Present: M. Bacon, N. Bacon, Beard, Bragg, Chen, Chmidling, Harden, Hill, Holley, Huq, Kwak, Mahoney, Means, Meglich, Mei, Parnell, Petrov, Prisbell, Ritter, Siy, P. Smith, R. Smith, Sobel, Sollars, Stack, Stergiou, Tiller, Wileman

Excused: Casas, Cast-Brede, Harder, Lewis, Mitchell, Morris, Surface, Williams

Absent: O’Neil, Scherer

I. The Meeting was Officially Called to Order at 2:05 p.m.

II. The Minutes of October 9, 2013, were approved as written.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator M. Bacon reported

1. The Executive Committee and Administration (EC&A) met October 16, 2013, in the Chancellor’s Conference Room. Present were: Chancellor Christensen, VC BJ Reed, VC Bill Conley; Faculty Senate President, Meredith Bacon, VP Jeanne Surface, Secretary-Treasurer, Lyn Holley, Cabinet Chair, Robert Smith, Rules Committee Chair, Bill Mahoney, and MOOC Liaison, Immediate Past President, Peter Smith. The Chancellor welcomed the Senate resolution of condolence to Walter Scott and his family, and acknowledged the two Engineering Resolutions. The resolutions were discussed. An interest in increasing diversity of UNO faculty was expressed. Emeritus Status was also discussed.

2. University/Community Facility Development Corporation Board of Directors submitted the meeting minutes for their October 10, 2013, meeting from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Tenaska Office, Omaha, Nebraska. Directors present in person: Howard Hawks, John Gottschalk, John Christensen, Trev Alberts. Directors absent: Ken Stinson. Other attendees present in person: Joel Pedersen, Lance Votruba, Bruce Carpenter, Sue Morris, Lori Byrne, Larry Jobeun, Bill Conley, John Amend, Julie Totten
a. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hawks.
   b. The Board approved the minutes of the September 13, 2013 meeting.
   c. Jobeun provided updates on the status of City/UNO Agreements
      • The City Council has approved the subdivision agreement and final plat.
      • The public hearing for the two interlocal agreements between the Board of Regents and the City of Omaha was October 8. Final approval by the City is scheduled for October 22. Under one agreement the City will grant a license to UNO to use City-owned property located to the southeast of UNO Nebraska Village Subdivision and grant UNO an option to purchase the property. Under the second agreement the City will contribute $2.2 million toward public improvements necessary for the development of the
UNO Nebraska Village Subdivision and states the City’s unbinding desire to pursue additional funding for the public improvements in the amount of $4.1 million.

d. Jobeun reported that MUD had approved the dedication and right of way of Arbor Street. City approval is pending.

e. Draft agreements between and among the Board of Regents, Aksarben Future Trust and the FDC were reviewed and discussed. These agreements include the Parking Agreement Letter of Intent (Mobile Home Site), the Parking and Traffic Control Agreement and the Traffic Infrastructure Contribution and Reimbursement Allocation Agreement.

   The Board authorized Chairman Hawks to finalize and execute the agreements generally as written.

   Moved by Christensen and seconded by Alberts
   Voting Aye: Alberts, Christensen, Gottschalk and Hawks

f. Carpenter reported that the Corps of Engineers has approved all design documents submitted to date. The final bridge design is to be submitted. Preliminary bridge drawings are scheduled for October 18.

g. Gottschalk, Morris and Byrne reported that fund raising is still in process. The need for long term maintenance funding was discussed.

   The Board approved a resolution to segregate the specifically identified $200,000 annual maintenance dollars in the arena’s annual budget and to restrict the use of such funds for long term maintenance of the facility.

   Moved by Gottschalk and seconded by Christensen
   Voting Aye: Christensen, Gottschalk, Hawks and Alberts

h. Votruba handed out a schedule of short term critical path items, with milestone dates through the analysis, award and procurement of the core & shell/interior on approximately February 15, 2014.

i. Votruba continues to lead efforts to control and manage project costs.

j. The Kiewit contract was discussed.

   The Board authorized Chairman Hawks to approve and execute the Kiewit contract amendment and the notice to proceed subject to the availability of financing upon agreement of Gottschalk and Conley.

