activity, and

Whereas, at present the one-semester developmental leave program has been suspended and the full year half-pay option is not a viable option for all faculty, and

Whereas, the one-semester full-pay developmental leave program can be operated with minimal marginal costs and with no reduction in tuition income, therefore

Be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha strongly recommends that the one-semester developmental leave program be reactivated and that serious consideration be given to its expansion to be available to more faculty.

2. UNO Campus Smoking Policy
The University currently follows the NE Department of Health and Human Services Regulations on Indoor Air Quality (Title 178). Basically it prohibits smoking in any state building or within 10’ of an entrance. All other areas, unless otherwise restricted for safety reasons are available for smoking.

Technically violating the code is considered a Level V misdemeanor. Violations would need to be reported to the Omaha Police Department. OPD's availability to respond to this type of issue would be quite low. UNO tries to encourage smokers to comply with the smoke free zone and in general for most areas it works reasonably well. If the violators are routinely the same faculty or staff members we speak with their supervisors to ask for help in enforcement. Campus Security can also ask for cooperation in this manner, but they cannot "police" it or enforce it, merely ask for cooperation.

In addition to the Library, CPAC, HPER, MBSC and Mammel Hall all have expanded no smoking zones. To change these distances, the present process starts with a request to the appropriate Vice Chancellor and then, if supported, goes on to the Cabinet for approval.

At present it seems that strict enforcement is not possible, given the above responses provided to the committee. Whether it would be worthwhile to propose a standard distance policy is questionable at this point. The committee also discussed the possibility of some sort of “smoking hut” to keep second hand smoke away from people entering and exiting buildings, where most smoking now seems to occur in a relatively narrow corridor beginning 10 feet from most entrances.

3. Expanded Retirement Contribution Limits
The issue was raised regarding whether it would be worthwhile to ask for an increase in the State of Nebraska’s contribution limits for employee retirement. This does not mean that we would be asking to raise the actual contribution, but rather the limit, which is set by law and is now at the maximum level. Two problems are evident. First, this will very likely be a negotiating issue for the union, and not something that the Faculty Senate will be able to develop much. We will ask David Corbin, AAUP President, whether the issue is likely to be a union negotiating point. Second, in the current budgetary environment, this may not be an especially good signal to send to Administration, the Regents or the
Legislature. We will discuss this problem more at the next meeting.

4. **Collective Bargaining Bills Proposed**

A number of states, including Nebraska, have proposed legislation that limits or eliminates collective bargaining by public employees. Given the publicity the issues have received in Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio we think that it is important for everyone to make themselves aware of the proposals and what they mean for Nebraska.

The following is part of a message from Bill Pratt, UNO’s Chief Negotiator:

> “Collective bargaining for UNO faculty and all other public employees in the state of Nebraska is at risk! In fact, the right of collective bargaining for public employees has never been in greater jeopardy. Currently, there are eight measures under consideration in the Unicameral which either restrict collective bargaining in the public sector or propose to do away with it altogether. The three most threatening proposals are: (1) LB 555, which calls for the elimination of the Special Master process; (2) LB 664, which calls for the elimination of the Commission on Industrial Relations and essentially eliminates public sector collective bargaining; and (3) LR 29CA, which calls for a constitutional amendment to prohibit public sector collective bargaining. Both LB 664 and LR 29CA are sponsored by Senator John Nelson, an Omaha Senator.”

Do we have or want a response?

D. **Committee on Goals and Directions:** Senator Marx reported the committee met on February 23, 2011. Members in attendance: Darryll Lewis, Chris Kelly, Matthew Marx, Bonnie O’Connell. Excused: Richard Lomneth and Jessiline Anderson.

The committee worked on revising the Shared Governance resolution, a document the committee has been working on for the past couple of months. After several revisions and an extensive discussion, the proposal was unanimously passed by the committee.

The EC&C voted to send the resolution, as follows, to the full Senate next week:

> WHEREAS, in the tradition of academic freedom, peer review, and shared governance, it is of critical importance that faculty, administrators, and governing boards share a common understanding in order to fulfill commitments to the educational mission of the university in seeking, discovering, and disseminating knowledge,

AND WHEREAS, the practice of shared governance is a necessary condition for academic freedom, the mission of the university, and effective peer review whereby peers determine the curriculum and standards that define competence and ethical conduct in the discipline,

AND WHEREAS, the university’s mission of seeking, discovering, and disseminating knowledge can best be achieved through the joint effort of faculty, administrators, and governing boards,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the UNO faculty and administration accept an agreed-upon vision of shared governance, and that it be understood as a system of authority and responsibility which presumes that faculty members are best qualified to direct the university’s educational course, while administrators are best qualified to direct the university’s finances and organization, with both
units understanding that these areas form a symbiotic relationship of interdependency that functions most effectively when faculty, administrators, and governing board partners engage in a high degree of interdependent consultation, respect, trust, and collegiality,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the voting faculty at UNO should have primary (but not exclusive) authority for decisions in the following areas: the curriculum; procedures of student instruction; standards of student competence; aspects of student life which relate to the educational process; the requirements for degrees offered; research; standards of faculty competence and ethical conduct, including faculty status, appointments, reappointments, decisions not to reappoint, promotions, the granting of tenure, and dismissal (the governing board, the chancellor, and its administrative agents should, on questions of faculty status, as in other matters where the faculty has primary responsibility, concur with the faculty judgment except in rare instances and for compelling reasons which should be stated in detail),

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents and its administrative agents at UNO have primary (but not exclusive) responsibility for decisions in the following areas: determination of mission; strategic decisions and comprehensive planning; physical and fiscal resources; budgeting and distribution of funds; the decision to declare financial exigency; the decision to create a program, department, school, college, or division; and selection and assessment of the chancellor, vice-chancellors, and deans.

