Presentation: Mary Paulett Niemiec, University of Nebraska Associate Vice President for Distance Education and Director of University of Nebraska Online Worldwide


Excused: Barone, Carballal, Decker, Hewins-Maroney, Huq, Mahoney, Morris, O’Neil, Tiller

Absent: Nordman, Toller,

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m. by President Rech.

II. The minutes of February 8, 2012, were approved as submitted.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Rech

1. The Senate President with the Chancellor on February 13, 2012.

   Chancellor Christensen reported that the Noel-Levitz Group made their first visit to campus and that Russ Smith is working closely with them to supply data for analysis and to use in development of a plan for strategic growth.

   The Chancellor reported the sprinkler system went down in ASH and approximately 1/3 of the building had water.

   Senator Rech and Chancellor Christensen discussed the resolutions for the 2/8/12 Senate meeting, including the hanging of the faculty pictures in Eppley and the endorsement of the new Ph.D. program in Biomedical Informatics and Emergency Management, including a brief discussion of the wonderful growth on campus.

2. The Executive Committee and Administration (EC&A) met on February 15, 2012

   Members present: Christensen, Reed, Conley, Morrice, Castilow, Rech, Hayes, Barone, Winter, Smith

   Senate President’s items:
   - Dr. Rech contacted Tim Fitzgerald about hanging photographs of faculty award recipients
   - Resolutions Accepted
     - RESOLUTION 4024, Masters of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy Program for BMI Program
     - RESOLUTION 4025, Bachelor of Science program in Emergency Management
     - B.J. Reed discussed design and funding for both programs
• Emergency Management will attract new students
• BMI program and access to UNMC Library

• Discussion of placement of students in class without having met prerequisites
  o Perhaps a statement in the Advisor’s Handbook which is currently under revision

• Ms. Niemiec here in March to present to the Senate about University of Nebraska Online Worldwide

• Meeting with Senator Adams from the Unicameral

• Strategic Planning Forum received positive feedback from university and community members
  o Enrollment
  o Retention
  o Graduation

• Scottsdale Outreach
  o Contacting alumni in that area to keep them informed of priorities of the alumni association
  o Dr. Stergiou will present in Scottsdale

• Boy Scouts will recognize Walter Scott with their highest honor

• UNO is corporate partners with the Boy Scouts

• Pursuing the opportunity to host the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU) National conference here in 2015

• SVC B.J. Reed discussed a Student Senate Resolution designed to provide for early registration for student athletes
  o Similar resolutions are in place throughout the country
  o Our student athletes are excellent students and early registration has not been a major concern
  o UNO student athletes have a higher GPA than the student body in general
  o Dr. Reed discussed the initiative of the Testing Center working more broadly with student athletes

• College Bound Nebraska
  o Financial Aid – tuition only help for needy students
  o Developed video featuring UNO students

• Dr. Reed on University Searches
  o Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs being done internally
  o Reorganization will focus on faculty development
    ▪ Considering two faculty leadership fellowships

• Learning Communities
  o Staff directors working more effectively across learning communities
  o Will meet regularly to help and track students
  o Outreach to high schools