   Moved by Alberts and seconded by Christensen
   Voting Aye: Gottschalk, Hawks, Alberts and Christensen

k. Thanks were extended to Carpenter/HDR for their agreement with a contract amendment that establishes a fixed fee and a reduced contingency percentage.

l. An amendment to the S2W contract was not discussed.

m. Jobeun will pursue discussions to relocate the site billboard.

n. Conley briefed the directors and attendees on the status of bond financing. UNO Business & Finance, UNCA, Ameritas and Gilmore & Bell are meeting weekly to finalize details. Documents are drafted. Bond settlement is scheduled for late November. A discussion of private use implications lead to an observation by the directors that although adherence with the regulations is required, the regulations should not be the sole consideration in making wise operational decisions.

o. Christensen observed that significant progress has been made as reflected on the Action Item Update. He recommended and the Board agreed that the completed items would be archived (hidden) on future reports so efforts could be more clearly focused on outstanding items.


q. There was no Secretary’s Report other than the meeting minutes.
3. **Charlotte Russell, Asst. to the Chancellor for Equity, Access & Diversity** met with President M. Bacon. They discussed the required treatment of pregnant students, including making accommodations for those in practicums, etc.

4. **Academic Integrity** was brought to President M. Bacon’s attention by Rita Henry, Asst. VC, Student Services. There is no central list for violations of Academic Integrity, so, if there is a problem, professors do not know if it is a one-time only violation, or a pattern of behavior. President M. Bacon tasked Senator R. Smith and the Educational Resources and Services Committee to look into this.

5. **Deans Forum Summary**: As of November 5, 2013, it has been updated to July 19, 2013. [http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/inside/deansforum.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/inside/deansforum.php)

6. **Written Acknowledgements for Resolutions**: On 10/15/13, Nancy Castilow, Assistant to the Chancellor, wrote:
   - 4111: Acknowledged
   - 4114: Accepted and thank you for this resolution
   - 4115: Acknowledged
   - 4116: Acknowledged
   - 4117: Acknowledged
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   - 4109
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   - 4112 and
   - 4113
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   - 4108: Accept
   - 4107, 4106: Acknowledge
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**3073** (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 1/24/11: This is a university issue, not a campus issue. The senate can choose to forward to Varner Hall for further action or consideration.)

**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.”

**B. Treasurer’s Report:** Senator Holley (October 2013) (agenda attachment – page 24)

**IV. Executive Committee Report:** Senator Holley moved the following three resolutions for the Executive Committee.

**A. Resolution Regarding All to Pay Same Membership Fee for Use of Campus Rec Facilities**

WHEREAS it is common for faculty who are housed or work in the HPER facility to pay nothing for using some or all of the Campus Recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS other faculty who are not housed or do not work in the HPER facility must pay for use of the Campus Recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS a uniform policy for paying for the use of Campus Recreation facilities by all users might result in a cost reduction for all users;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that each faculty user of the Campus Recreation facilities, regardless of their campus location, pay the same membership fee.
This resolution was defeated by a vote of 10 for and 11 against, with one abstention.

B. RESOLUTION 4118, 11/13/13: *Ad Hoc College of Engineering Steering Committee*

WHEREAS the UNO Faculty Senate unanimously passed Resolution 4117 on October 9, 2013, which urges the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to “initiate a process whereby a separate and independent college of engineering be established on the UNO campus by fall 2018”;

AND WHEREAS the UNO Faculty Senate has the responsibility to act as the voice of the UNO Faculty in all matters pertaining to cross-college and intercampus issues, in accordance with the BOR Bylaws;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate direct the Senate President to forthwith appoint five faculty members to an ad hoc College of Engineering Steering Committee whose charge shall be to assemble information pertaining to the establishment of said College, including but not limited to student and community demand, program and degree requirements, estimated expenses, faculty requirements, space requirements, and other things necessary to properly lobby the Board of Regents;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said steering committee be charged to complete a report by the end of the 2014 spring semester;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate President request from the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs one quarter release time during the spring 2014 semester for each steering committee member to facilitate their work.

This resolution passed unanimously.

