Members: Barone, Hayes, Kelly, Melanson, Petrow, Rech, Smith, Winter

Absent: Maring

Presentation: Maria Anderson Knudtson, a Lecturer in the English Dept, discussed the Maverick Readership Program and Newspapers in Curricular Program (NIC) and the possibility of beginning a Faculty Readership Program.

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:25 p.m.

II. The December 7, 2011, minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Rech reported

   1. Executive Committee and Administration (EC&A) met December 21, 2011. The following was discussed.
      a. Review of resolutions passed at Senate meeting 12-14-11 (4017 Hall of Fame committee member, 4018, Senate vacancy for CFAM, 4019, Senate President Elect, 4021, Appreciation of Past President Laquer). All were acknowledged by Chancellor Christensen.
      b. Resolution Action Table. No action taken
      c. Other
         i. Faculty Senate Topics

         Dr. Rech asked that the Emeritus Faculty policy be reviewed. ISVC Reed suggested that emeritus status should be awarded at the time of retirement and that the college/department should weigh heavily in the decision. Chancellor Christensen added that the rights afforded those receiving emeritus status are related to the resources available including office and phone privileges. Emeritus status is a privilege afforded those who historically leave with a minimum of ten years of university service, individual college faculties drive the process of awarding emeritus status, some emeritus faculty may continue working with students which reflect the mutual benefit of emeritus status, and it should be remembered that emeritus status is a privilege, not a right.

         Dr. Rech shared the points of the senate discussion related to evaluation of administrators. Dr. Christensen shared a revised draft of the Administrative Evaluations Practice Statement which included procedures for annual performance reviews and campus administrative reviews for chancellor, vice chancellors and deans. Dr. Reed discussed the role of individual colleges in the evaluation process, and a draft of a survey
instrument will be made available soon for review and suggestions. The review process for deans of individual colleges is contained in the college constitution and is critical for evaluation and feedback for individual deans. Dr. Rech stated that a resolution in support of the Sustainability Center will be forthcoming. Dr. Reed discussed the development of a draft proposal for the Center and timeline for moving forward should be available in February.

ii. Chancellor’s Topics

Dr. Christensen reviewed the December 17 on campus commencement. Glitches experienced in the morning commencement were corrected by the afternoon session. Commencement and the reception in the student center following the ceremony were well attended and well received. The on-campus commencement afforded the University valuable campus exposure. Faculty members are encouraged to share with the Chancellor any observations and comments heard related to commencement.

VC Conley reviewed the weather emergency guidelines. This information will be included in upcoming eNotes. He reminded us that the closing of the campus is a major decision and should be for the entire campus. Dr. Christensen stated that this is always a difficult decision and safety is the first consideration. Mr. Conley updated the Executive Committee of continuing renovation projects including Keiser Hall, Eppley Administration Building, and Milo Bail Student Center.

Dr. Wallace reviewed spring and next fall enrollment projections. Overall student enrollment is the same as last spring semester with slight increases at the undergraduate level and decreases at the graduate level. Next fall applications and admits are up from this time last year.

iii. Round Table

Discussion on Orientation for new students included a call for continued involvement by faculty members. Dr. Christensen suggested that parents and students are pleased to meet University officials at orientation, but it is faculty that seems to have the greatest positive influence. Dr. Rech suggested that having FUSE students be part of the orientation process. And a suggestion was offered to review academic honesty policies as discussed by the Senate Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs.

The use of digital Measures was discussed. Dr. Reed suggested that training will be made available for those not familiar with its use. Digital Measures will be optional for one more year, and then its use will be required for annual review. Dr. Reed suggested that Digital Measures is an excellent tool for collecting data on faculty engagement, research, and accountability. He suggested that perhaps member(s) of the Faculty Senate could serve on the planning/implementation committee.

Dr. Winter discussed implementation of online courses and the need to make sure curriculum, pedagogy, and technology are all considered in making sure online delivery of courses is of highest quality. Mary Niemiec, University of Nebraska Lincoln, Director of Online Worldwide and Associative V.P. for Distance Education will visit the Faculty Senate in March.
Dr. Christensen also discussed briefly possible candidates for Honorary Degrees.

2. **Deans Forum Summary** was updated to November 8, 2011, as of January 3, 2012.  

3. **Written Acknowledgements for Resolutions**: On 12/15/11 Nancy Castilow, Asst. to the Chancellor, wrote in an e-mail: 
   *The chancellor acknowledges resolutions 4017-20 for the purposes of information.*

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- Returned to Faculty Senate for additional language consideration as discussed at the 3/17 meeting with administration.

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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.)

*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. The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m. with announcements.

V. Announcements

A. Faculty Senate Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2012, MBSC, Chancellors Room, 2 p.m. (NU President J.B. Milliken)

B. EC&A: Wednesday, January 18, 2012, EAB 200, Chancellor’s Conference Room

C. EC&C: Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 2 p.m., ASH 196

D. Strategic Planning Forum: February 3, 2012, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.