   - Jack Steiner has been hired to assist Lynn Stephenson with internal auditing. This is at the request of the President, and was directed at all campuses.
- Steve Shorb presented new academic resources available in the library:
  a. ARTstor – can upload slides for art instruction, access art projects to be used in Blackboard, etc.
  b. Early American newspapers: (1690-1876), 500-600 newspapers from throughout the state, can view whole article and entire pages of newspapers
  c. Academic Video Online – high-quality copyrighted videos; faculty can cut clips and send to students, embed in Blackboard, etc.
  d. Harold Chenowith has put together local news reels and has digitized the collection that the library will hopefully be acquiring soon (local historian)
  e. Dana Archives (many had been housed at Dana College)
- Roundtable
  a. Chancellor: Biomechanics Ph.D. on agenda for Board approval on 3/21
     i. Discussions underway to switch Caniglia field to a soccer field
     ii. First visit with Enrollment Management Group and UNO was given in initial information on what needs to be done here
     iii. Business and Finance priorities: Develop new master plan for facilities (including MBSC), new technologies to help with efficiency, and signage
     iv. Academic/Student Affairs has 5 priorities (Early Childhood, STEM, sustainability (research and industrial focus), global engagement, and Research & Creative Activity)
     v. Five-year review of Chancellor Christensen begins next month – a consultant hired by President Milliken will be contacting some individuals for personal interviews
  b. B.J. Reed: Brazilian group was on campus and met with various groups – went well
     i. A Russian contingency will be here 4/26-27, including the Russian Ambassador, along with Senator Hagel, they will have an afternoon event with students and a forum with the Chamber of Commerce in the afternoon
     ii. Office on Institutional Effectiveness is now in place, headed by Russ Smith (comprised of Institutional Research, Decision Support Services, and Accreditation)
  c. Tim Kaldahl (University Relations): UNO magazine is out, with the next one out in June, with a focus on face; a TV crew will be here 3/5 for footage and interviews to use in the community and for orientation
  d. Josh White (athletics): Information will be out soon for fac/staff to purchase tickets at 20% off for basketball at the Ralston venue; Women’s basketball has had a good start in D-1 with a winning record & 3 D-1 victories
  e. Pelema Morrice (recruitment services/student affairs): 2/8 and 2/9 met with Noel-Levitiz Group on Strategic Enrollment Management Plan, 2nd visit will be in late March and a campus-wide forum will occur in March; continued meetings with IWCC and working toward articulation agreements
  f. Hesham Ali (IS&T): PKI Open House on 2/25; grant received for working with teachers with technology; recruited a new CS faculty member – recent graduate from UT-Austin
  g. John Bartle (CPACS): B.S. in Emergency Management announced
h. CFAM: “Cat on a Hot Tim Roof” opened; new student art exhibit opened; KVNO drive set to start; KVNO is not statewide 10 pm – 5 am through NET radio

i. John Fiene (IT): 3/19, campus moves to Outlook & Office365 -- departmental framing and orientation is a good idea; ping.unomaha.edu is now the gateway for information and there is a lot of data available; “Starfish” advising system will allow easier interface between students and advisors; rewriting the “Application for Admission” online

j. John Thorpe (Eng): Open house at PKI on 2/25

k. Louis Pol (CBA): Open House at CBA on 2/24; bringing high school teachers & students here for “Inside CBA” program; hosting “Art EXPO” in April with the Girl Scouts

l. Lee Denker (Alumni): Staff went to a conference on alumni programs and won awards; events well-attended in Scottsdale and Denver; 3/5 Denver University hockey game with alumni event

m. Scott Snyder (ORCA): Research & Creative Activity Fair on 2/10 was a success; 5/7/12 will be a grant-writing seminar for all faculty, with special focus on grants through NSF, NIH, DoD

n. Bill Conley (Bus/Fin): Molly Anderson will be meeting with neighborhood group; eshop is launching in next month; meeting with NE Lead group – people from across state will be meeting at Mammel & PKI

o. Tom Gouttierre (International Programs): Group of international students will be going to Norfolk for 3 days and spending time in schools and on farms to learn about life in rural Nebraska; in April, the following awards will be given: Andy Award (broadcast & print with international focus) and Dewaine Gahan Award (Involving rural NE in international Affairs)

p. Carolyn Gascoigne: 3/14 will be campus-wide meeting to discuss the use of the new evaluation instrument as a teaching tool; TABS will now be available for online courses

q. Nancy Edick (Educ.): Cohosted “The American Teacher” at FilmStreams; continue to search for Early Childhood Director; 2 new hires (great hires for the college)

r. Dave Boocker (A&S): Search for Assoc. VC of Student Affairs is underway and they are beginning to look at apps – goal is to have candidates on campus in April; Schwab Center is paying for an Israeli professor to come to UNO and teach for C.J. and also in A&S

s. Lynn Stephenson (operations analysis & audit): Finalizing faculty rates with dept. of health for indirect costs; reviewing all aspects of safety on this campus

3. **Campus Land Use Committee** met February 28, 2012.