C. RESOLUTION 4119, 11/13/13: *Distribution of Financial & Administration (F&A) Funds to Host Campuses*

WHEREAS portions of the UNL College of Engineering are housed at the Peter Kiewit Institute (PKI) on the campus of UNO, and portions of the UNO Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice are housed on the campus of UNL;

AND WHEREAS the Operation and Maintenance Budget (OMB) of such hosted academic units are borne entirely by the host campus;

AND WHEREAS host campuses may accrue considerable expenses in support of such hosted units, such as the $100,000 spent by the UNO library in 2013 to provide journals for the UNL College of Engineering units located in PKI;

AND WHEREAS no Facilities and Administration (F&A) funds from external grants obtained by such hosted units go to the host campus;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of F&A funds is to ameliorate such expenses as
OMB and journal subscriptions;

AND WHEREAS there is no current policy promulgated by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents (BOR) regarding even a portion of F&A funds being directed to a host campus to provide such amelioration;

AND WHEREAS the UNO Faculty Senate has the responsibility to act as the voice of the UNO Faculty in all matters pertaining to cross-college and intercampus issues, in accordance with the BOR Bylaws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate urge the BOR to institute a policy whereby some equitable portion of F&A funds from external grants obtained by such hosted academic units be directed toward the host campus to ameliorate expenses accrued to support said units;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UNO Faculty Senate President see to it that a copy of this Resolution be sent to each Regent with a cover letter expressing the simple justice of the matter;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate direct the Faculty Senate President to lobby said Regents for the initiation of such a policy whenever the President thinks it amenable.

This resolution passed unanimously.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Petrow moved the following resolution.

Resolution Regarding EMIT Proposal

WHEREAS, there is a growing demand in the business field for IT professionals also holding corporate leadership positions as Chief Information Officers,

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Labor statistics reports that job opportunities for these professionals are expected to rise from now until 2018, with computer and information systems managers in particular seeing a 17% increase in employment during that time which results in an additional 50,000 jobs,

WHEREAS, the proposed Executive Master of Science in Information Technology (EMIT) program from the College of Information Science and Technology at the University of Nebraska Omaha will meet this rising need for Nebraskans and would be the most affordable such program nationally, and

WHEREAS the Academic and Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate has reviewed the EMIT program proposal from the College of Information Science and Technology at UNO and concluded that such a program will benefit both the corporate community as well as UNO when this academically sound program is offered, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at
Omaha supports the proposal to create an Executive Master of Science in Information Technology (EMIT) program within the Graduate College at the University of Nebraska.

During discussion of this resolution President M. Bacon passed the gavel to Secretary/Treasurer Holley, allowing President M. Bacon to take part in the discussion. There was also no objection to hearing from IS&T Dean Ali as part of the discussion.

Senator R. Smith moved, and Senator Stack seconded, to postpone voting on the resolution until December. This motion passed and the resolution will be brought up for a vote again at the December meeting.

After the vote Sec/Treas Holley returned the gavel to President M. Bacon.

1. Discussed SAP program with academic advisors from the various colleges as well as representatives from Student Affairs and Financial Aid.
2. Discussed the need to ensure privacy regarding student financial aid information.
3. Identified flags on Student Information System (SIS) as most efficient means to ensure academic advisors are aware of students having an individual SAP plan for financial aid qualification while also ensuring the proper privacy.
4. Sheri Croghan will take action with SIS to initiate flagging and report back to ER&S Committee.
5. Academic Advising Council will initiate information flow to the colleges and thence to departments and individual faculty advisors as to modification of the SIS system and procedures regarding individual SAP plans.

C. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Wileman reported the committee met October 30, 2013.
2. The summary of the last committee meeting was reviewed; no corrections were made.
3. E-mail from Vice-Chancellor Conley regarding the invitation to meet with the committee concerning previously identified parking concerns was read. In particular, the Vice Chancellor indicated he would not be able to meet with the committee until its scheduled January meeting (January 29, 2014). He indicated that he copied Stan Schleifer, Director of Support Services, and Jim Ecker, Manager of Parking Services on the e-mail, and would ask them to bring the items of concern to the Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) for their consideration. He also indicated that the PAC would be the best group to initially address the concerns.
4. The committee agreed that the actions being promoted by the UN-L and UNK faculty senates (as reported in the summary of Senate President’s September 30, 2013 meeting with the Chancellor) appear to adequately deal with the issue identified in the Garcetti case. The committee will await BOR action on the issue, but will otherwise not consider additional action.
5. The unpaid use of Campus Rec facilities by some faculty (particularly those housed or working in the HPER facility) while other faculty are required to pay for Campus Rec memberships.