The committee began preliminary work on its next agenda item, which is to gather information about how the administration plans to implement goal 3 of the Strategic Plan (Academic Excellence) while continuing to cut lines or leave lines open. The committee’s plan is to compile a list of pertinent questions on this issue and find answers from key administrators.


We are currently crafting a summary resolution of the scholarship of engagement and its role in the RPT process at UNO.


The meeting began with a brief discussion concerning the current status of most recent resolution and our planned extended meeting in March. Then we moved on to the primary work of the meeting: Assigning newly elected senators to their standing committees. Per the bylaws every effort was made to distribute the faculty membership of committees with respect to colleges. We also took into serious consideration preferences provided incoming senators. The new senators are assigned to committees as follows:

Academic & Curricular Affairs
Wai-Ning Mei (A&S)
Executive Committee & Cabinet Agenda – 3/2/11

Gregory Petrow (A&S)
Dale Tiller (EXT)

Educational Resources & Services
Jeanne Surface (ED)
Robert Smith (A&S)
Patrick O’Neil (CPACS)

Faculty Personnel & Welfare
James Carroll (A&S)
Marshall Prisbell (CFAM)

Goals & Directions
Meredith Bacon (A&S)
Ziaul Huq (BA)
Phyllis Adcock (ED)

Professional Development
Kenneth Kriz (CPACS)

Rules
William Mahoney (IS&T)

V. Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON): Senator Mitchell reported

Topics for Discussion:

PUBLICATION
- Sentinel. The next issue of the AFCON Sentinel will be available on March 19, 2011.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Bills –
- LB 192 – Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education in Schools. This bill does not legislate curriculum. The parameters of the bill are consistent with AFCON’s policy statement on Sexuality and Academic Freedom.
- LB544 – Requires civic education in Nebraska. Nebraska shall include “active participation in the improvement of a citizen’s community, state, country, and world and the value and practice of civil discourse between opposing interests.” Senator Pahl, the author of the bill is requesting written testimony rather than in person testimony.
- LB470 – Authorizes city governmental bodies to approve library personnel policies and procedures.
- LB582 – The Student Expression Act will be heard on March 8th. Information about this bill is on the AFCON website.

The following action was taken by the board regarding legislation:
- LB192: Motion by Moshman, second by Lee, that President Wagner send a letter of support for the bill on behalf of AFCON to Senator Council, along with a copy of the AFCON Sexuality and Academic Freedom statement. Motion carried by voice vote.
- LB470: Motion by Parker, second by Lee, that President Wagner send a letter of support for the bill on behalf of AFCON to Senator Karpisek.
- LB544: Motion by Haller, second by McMurtry, that President Wagner send a letter of support for the bill on behalf of AFCON to Senator Pahls and to Senator Adams. The letter of support shall incorporate language Haller distributed earlier.
to the AFCON board. Motion carried by voice vote.

- **LB582:** Motion by McMurtry, second by Edler, that President Wagner testify in support of LB582 on behalf of AFCON at the legislative hearing on March 8. Motion carried by voice vote.

**AFCON GOALS FOR 2011**

- The board discussed the need to raise awareness of the difficulties facing K-12 teachers and how AFCON may be able to serve as a resource for teachers to express their needs and their viewpoints. Peggy Adair will work with Tom Black, editor of the *Sentinel*, to place a “call for articles” in the next issue. Adair will also work with Brooke to place a similar “call for articles” on the AFCON website. Leibrandt and Parker will work together to develop a plan to distribute AFCON information to school librarians.

**MEMBER ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

- The Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association conference will be held in Lincoln in October.

- Nebraska Center for the Book has chosen *Local Wonders* by Ted Kooser for the 2011 One Nebraska One Book selection.

- The Nebraska Book Festival will be held on May 21.

- The University of Nebraska is considering vertical cuts, ostensibly due to budget issues.

**NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting of the AFCON BOARD OF DIRECTORS will be Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Eiseley Library, Lincoln.

B. **American Association of University Professors (AAUP):** Senator Mitchell reported the following were topics of discussion at the AAUP meeting

- Annual reports. All annual reports for those seeking RPT will be seen by the Senior Vice Chancellor. All annual reports will be done on Digital Measures. Course evaluations will eventually be put in Digital Measures automatically.

- The Summer School. Schedules were changed by the computer and hours for courses were miscalculated. There should have been no 13 week classes. Departments can change and do less if desired.

- The tenure buy out.