   The Chancellor presented information to group regarding proposed changes:
   - Caniglia field would be re-pitched as a soccer field; track would be removed; bleachers on east side will be removed; new entrance to Field House would be built from grandstands.
   - Pep Bowl would be enhanced; sidewalks added, would lead naturally to soccer field; “beautification of pep bowl” (Stated need to maintain the green space we have and accentuate it).
   - Plans are in place for the new BioMechanics facility on southeastern edge of HPER.
   - Entrance to campus, including staircase, would come from Elmwood to the soccer field.
• Plans included residence hall construction between parking garage and field, but there are no plans for that currently.
• Future plans for Center St. land (possibly): development of baseball/softball complex, building of a natatorium.
• Chancellor asked faculty/students/staff in attendance for input on plans and any possible concerns.

4. **Fall 2012 UG Admission Stats as of March 1, 2012** were shared

5. **Board of Regents** met March 2, 2012. Items pertaining to UNO:
   - Strategic Framework Update: Research
     - Linda Pratt and Pete Lipins reported on the progress each campus is making toward the goal of doubling the research dollars on each campus, from 2006 – 2016. UNO is “right on track,” over the past five years, to double research dollars brought into campus.

   **Business Affairs:**
   - Approved a lease agreement with the City of Ralston for use of the Ralston Sports and Event Center for UNO Men’s Basketball games.
   - Authorized expenditure of $1,125,000 from the Bond Surplus Fund to make student housing and parking improvements (including new doors & security cameras for housing & signage and lighting for parking structure)

   **UNO Enrollment Summary:**
   - UNO Student Credit Hour Report: % change from Spring 2011 to Spring 2012: +0.4%
   - UNO Headcount Enrollment: % change from Spring 2011 to Spring 2012: + 1.7%
   - UNO FTE summary: % change from Spring 2011 to Spring 2012: 0.0%
     (FTE: full-time plus one third part-time headcount)

6. **Deans Forum Summary:** As of March 5, 2012, it has been updated to January 12, 2012. [http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/inside/deansforum.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/inside/deansforum.php)

7. **Written Acknowledgements for Resolutions:** On 2/28/12 Nancy Castilow, Asst. to the Chancellor, wrote in an e-mail:
   *The chancellor accepted all of the resolutions.* (R4023-4026)

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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.”)

B. **Treasurer’s Report:** Senator P. Smith gave the February 2012 budget report.

**IV. Executive Committee Report:** Senator Hayes moved the following two resolutions for the Executive Committee. Both passed.

A. **RESOLUTION 4027, 3/14/12: Replacement for External Senator to the UNO Faculty Senate**

BE IT RESOLVED that Junke Guo has been elected to complete John Bonsell’s term (5/12/10 – 5/8/13) as one of two external Senators to the UNO Faculty Senate.

B. **RESOLUTION 4028, 3/14/12: 2012-2015 Newly Elected Senators**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following 11 faculty members have been elected by their respective colleges to serve on the Faculty Senate for three years (5/9/12 – 5/13/15):

| College of Arts & Sciences: | Nora Bacon  
| Tom Bragg  
| Juan Casas  
| Lisa Scherer  
| Douglas Stack |
| College of Business Administration: | Wikil Kwak |
| College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media: | Tomm Roland  
| Christine Beard |
| College of Education | Harrison Means |
| College of Information Science and Technology: | Stan Wileman |
| College of Public Affairs & Community Service: | Jeanette Harder |

**V. Standing Committee Reports**

A. **Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs:** Senator Petrow reported the committee met with Megan Essay from Academic and Student Affairs to discuss orientation.

We had met with her last semester, with two concerns.