7. The BOR policy (RP-4.2.6) regarding emeritus faculty rank was reviewed. It was noted that the only criterion (which is not always being required) for the awarding of emeritus rank was ten years of university employment. The policy does indicate that “[e]meritus status is given in recognition of substantial service rendered to the University in the field of teaching, research, or service.” The President or a Chancellor is the individual who awards the rank. The committee agreed that Vice Chancellor Reed would be queried in the period immediately preceding the next full Senate meeting to determine if he is aware of any campus policy regarding other criteria for emeritus status. If he is not, the committee will then proceed to query individual college deans, as they are likely the individuals who make emeritus rank recommendations to the Chancellor. [Once identified or developed, this is a policy that logically should be documented in a regularly updated faculty handbook, as noted in item 9 below.]

8. The committee discussed how to proceed regarding workload-related issues (in particular, workload that may be provided for various activities in the “service” category). The College of IS&T procedure for assigning workload credit will be provided to committee members for their consideration.

9. The apparent lack of well-known or clearly communicated policies on maternity leave was mentioned as an issue that might be addressed by having a regularly updated faculty handbook. The current faculty handbook (as hosted on the Faculty Senate web pages, with various “last updated” dates identified on different pages) does not identify the author(s) of the handbook, and does not identify procedures regarding its update. The committee agreed to draft a resolution related to assigning responsibility for the handbook and procedures to ensure its currency, with such resolution to be offered to the Senate in the future.

The need for uniform policies regarding maternity leave will not be obviated by a resolution regarding the faculty handbook, and the committee will need to address this issue further.

D. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Sollers reported the Committee met October 30, 2013. Presiding: Carol T. Mitchell. Members Present: Four (two excused).

The Committee discussed the following:
- Engineering Resolution (Should as many as possible from the Faculty Senate attend the Board of Regents meeting? Should an invitation be sent to Regents to come to Omaha and listen to our concerns? What are the next steps or is this the end of the issue?)
- Committee issues for this academic year: MOOCS, Membership at HPER, Communication with Faculty, Leadership at PKI (does not report to the Chancellor), Academic Performance of transfer students from community colleges, Students’ response on surveys (not indicating race/ethnicity)
- The Committee will not meet in November (Thanksgiving holiday).

E. Committee on Professional Development: Senator Casas reported the committee met on Wednesday, October 23rd at 3:00 pm. As our first gathering in September was exclusively devoted to meeting with Dr. Snyder to discuss the various research and creative activity funding mechanisms available to faculty, the purpose of the October meeting was to further identify topics to be investigated during the remainder of the academic year. Among the topics identified by the group were learning more about the technological resources now
available at the library, learning more about the use of clicker/smartphone technology within
the classroom, the general availability and structure of faculty development fellowships, the
potential for increasing travel to research conferences across colleges and learning more
about potential research facilities (e.g., similar to the biomechanics facility). In addition, we
also discussed how we could best disseminate the information gathered at future meetings so
that it can benefit the faculty at large and not just the members of the sub-committee and
faculty senate.

F. Committee on Rules: Senator Mahoney moved the following resolution for the
committee. It passed.

1. RESOLUTION 4119, 11/13/13: Representative to Digital Measures Ad Hoc
Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, the Digital Measure's Ad Hoc Committee discusses
implementation issues and provides input for the DM/Annual Review process.
The following Faculty Senator has been appointed as the Faculty Senate
representative to this committee:

   Melissa Cast-Brede.

2. The Faculty Senate President will appoint a Faculty Senator to represent the
   Faculty Senate on the Assessment Committee for a two year term.