- Dependents. There is a dependent audit being mailed to those with dependents.

- President Elect Position. Names are needed for this position. Positions up for election this year are treasurer, 1st vice president and the 4 faculty positions.

- Information for the Kolosa Scholarship will be sent out by March 1.

- Nebraska Legislature. Corbin, Brown, Pratt and Pappas will testify on the legislative bills regarding the CIR.

- Membership. President Corbin sent out letters to all non-members.

- Spring Dinner. The Spring Dinner will be held at the Upstream West on April 29th.

- Walker Case. No court date has been set.

C. **Commencement Committee:** Professor Bill Corcoran reported that there has not been a meeting since December 2010.

D. **Graduate Council:** Professor Jeanette Harder reported (UNO Graduate College has 45 graduate programs, 7 doctoral programs, 19 graduate
Graduate Council met on February 14, 2011, and welcomed two new graduate student representatives: Kristina Haynie and Shane McFeely.

**Issues discussed:**

- Graduate admissions and enrollments. Graduate Studies has made changes to expedite processing of transcripts, and is evaluating changes to improve the recommendation process.
- Graduate Studies has developed a FAQ list to help with the admissions process: [www.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission_faq.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission_faq.php)
- The graduate assistantship survey has been distributed; submissions are due February 28. The overall goal, according to Deb Smith-Howell, is to increase graduate assistantships, especially for doctoral programs.
- The Recruitment and Marketing Promotion (RAMP) group has made recommendations to improve admissions and enrollment processes for new students. They are going to a conference the last week of February to learn more about recruitment of graduate students.
- Degrees will continue to be conferred three times a year (May, August, and December); commencement ceremonies will only be held in May and December, and will be held in the Field House. May 2011 will be the last commencement at the Civic. There will be no commencement ceremony in August 2011. The Graduate Council discussed issues surrounding the cancelling of the August 2011 ceremony and recommended flexibility for students who had planned to walk, especially international students. For the future, however, the Graduate Council acknowledged numerous barriers (i.e. thesis, comprehensive exams) to allowing graduate students to commence in May when they are not expected to complete degree requirements until August.

**Important dates:**

- Elton S. Carter Graduate Honors Reception, Wednesday, March 16, 2011 @ 5:00, MBSC, Ballroom
- Spring Graduate Faculty meeting, Monday, April 25, 2011, @ 2:30, MBSC, Dodge Room.

**VI. Old Business**

**A.** The following resolution will be brought before the full Senate next week for reconsideration:

**RESOLUTION 3077, 2/9/2011: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

WHEREAS the faculty senate has numerous committees that conduct important university business, and;

WHEREAS the faculty senate is frequently contacted to recommend faculty members for university (non-senate) committees, and;

WHEREAS there currently exists no mechanism to insure either kind of committee regularly updates the faculty senate on its important business;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the chair of any committee that Faculty Senate Rules Committee recommends members will hereafter be required to produce a brief summary of the committee’s activities and submit it to Faculty Senate Rules Committee before the end of the academic year. This report should include a list of committee members, a summary of regular, annual activities as described in the charge of the committee in the last twelve months (if any, bulleted), and recommendations for committee activities for the next year (if any, bulleted).

VII. New Business

A. Newly Elected Senators for 2011-2014
   College of Arts & Sciences:
   Meredith Bacon  
   James Carroll  
   Wai-Ning Mei  
   Gregory Petrow  
   Robert Smith  
   College of Business Administration:  
   Ziul Huq  
   College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media:  
   Marshall Prisbell  
   College of Education:  
   Phyllis Adcock  
   Jeanne Surface  
   College of Information Science & Technology:  
   William Mahoney  
   College of Public Affairs & Community Service:  
   Kenneth Kriz  
   Patrick O’Neill  
   External NU Faculty:  
   Dale Tiller

B. General Education requirements for Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) was passed to Senator Bartle and the Academic & Curricular Affairs Committee to work on.

C. On the Fall 2010 Passing of Duane Aschenbrenner. Resolution 2451, 05/10/2000, will be passed to the full Senate next week, to be reiterated. If that passes, the resolution will be printed, framed, and presented to Dr. Aschenbrenner’s family.

D. Salvation Army Backpack Program/5000 Neon Highlighters.
   From Kim Kronschnabel/S.A.C: As you may remember, the SAC Erase the Need Event collected 5000 erasers in support of the Salvation Army’s Back-to-School Backpack Program. The event was a success, however, the need is still there. This year we will be collecting 5000 neon highlighters. This meeting is designed to offer various campus entities the opportunity to be included in this 4 week event. Please join us for a brief meeting that could and should involve each of you in various ways. Remember, we are engaged in a friendly competition against Creighton and now College of St.Mary as well. With your assistance, UNO can win this competition and the kids will get great supplies in their backpacks.
The EC&C voted to pass this subject to the full Senate next week ask the Senate to donate individually to this year’s program.

E. The Standing Committees were reminded that there is an End of the Year Standing Committee Reports are due at May F.S. meeting.

F. UNO Green Sustainability Task Force was also passed to Senator Bartle and the Academic & Curricular Committee to work on.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m. with announcements.