One, we were concerned about requiring all incoming students to attend
orientation. We want to be sensitive to those students who far enough away that coming is difficult.

Second, we were concerned about discussing issues of plagiarism during the orientation.

On the first point, they have instituted a new policy whereby students outside of a 100 mile radius of UNO do not have to attend the orientation. They can register for classes without attending the orientation. Instead, they can attend a two hour “express orientation” the week before class.

On the second point, they were waiting to receive plagiarism materials from this committee, which they did not. We are now in the process of putting the materials together, with a focus on the plagiarism policy passed by the Faculty Senate. The material will appear in their orientation binders, and also be shared with them by their advisers.

B. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Maring reported the committee met February 22, 2012.

In attendance: Patrick O’Neil, Jeanne Surface, Robert Smith, Dana Richter Egger, Marvel Maring, Harvey Siy

Guests: Lanyce Keel, Dan O’Dell, Joyce Crockett and Carolyn Gascoigne

Carolyn Gascoigne began by discussing TABS (Teaching Analysis by Students), a professional development instrument “designed to help instructors identify and effectively use their particular teaching strengths, to isolate specific teaching problems and to develop improvement strategies directed at these problems.” The use of the new course evaluation instrument in the TABS process was piloted by three faculty this fall and the pilot has been extended and expanded this spring and is open to all faculty. Announcements have gone out in e-notes. Participation in TABS is confidential and anonymous. The faculty members may choose to share the information with their department chair or dean but it is never shared by the Center for Faculty Development (it is shredded following the consultation).

An important announcement that Carolyn shared was that on March 13 at 2:30-4:00 in the CPACS Commons, William Addison will discuss UNO’s course evaluation instrument. His research focuses on student evaluation of instruction.

Dr. Gascoigne shared other news about the course evaluation, including how a teaching circle has formed and they are focusing on professional development uses, as well as how reporting (RPT, Annual Reviews, etc.) is handled.

Joyce, Dan and Lanyce discussed the online form of the course evaluation, which is administered through Digital Measures, and they brought up some of the issues involved in it. They’ve adjusted the online form to make the questions appropriate for an online course (“learning environment” versus classroom, for instance) but it’s important to keep the questions as similar as possible. The return rate isn’t as good as the print form and that is consistent with universities across the country. Joyce shared more about how many methods were used to gather online course evaluations in the past and the process that happens now with Digital Measures. In general, students appear to like the new online form and they have more time to think about their answers. Someone asked if ratings were higher or lower through Digital Measures. People who love the class and people who don’t like the class are more likely to respond. Some of the main questions the committee had revolved around how the evaluations are used by administration and RPT committees. The committee members shared examples from their disciplines, including how an RPT committee would normalize results from several instruments from tenure candidates. The consensus was that they consider all the data that has been gathered over the pre-tenure career of the faculty member. Other questions involved what kind of analysis
is being done at the University level for faculty development. Course averages by college and department are shared with deans.

Another important question that was brought up was about how to come up with valid correlations by course size, course standing, average GPA, required versus elective, and graduate versus undergraduate.

Someone else was concerned that the evaluation is not attached to a particular learning outcome. Chemistry faculty shared that they prefer standardized tests whenever possible in order to demonstrate mastery, and this is more objective. The committee asked the guests if they are observing any campus-wide trends and it is still early to determine. Comparing our generalized results with peer institutions by department and program would also be helpful. Another question was whether or not students are complaining about the length of the evaluation and it seems to take around 10 minutes in the pilot. It appears that students are not finding it problematic.

Dr. Gascoigne and the group were happy to take the questions and use that for future developments/analysis. Dr. Gascoigne highlighted the guides that are available on the Office of Academic & Student Affairs website that include teaching strategies that address the nine dimensions of the course evaluations. The guides were developed by Dr. Herbert Marsh who developed the SEEQ instrument. [http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/tabs/academic/courseeval.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/tabs/academic/courseeval.php)

The group also provided a sheet that compared online completion numbers.

C. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Melanson reported that the committee met with Joe Kaminski and asked why the fee for faculty membership to HPER is what it is. Kaminski gave them figures, which the committee is reviewing. No resolution from the Faculty Senate is necessary because 80% of the faculty fee is supposed to go directly to the bond, the rest goes to facilities. In their next meeting they will discuss staffing issues with 2020 in mind.

D. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Kelly’s committee did not meet. He wrote that AVC Deb Smith-Howell is scheduled to participate in the next G&D
meeting (March 28) to discuss articulation between UNO and the community colleges.

   a. Approved minutes of the 01/25/2012 meeting.
   b. BJ Reed – Senior Vice Chancellor for the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA)
      • This past year 100% of the marginal increase in student credit hours has originated from online courses.
      • One reason why colleges have significantly different levels of infrastructure relating to online course development is a result of college-level/specific priorities (i.e., some colleges place greater importance on online education than others). Another reason is tied to the availability of flexible resources (i.e., “economic slack”) that can be allocated to creation of online infrastructure).
         i. The College of Education is potentially working with Cisco to support distance education delivery options.
      • Online Worldwide as well as Academic Computing (e.g., Lanyce Keel) provide some opportunities to funding in the 1K-5K range.
   c. We discussed the possibility of obtaining a pool of funds enabling faculty to attend Online Education conferences.
   d. Online Ed metrics:
      • 30% of undergraduates taking on-line courses are totally on-line students – 70% taking on-line classes are on campus students
      • At the graduate level, 60% taking online classes are purely on-line students.
      • Russ Smith will be working on characterizing online students, their needs, their interests, etc.
   e. 2020 Enrollment Goals
      • Online education is viewed as being central to achieving 2020 enrollment goals. Online course footprints will be of varying size – some classes may be scalable to large numbers of students (provided faculty are given TA’s etc.) while other classes may remain small.
   f. Faculty Development for Teaching Online
      • We are planning to advocate for the creation of an online (week-long) workshop, developed at UNO, to provide faculty with the skill set needed for effective quality online teaching. It was suggested that the mechanism of a Faculty Senate motion would be most appropriate in the case where we were unable to achieve our goals.

F. Committee on Rules: Senator P. Smith, for the committee, moved the following resolution, which was announced at last month’s full Senate meeting. This resolution passed.

1. RESOLUTION 4029, 3/14/12: Amendment to UNO Faculty Senate Bylaws
BE IT RESOLVED that the “Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Bylaws” be changed by deleting the crossed out wording and adding the following underlined wording to Article II, Section 5 Elections:

Section 5: The election of senators shall be conducted by each college by the end of the month of January in two steps: a nomination primary and a final election. Respective college faculties shall select the nominees (e.g. by primary vote) to determine the nominees for the final election. The final ballot shall list at least twice as many names as there are seats to be filled by each college. In the event of a tie in either election, a run-off shall be conducted between those candidates. Eligible persons receiving the highest number of votes cast for the respective seats shall be deemed elected to the senate.

2. Senator P. Smith also reported on the Committee’s February Meeting:
   Present: Barone, Decker, Hewins-Maroney, Smith, Toller. Excused: Mahoney
   The Rules Committee met on Wednesday February 29, 2012. We began with a brief discussion concerning a resolution to replace William Corcoran on the University Commencement Committee. Senator P. Smith moved the following resolution for the committee. It also passed

   RESOLUTION 4030, 3/14/12: Commencement Committee Replacement
   BE IT RESOLVED that, on the Commencement Committee, Janice Rech will replace William Corcoran, who is on sabbatical. This term will run until 7/31/12.

   Then the committee 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
   Nora Bacon (A&S)
   Christine Beard (CFAM)

   Educational Resources & Services
   Wikil Kwak (CBA)

   Faculty Personnel & Welfare
   Lisa Scherer (A&S)
   Tomm Roland (CFAM)
   Stan Wileman (IST)

   Goals & Directions
   Tom Bragg (A&S)

   Professional Development
   Juan Casas (A&S)
   Harrison Means (ED)
Rules
Janice Rech (A&S)
Jeanette Harder (CPACS)
Douglas Stack (A&S)

Finally, we also discussed our plans for our extended meeting time in March when we will work with the results of the Faculty Senate Committee Survey.

