Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 2 p.m., MBSC Chancellors Room

Present: M. Bacon, N. Bacon, Beard, Bragg, Casas, Cast-Brede, Chen, Chmidling, Harden, Hill, Holley, Kwak, Lewis, Means, Mei, Morris, O’Neil, Parnell, Prisbell, Ritter, Scherer, Siy, P. Smith, R. Smith, Sobel, Sollars, Stack, Stergiou, Surface, Tiller, Wileman,

Excused: Harder, Huq, Mahoney, Meglich, Mitchell, Petrow

Absent: Williams

I. The Meeting was Called to Order at 2:02 p.m.

II. The November 13, 2013 Minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers’ Reports

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

1. Board of Regents met November 14, 2013.

   The four student regents gave overviews of recent developments pertaining to student government and student affairs at the respective campuses. UNO Student Regent Martha Spangler’s presentation highlighted the Division of Student Affairs restructuring, the new student convocation, student organizations on MavSync, homecoming events, athletic events including the opening of the soccer pitch, the 30% increase in student volunteerism and the Maverick food pantry.

   The Central Administration gave a presentation on enrollment and retention. In general, enrollments and retentions are higher in the system but not at a rate which will meet the ambitious enrollment goals (20,000 by 2020 for UNO). UNO enrollment goals are 3% increases for 2014 and 2015 and 4% and higher from 2016 to 2020. Regent Hawks wondered if our enrollment targets shouldn’t be lowered. Regent Shroeder asked if the system has the physical and instructional infrastructures for the targeted increases. Regent Whitehouse suggested more NU-P16 collaboration. In general, Regents asked if Nebraska high school seniors were well enough prepared to come into post-secondary education since we keep talking about the need to get the college-going rate of high school seniors up.

2. Senate President Met with Chancellor Christensen November 19, 2013

   We discussed the BOR meeting of November 14 and the Central Administration’s presentation on retention which, the Chancellor suggested, was to inform the newer regents on the complexities of the issue. We also discussed PKI for information about which he deferred to VC Reed.

3. Senate President met with Vice Chancellor Reed November 20, 2013.

   Vice Chancellor Reed informed me he would not be able to provide three hours of released time for faculty members of the ad hoc committee proposed to study the need for an independent college of engineering at UNO in the resolution unanimously passed by
the Senate at its meeting in November. He also informed me of the most recent discussions of the governing group of PKI.

4. **Executive Committee and Administration (EC&A)** met November 20, 2013. Present: M. Bacon, Christensen, Holley, Mahoney, Reed, P. Smith, R. Smith, Surface Absent: Castilow, Conley.

   Chancellor acknowledged Resolution 4118 (re College of Engineering Steering Committee study) and Resolution 2120 (Melissa Cast-Brede Rep to Digital Measures)

   Resolution 4119 (F&A) was discussed.

   Budgeting for Tuition Differential out of state students for the Executive Masters Programs was discussed. The proposed EMIT Program in the College of IS&T was discussed with Chancellor Christensen and SVC BJ Reed. Retention of students was also discussed – especially in relation to how retention is “measured.”

5. **Chancellors Council** met November 21, 2013.

   We now have a Campus Security Officer, retired OPD Captain Mike Murphy, who will patrol the campus in a marked police cruiser. He is armed. NUFLEX enrollment ends December 6. Neal Topp spoke about the AQIP accreditation process. Dan Shipp spoke about our retention strategies in which he stressed administrative interventions to help potentially at-risk students early. He stressed UNO’s culture of caring, our embracing of learning communities and our building of campus spirit. President Meredith Bacon would suggest both Prof. Topp and Dr. Shipp be invited to address the Senate in the future.

6. **Deans Forum Summary:** As of December 3, 2013, it has been updated to Oct. 10, 2013. [http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/inside/deansforum.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/inside/deansforum.php)

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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.)

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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 Holley submitted the November 2013 Budget Report.
IV. Executive Committee: Senator Surface moved the following two resolutions. They both passed without dissent.

A. RESOLUTION 4121, 12/11/13: January Return of Education Senator

WHEREAS, Phyllis Adcock, College of Education, will return to the Faculty Senate in January 2014;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate extends its appreciation to John Hill for temporarily replacing her for Fall 2013.

