
Excused: Chao, Decker, Petrow, Prisbell, R. Smith,

Presentation: University of Nebraska President J.B. Milliken

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m.

II. The December 14, 2011, Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Rech reported

1. Executive Committee and Administration (EC&A) meeting was held December 21, 2011. Discussion included:
   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.

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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### 2011-2012 Resolution Action Table
*(Action Pending and Current Resolutions)*

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IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Kelly moved and Senator Lomneth seconded the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 4021, 1/11/12: Center for Sustainability at the UNO Peter Kiewit Institute.

Whereas, it is widely recognized that economic, natural and human resources are finite,
And whereas, projects and policies that balance economic reality, environmental preservation and societal needs provide a means for long term successful outcomes,

And whereas, sustainability touches on all academic disciplines,

And whereas, the mission of an externally funded Center for Sustainability is to strengthen the University goals of research, teaching and service in an interdisciplinary fashion,

And whereas, the Faculty Senate at the University of Nebraska at Omaha supports in principle any initiative which helps the University promote these goals,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha supports the establishment of an externally funded Center for Sustainability at the UNO Peter Kiewit Institute.

V. Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator P. Smith reported the AAUP Executive Committee meets on January 20, 2012. The AAUP is also sponsoring a lecture in March or April. Sam Walker will discuss his book.

VI. New Business

A. Senator Hendricks moved and Senator Hewins-Maroney seconded the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 4022, 1/11/12: On the Passing of Dr. Jack Newton

Whereas, the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha has with sadness learned of the death of John (Jack) Newton, and

Whereas, Jack Newton served the Faculty Senate with distinction in numerous roles, and

Whereas, for nearly four decades as a distinguished faculty member Jack contributed to the quality and character of the University of Nebraska at Omaha through excellent teaching and curriculum development and by being one of the early leaders in developing excellence in research as an appropriate faculty contribution to the university, and

Whereas, Jack was for many years a dedicated and competent university administrator, including service as Chair of the Department of Psychology and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, therefore

Be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha expresses its sympathy and condolences to Jack’s wife Ann and his entire family, and to his many friends in the university and throughout the community.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. with announcements.