VI. Other Faculty Senate Committee Reports:

A. MOOC Ad Hoc Committee: Past-President P. Smith reported the committee has been
meeting regularly. Our first meeting on September 5 discussed the goals of the committee
focusing on the cost of education and enhancing educational capabilities. Considering the
concern voiced by faculty members that MOOCs have the potential to be abused and may be
seen as a “glorified textbooks.” We discussed human interaction/dynamics and their role as
essential ingredients of successful education. It was noted that successful MOOCs seemed to
result in those cases where human dynamics were captured within discussion boards. It
seems that how to create discussion boards having such properties is not well understood at
this time. We discussed the possibility of publishing a paper related to our discussion and
findings. We also looked at the realistic opportunity for UNO to enter into MOOC
development, and the resources this demands. These demands include copyright issues,
specialists in pedagogy, technology experts, and production facilities. Other items discussed
were alternate models of MOOCs, course difficulty and its impact on MOOC possibilities,
and acceptance of MOOCs from other institutions including high schools, community
colleges, for-profit institutions, peer institutions, and highly ranked institutions.

   We met on September 19 and discussed the notion it is sometimes assumed
wrongly that everyone from Generation is a technology native. There is also concern
about the quality of program and results from programs offered freely. If MOOCs do
have a place in higher education, are there some classes that would be more
appropriate than others to consider for this delivery format. Also is there a
relationship between MOOCs and the value of self-education? Other topics discussed
online to MOOC migration, educator-student gap when considering using technology
(gamification in particular) with students, and the possibility of piloting a MOOC(s)
at UNO. The development and administration of a faculty survey to help the
committee understand the UNO culture with respect to MOOCs was suggested. This
would help the committee understand UNO faculty/instructors attitudes about
MOOCs and help determine the implications of UNO policies toward MOOCs in the broader context of the educational ecosystem.

The committee met on October 3. Lanyce Keel provided much information regarding our contract with Coursera. Especially important is the understanding that this is non-binding, meaning that we are free to work with other MOOC providers and explore other technology options. Within the Coursera framework, access to content can be an open access course, a guided course, or a licensed (adopted) course. The Coursera contract was presented at the Faculty Senate Retreat in August. We discussed developing a Coursera MOOC in-house at UNO using Blackboard as a possible delivery platform.

The Committee met on October 17. We discussed the possibility of seeking proposals to develop a UNO MOOC. The course would be hosted on Blackboard with an enrollment limit, it would be open to all, professional production facilities would be utilized, and copyright issues would be addressed. Funding, credit hours, instructor qualifications, and development time were discussed.

VII. Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator N. Bacon reported AAUP officers talked with the administration about writing a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize three-year contracts for full-time instructors. Administrators are reluctant to give up the flexibility of shorter-term contracts but expressed willingness to look at proposed language.

In a meet-and-confer, the AAUP and the administration affirmed the importance of filling tenure-line positions by conducting national searches, except in unusual circumstances.

There is no university-wide policy for handling student complaints. Individual colleges or units are expected to develop policies.

The faculty workload policy (posted on the OASA website and referenced in the Collective Bargaining Agreement) will be re-examined by a working group of administrators and AAUP representatives. What motivates this initiative? Senior Vice Chancellor Reed explained that across the country, legislators have mandated changes in faculty workloads; he prefers to update the workload policy internally. A similar task is being undertaken at UNL. The AAUP will seek feedback from the faculty senate before signing off on changes to the policy.

B. Graduate Council: Professor Hewins-Maroney submitted the following.

SUMMARY: Monday, October 7, 2013, MBSC, Council Room, 2:30 PM

Members present: Nora Bacon, Robert Blair, Karen Hayes, Kath Henebry, Barbara Hewins-Maroney, Wikil Kwak, Patrice Proulx, Amy Teten, James Vnuk, Ana Cruz, Christina Dando, Ken Dick, Lynn Harland, Joan Latchaw, Sandra Rodriguez-Arroyo, Amber Reis, and Dean Smith-Howell presided

1. Dean’s Report

Enrollment Comparison fall 2013 and 2012

Graduate headcount is up (2892-2650) 242. This is a 9.1% increase. We graduated 745 students (717 master, 7 EdS, and 21 doctoral)

Graduate College is up in ethnicity and gender female: up 15 in Asian, 15 in African American 31 in Hispanic, 4 in Nonresident Alien, 4 in Race unknown and 13 in two or more races. Male: up 20 in African American, 2 in Hispanic, 23 in Nonresident Alien, 9 in Race Unknown and up 13 in Two or more races.