B. RESOLUTION 4122, 12/11/13: Temporary Spring 2014 Replacement for Senator Stergiou

WHEREAS, Senator Nicholas Stergiou will be traveling extensively during Spring 2014;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Franklin Thompson, III, will temporarily replace him as a senator for the College of Education for Spring 2014.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator R. Smith reported meeting with the Advisory Council, and that students on an S.A.P. plan will henceforth be flagged so their academic advisors can be aware that such a plan exists and ask the student about it.

B. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Wileman reported that there was no quorum and no meeting. Two deans (those of CFAM and CBA) have reported on how Emeritus status is considered in their colleges; it is recommended from the departments only.

C. Committee on Professional Development: Senator Casas reported in writing that the Committee held their November meeting on Wednesday, December 4th at 3:00 pm in the UNO library. The meeting was held in the Creative Production Lab (room 118) and was led by Jackie Skarda, the lab director. The focus of the meeting was to learn more about the resources available in the creative production lab, especially with regards to distance instruction. The meeting proved quite enlightening. The technologies/resources available in the lab include:

- Digitization of films.
  - Currently offered only for distance education and blended courses but available for all courses beginning in January.
  - Requires syllabus justification and the turn-around time is quick (48 hours or less in most cases).
- Green screen
  - Available to all and includes access to programs for use with green screen (e.g., Imovie, Adobe Pro, Final Cut).
- Large format scanner
  - Available for use for maps, artwork, blueprints, conference posters, etc.
  - Cost is $1 per square foot + paper
- Audio Booth
  - Ideal for voice-over narration of slides
- 3-D printer and scanner
  - Multiple colors available (only 2 can be chosen for any one project).
Jackie indicated that she is very willing to come and meet with departments or other groups to publicize the office. She also indicated that current plans include a move to the main floor of the library (next to the circulation desk) where larger space for work/training will be available along with potential additional technologies. She would appreciate hearing from faculty about additional resources that could be purchased by the lab for use in instruction and research/creative activities.

VI. Other Faculty Senate Committees:

A. Ad Hoc MOOCs Committee: Past President P. Smith reported the MOOC Ad Hoc Committee met Thursday, November 7. Guests attending were Chris Decker (Professor of Economics), Hank Robinson and Jenny Liu (Office of Institutional Research). The discussion focused on existing systems of distance delivery including correspondence courses, libraries, and distance church services, and the gap between the knowledge provider and the knowledge consumer.

Additional information is needed about the wide range of opinions on MOOCs by members of the UNO faculty is needed, and where the inclusion of MOOCs could have the greatest positive impact. Also the impact of transfer credit from other institutions that may have been earned through a MOOC continues to be a concern.

We discussed how different constituents are impacted by MOOCs. The differences include the types of learning mechanisms for students and the value employers place on learning through MOOCs, for example.

With input from Hank Robinson and Jenny Liu, we discussed possible target audiences for UNO-centered MOOCs. These could include orientation courses for incoming students, self-help programs to improve students’ skills in particular areas, and courses designed to re-connect and re-engage students who have completed a majority of their degrees but failed to finish.

VII. Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. Parking Advisory Committee: Professor Tisko reported the committee met 10/24/13.

Present: Josh Darr (faculty rep.), Jim Ecker (parking manager), Karen Kempkes (staff rep.), Lisa Paskewitz (staff rep.), Stan Schleifer (support services manager), Ben Schrieber (student rep.), Jennifer Short (student rep.), Peter Smith (faculty rep.), Ed Tisko (faculty rep.), James Vogeltanz (staff rep.)

Absent: None

Report from Parking Manager

Lot T (Lower level of East Garage) is being utilized much more than last year improving from approximately 20% utilization to approximately 80% utilization.

Lot U (Middle level of East Garage) is approximately 90% utilized.

Lot J (West Garage) is not being fully utilized. Very rarely is it filled to capacity.

During a tornado warning, shuttles are to proceed to the nearest building and have riders disembark to find shelter within the building.

The Parking Office and Campus Security have radio access to all shuttle drivers so that they can be advised in case of emergency such as an active shooter.

Old Business

Jim Ecker stated that 7 new temporary parking (limit 1 hour) zones have been created on the Dodge campus and 3 new temporary parking zone have been created on the Pacific campus. Overall the number of temporary parking zone (i.e., loading zones) has been doubled.

New Business
Josh Darr brought a concern from a faculty member that the parking lot signs indicating that lots would be open to faculty/staff and students after 2:30 p.m. do not indicate that the opening did not apply to the parking garages. Jim Ecker mentioned that changing the signs would be a significant expense (over $10,000), that opening garages would displace garage permit holders during night courses and that for clarity’s sake, verbiage on the signs should be minimal.