VI. Non-Senate Committee Reports

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

The following are the highlights of the February 2012 AFCON Board Meeting.

SENTINEL: Deadline for articles for the next issue of the Sentinela will be February 20. The next issue will be available after March 18.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Peggy Adair visited with Senator Council regarding the student expression bill (LB582). The senator feels the bill will not be heard this session even if it makes it out of committee unless it is a priority bill. The student expression group decided the best strategy is to leave the bill in committee this year and try again in 2013. Adair informed Senator Haar’s legislative aide and he agreed the plan is realistic.

Adair informed the board that Senator Ashford has introduced LB1144 which establishes “career academy schools” that will resemble technical schools of the past.

POLICY COORDINATOR: Representative Moshman appeared before the Education Committee regarding LB990, which requires students to be led daily in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The bill also requires each classroom to display the American Flag and the Nebraska State Flag. Peggy Adair will contact Senator Haar and Senator Council informally to determine if AFCON should take further action in opposition to the bill.

MEMBER ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

ALCU Nebraska: ACLU Annual Dinner will be held in Omaha on March 10.

AAUP Nebraska State Conference: Bob Kettlitz is the new president of the AAUP Nebraska State Conference.

Nebraska Educational Media Association: The association will soon be voting on changing the official name to the “Nebraska School Librarians’ Association.”

WEBSITE: Photos of the 2011 AFCON annual meeting/fall program will be uploaded to the AFCON website.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM CONTEST: The contest flier has been sent out to a number of organizations and news outlets. Application and contest rules can be found on the AFCON website.

The next meeting of the AFCON BOARD OF DIRECTORS will be Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Eiseley Library in Lincoln.

B. American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator P. Smith reported the AAUP is accepting applications for the Bernie Kolasa Academic Freedom Memorial Scholarships. Information and application instructions are at: http://www.unoaaup.org/kolasa.

AAUP will conduct an election later this month for offices on next year's Executive Committee. UNO AAUP members are welcome to self-nominate or nominate colleagues for: President-Elect; Secretary; 2nd Vice President/Grievance Officer; Professor Representative; Associate Professor Representative; Assistant
Professor Representative; Other Bargaining Unit Representative (instructor, lecturer, etc.). All faculty with full-time appointments are members of the bargaining unit, but AAUP members serve on the Executive Committee.

The AAUP Spring Dinner has been scheduled for Friday, April 13, at the Upstream at Shoppes of Legacy. Additional information will be forthcoming.

C. **U-Wide Fringe Benefits Committee**: Professor Erickson submitted a reminder: the U-Wide Benefits Committee will meet on April 26. Keith Deitze, chair of the committee, has asked that any issues/problems we have be forwarded to him so that they can be placed on the agenda for the April 26th meeting. So, if any of the various committees or anyone on Senate has anything they want Professor Erickson to take to the committee, let him know.

VII. **New Business**

A. **Ride the Bus to Work Day: March 13 (or April 19)**: Professor Eikenberry wrote to ask if the Senate would propose a resolution with the following information in mind:

- The Omaha City Council is designating March 13 ride the bus to work day (and encourages taking the bus in March). All the city council members will take the bus to the city council meeting that day.
- Work to promote riding the bus to campus in conjunction with Trek to Campus day being organized for April 19 by David Daniels' class in HPER.
- This would be a great way to promote MavRide too.

Senator Lomneth moved and Senator Kelly seconded the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 4031, 3/14/12: Support “Trek to Campus” and Promote MavRide**

BE IT RESOLVED that the UNO Faculty Senate supports “Trek to Campus Day,” April 19, and promotes MavRide.

The motion passed with one against.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.