Travel Awards
The Office of Graduate Studies received 50 applications for graduate student travel from 10 different programs; of the 50 applications; 35 of them were doctoral level and 15 were master level students.

In conjunction with University Communications we have created a poster template in which allows you to input your need information.

**Graduate Assistantship Call**

Thanks to Sr. VC BJ Reed we will be receiving $100,000.00 to create at least eight (8) new assistantships (5 masters and 4 doctoral). These will be shared/pooled assistantships where the departments/school/area will have to come up with ½ the cost. A call will be sent out this week.

2. **Committee(s):**
   1. Policy & Planning Committee met and are re-attacking the Graduate Studies Policy & Procedure Manual
      a. Courses, Programs & Evaluations Committee met and reviewed/approved 12 courses and the MBA Curriculum Revision

**Dates to remember**

**2013-2014: Graduate Council: 2:30-3:30, MBSC, Council Room**
- Monday, November 11, 2013
- Monday, December 9, 2013
- Monday, January 13, 2014
- Monday, February 10, 2014
- Monday, March 10, 2014
- Monday, April 14, 2014, MBSC Nebraska Room

**2013-2014 Graduate Program Chairs/Advisors Meetings 8:30-9:30, MBSC, Chancellor’s Room:**
- Wednesday, January 29, 2014

**2013-2014 Graduate Faculty Meetings 2:30-3:30, MBSC, Council Room**
- Monday, November 25, 2013
- Monday, April 28, 2014

**Faculty Senate Representative Report:**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, October 7, 2013. The following items were discussed:

**Travel Grants:** Dean Smith Howell reported that 43 travel grants totaling $12,500 were awarded for graduate conference travel during the first round of awards. Another $10,000 will be awarded in January 2014. Full and part-time graduate students presenting at conferences or whose names appear in conference brochures are eligible to apply. Applications are currently being accepted for the next round of funding.

**Increase in Graduate Enrollment:** Dean Smith Howell presented data on the increase in graduate student enrollment and the increase in credit hour production. The Dean was particularly impressed with the increase in the percentage of racial/ethnic students. Final enrollment data will be available and posted on the UNO website in the near future.

**Graduate Assistantship Call:** Senior Vice Chancellor Reed has given Graduate Studies $100,000 to share in the costs for adding additional graduate assistantships. The one-time monies will pay a portion (approximately half) of the expenses. Programs are to contribute the other half. A call for Graduate Assistantships will be sent by October 14. Requests will be due by the first week in November and awards will be announced by December 25. Deans have already been apprised of this call.

**Poster Template:** For faculty and graduate students presenting a conference
poster, a poster template is available on Graduate Studies’ website.

Policy and Planning Committee: The committee is reviewing the Policies and Procedures Handbook. The review was begun last year, but the enormity of the project requires it be continued throughout the fall semester.

Courses, Programs & Evaluations: The committee reviewed twelve syllabi and is making plans to conduct program reviews during the rest of the academic year. A copy of the MBA

Copies of the minutes of the Graduate Council are available on the UNO website.

C. Parking Advisory Committee: Professor Tisko wrote the committee met in September 26, 2013. Present: Josh Darr (faculty rep.), Jim Ecker (parking manager), Karen Kempkes (staff rep.), Lisa Paskewitz (staff rep.), Stan Schleifer (support services manager), Ben Schriever (student rep.), Ed Tisko (faculty rep.), James Vogeltanz (staff rep.). Absent: Peter Smith (faculty rep.)

As it was our first meeting of the year, the committee reviewed its duties as an advisory group.

Jim Ecker reported on the status of the parking shuttles:

- Ridership on the Dodge campus shuttle has increased over last year’s ridership.
- The Crossroads parking garage is being utilized more.
- The Pacific campus commuter lots are being utilized more.
- People in the queues for the parking shuttles are generally courteous.
- The time interval between the shuttles has gotten more consistent.
- During peak hours (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.), the goal is to have shuttles at each stop every 3 to 6 minutes.
- Waits up to 15 minutes have been noted.
- During peak hours, 7 shuttles are used between the Dodge and Pacific campuses; whereas, 11 shuttles are used between the Dodge campus and the Crossroads parking structure.