Karen Kempkes brought a concern from a faculty member on how the difference between “surface only” permits and “garage only” permits were communicated to the permit holder. Jim Ecker mentioned that the distinction is delineated in the parking regulations sent to each permit holder, on the permit itself and with the policy of forgiving one parking ticket if the permit holder gets a ticket when mistakenly parking in the wrong place.

Jim Ecker stated that approximately 2000 surface parking spaces will be available once the new arena is built. He stated no parking garage will be built.

Ben Schriever observed many students use Lot R (between Allwine and CPACS) as a loading zone for passengers and that reckless driving is problem with students going in and out of the lot. Also in Lot V (top of East Garage), motorcyclists are by-passing barriers by driving on the sidewalk.

Jennifer Short reported that potential bicycle parking spaces are identified with the cooperation of the UNO Cycling Club. Bike racks have been installed with the cooperation the Cycling Club, UNO Facilities, and the Parking office. The parking office contributed funding for the bike racks.

Next Meeting will be on Thursday, 21 NOV 13 at 11:30 a.m.

B. University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT): Prof. Stanton wrote

List of Committee Members: Theresa Stanton, Carol Ebdon, Robert Nash, David Peterson, Robert Ottemann, Sara Myers, guest Paul Barnes, guest Holly Miller.

Members absent: Melanie Bloom, Shelby VanNordstrand

The committee met November 22, 2013, and did the following:

- Tabled further discussion on the UCAT potential featured speaker JoAnne Owens-Nauslar until next meeting after we get more information from the proposed speaker.
- Reviewed and awarded 4 faculty travel grants.
- Tabled further discussion on Adjunct Faculty at the January UCAT meeting. We wanted a full quorum. We did veto Graduate Assistants.

VIII. Old Business

A. President M. Bacon announced that the Senate was picking up the original EMIT proposal. The original motion, postponed from November 2013, regarding EMIT follows:

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.

Senator R. Smith immediately moved, with Senator Mei seconding, to amend the motion by striking the current wording entirely and inserting

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate return to the College of IS&T the proposed program for the Executive Master of Science in Information Technology in order to address the following issues:

- The proposed budget provides inadequate justification for funding 2.5 administrative positions for a program with 10-15 students.
- The program relies too heavily on out-of-load instruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that unless the entities that are party to the Affordability Compact grant an explicit, written exception for this program, the College should postpone resubmission until the Compact has expired.

After much discussion, this amendment failed by a vote of 9 to 14.

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Senator Brag moved and Senator Holley seconded to send the resolution back to the
Academic & Curricular Affairs Committee for direction and coordination with the Graduate Office, the Graduate Council, and Senator Robert Smith.

The motion was approved by a vote of 15 to 12.

B. Assessment Committee:

It was decided at the November Faculty Senate meeting that the Faculty Senate President will appoint a Faculty Senator to represent the Faculty Senate on the Assessment Committee for a two year term. Senator R. Smith moved, and Senator Scherer seconded the following resolution, which passed:

RESOLUTION 4123, 12/11/13: Appointment to Assessment Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that Senator Doug Stack be appointed to the Assessment Committee for a two year term.

IX. New Business

A. President-Elect Nominations and Election:

Senator R. Smith nominated Senator Lisa Scherer for President-Elect of the Faculty Senate. Senator Scherer was elected by acclimation.

RESOLUTION 4124, 12/11/13: Faculty Senate President-Elect

BE IT RESOLVED, that Lisa Scherer has been elected President-Elect by the UNO Faculty Senate.

B. The Statistics Memo for 2014-2015 Faculty Senate Representatives was displayed.

C. Resolution: Collecting Information About Race of Students

Senator Smith moved and Senator Holley seconded the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Nebraska at Omaha cease asking for or collecting information on or about the race of students except when required by law.

The motion failed with a vote of 4 for, 13 against, and 5 present but not voting.

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

XI. Announcements

A. EC&A Mtg: Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 2 p.m., EAB 200, Chancellor’s Conference Room
B. EC&C Mtg: Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 2 p.m., ASH 196
C. Faculty Senate Mtg: Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 2 p.m., MBSC Chancellors Room
D. EC&A Mtg: Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 2 p.m., EAB 200, Chancellor’s Conference Room