The Crossroads parking structure is not a viable, long-term solution for parking. The surface lots being constructed for the new arena will be used for parking during the day.

Once grading of the new Community Engagement Center lot and landscaping is complete, parking lot M will be ADA compliant.

Long-term plans for parking involved pushing parking to the perimeter of campus.

Report from Past President P. Smith: October 24, 2013

The committee reviewed the use of lots T, V, and U. Lot T lower level and lot V upper level are underutilized (80-85%). Also, Lot J which is used for student housing is also underutilized, and considerations are under way to sell permits for that lot.

Additional handicap parking was added to Lot W (form 2 to 7). However, because they are underutilized, the number will be reduced.

There continues to be some confusion related to the use of surface parking by those with garage permits. Limitations are necessary because those with surface parking only permits have no other options.

Motorcycle parking may be increased to meet increased demand. However, any additional motorcycle parking must not eliminate car stalls.

Parking for the new arena was discussed. There will be 2,000 stalls. A decision as to whether there would be a charge for event parking has not been finalized. It was noted that the cost of the providing the parking must come from somewhere. This
The committee reviewed the number of temporary and loading zone parking stalls. Although necessary, they should not eliminate regular parking spots. There seems to be a need for temporary parking at particular times, which makes their availability seem less. A map showing existing and new loading zone parking stalls was presented.

D. The Library and Learning Resources Committee: Prof Carey Ryan wrote the committee met on October 31 from 10-11am at Criss Library.
Present: Elizabeth Dahl, Kristin Girten, Barbara Hewins-Maroney, Carey Ryan (Chair), Steve Shorb, and Linda Riveria (staff)
Absent: Jinlan Ni, Tamara Schwid
We discussed the following:
• Committee charge.
• Dean Shorb reported on library developments
  o Library renovation and remodeling
  o Rearrangement of library services and collections
  o New collections
  o Staff additions, new searches, difficulty of recruiting STEM librarian
  o Upcoming events
• Lack of student representatives on library committee
• Need for Encyclopedia Britannica as CREDO has proven inadequate (out of date) for students; Dean Shorb agreed to a trial as the Britannica would cost additional $10,000
  o Committee members and others are encouraged to participate in the trial
• The next meeting will be scheduled for early February

E. Technology Resources, Services & Planning Committee: Prof. Woody reported
The Committee met 09/04/13.
During the 2013-2014 academic year, I am serving as Chair of the University Committee on Technology Resources and Services (which I refer to as “TechCom”), and want to keep my colleagues informed about its activities.

In case you are not familiar with TechCom, it is an all-University committee, and the Charter states: “Charge: The University Committee on Technology Resources and Services shall be responsible for reviewing and recommending policies, procedures, and strategic planning affecting computing services and resources. The purview of the Committee shall include evaluating the level of computing services available to students, faculty, and staff; evaluating technical capabilities; recommending computing resources and services; and providing representatives on intercampus committees involved in planning and reviewing computing policies and services.” The committee is composed of: 9 faculty selected by the Faculty Senate, 3 students selected by the Student Senate, 9 staff or administrators, and 5 ex-officio.”

At its meeting on 09/04/13, certain “housekeeping” matters were discussed (e.g., to whom the minutes and annual report should be sent, establishing the Academic and Administrative Subcommittees, and recruiting student representatives). Appreciation was/is expressed to Paul H. Davis (Biology) for agreeing to take minutes of the proceedings.

John L. Fiene, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs – Technology and Information Services, introduced numerous administrators and facilitated their reports, which included (in part) information about wireless issues, high tech classroom updates, Blackboard, online proctoring, training opportunities, and security.

At its October meeting, TechCom will consider endorsement of a system access policy, review the 2006 Charter for any possible amendments and/or submit it for administrative ratification (which had apparently been overlooked), form the Academic and
Administrative Subcommittee, and receive information from the University Library about its initiatives.

The committee again met October 2, 2013.

Roster of those present: Boethew, Bridgeford, Caste-Brede (guest). Colson, Crocket, Davis, Fiene, Hayes, Imani, Leader-Jenssen, Morin, Morton, Mundt, Meyer, Nabity, Okoruwa, Rokisky (guest), Shorb (guest), Wileman, & Woody

Appreciation is expressed to Paul H. Davis for preparing minutes of the meeting. The minutes are posted on the Committee’s Blackboard site.

The Committee is pleased that it has three students, designated as representatives by the student government, serving on the Committee: Gabby Colson, Briceon Mundt, and Joseph Nabity.

The name of the Committee was changed to add the term “Planning,” to wit the name is Technology Resources, Services, and Planning.

Associate Vice Chancellor John L. Fiene described progress toward use of virtual desktop servers, which involves substantial investment in increased RAM and disk space.

Matt Morton reported a series of 41 modules that will be placed on Blackboard, relevant to Information Awareness Training, including topics like phishing, HIPAA, credit card information, etc. These modules will first be available to faculty and staff, but will soon thereafter become available to students as well.

Steve Shorb, Dean of the University Library, spoke on new and anticipated initiatives in the University Library. Emily Rokisky gave an orientation to the Digital Commons program, and Melissa Cast Brede offered additional information on various Library-related topics. Digital Commons will provide digital repositories for academic materials, and will maintain a UNO brand on everything. The Integrated Library System, which was overhauled in 2012, is producing estimated savings of about $150,000 annually. When compared to paper-copy books, ebooks are yielding about the same amount of usage. There was focus on the upgraded Creative Production Laboratory, i.e., expanded space, new personnel, and equipment for “high-end video editing, 3-D printing, and sound recording/editing.

It was announced that Blackboard will undergo a mid-semester update, largely capturing a calendar feature (added as a building block). This may be an agenda item for the Committee’s November meeting.

Matt Morton presented a proposed Systems Access Policy, which involves who will have access to UNO technology (e.g., after separation from UNO) and is part of a ISO 27000 certification policy. It was acknowledged that, in 2013, while access has been granted 90 days prior to the official start date for most faculty and staff, there have continued to be significant delays for some (no Blackboard, no garage access, no keycard access). These issues are being addressed as they are identified. The proposed policy was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The 2006 Charter for the Committee was reconsidered and amendments proposed. Of note, standing subcommittees were eliminated, and ex officio members were removed as “members.” The proposed revised Charter was endorsed by the Committee, and submitted to Associate Vice Chancellor Fiene. He will submit the proposed revised Charter to the Senior Vice Chancellor and the Chancellor for administrative review and approval. If approved, the proposed revised Charter will be disseminated (e.g., posted on the Committee's Blackboard site)

F. University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT): Prof. Stanton wrote the meeting was held October 25, 2013.

Committee Members: Melanie Bloom, Theresa Stanton, Shelby VanNordstrand, Carol Ebdon, Robert Nash, David Peterson, Robert Ottemann, guest Paul Barnes.

At our October UCAT meeting we did the following:

- Tables further discussion on the UCAT potential featured speaker JoAnne Owens-Nauslar until next meeting.
- Revised the UCAT travel grants for use of applicants to include link to conference website and provide more information on the proposed travel budget.
• Reviewed and awarded 1 faculty travel grant, and sent back 2 applications for revision.
• We plan to discuss Adjunct Faculty at the November UCAT meeting

G. Wellness Advisory Board: Prof. Bartzatt wrote the Board met October 11, 2013. There was considerable discussion on the success of the recent Oct 9 –Self Defense Class in HPER. There was also a review of the upcoming Wellness Fair and vendors (72 vendors is new record) and Blood test drive (for cholesterol, analytes, etc.) which is to be offered during the Fair. An overview of the Wellness Board budget was also accomplished. Considerable discussion was done to increase enrollment of the Health Assessment questionnaire which will be available in November along with the NU-Flex sign-up.

VIII. New Business

A. President-Elect Election:
Nominations & Election to be held in December. The following are eligible:

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IX. The Meeting Adjourned at 3:44 p.m. with announcements.

X. Announcements
A. EC&A Mtg: Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 2 p.m., EAB 200, Chancellor’s Conference Room
B. EC&C Mtg: Wednesday, December 4, 2013, 2 p.m., ASH 196
C. Faculty Senate Mtg: Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 2 p.m., MBSC Chancellors Room