I. **The meeting was called to order** by Vice President Winter at 2:08 p.m.

II. **The Minutes** of January 9, 2012, were approved as submitted.

III. **Officers’ Reports**

A. **President’s Report:** Senator P. Smith reported

1. **Executive Committee and Administration (EC&A)** met January 23, 2013.
   Members present: Christensen, Reed, Conley, Shipp, Melanson, Bacon, Rech, Winter, Smith
   Senate President’s items:
   - Discussed passage of RESOLUTION 4073, 1/16/13: Amended Resolution 4054 on Criminal Background Checks Organization. Chancellor Christensen offered that his rejection of the resolution was tied to the reference to all four campuses. Senator Melanson suggested that the resolution was passed because of a combination ideological differences and also technical issues related to implementation. He suggested that some of the technical issues have been addressed, but the Senate was not made aware of changes when they were made. The Chancellor also suggested that we should have legal counsel visit with the Senate to discuss the legal opinion sent in July.
   - We also discussed continued efforts to enhance communication and engagement by faculty in planning and decision making. The Chancellor stressed the importance of communication to the Senate by faculty who are engaged in a number of planning committees. Chancellor’s topics:
     - Campus security presentation to the Board of Regents
     - New Regents were on campus January 22. The Regents were given a tour of the campus and met with representative from across the campus.
     - Reviewed Value Proposition of UNO and encouraged feedback and additional points of value. This draft document answers many frequently asked questions about the value of a UNO education. Senator Rech stressed that this is the kind of information all faculty and staff know and understand.

2. **Chancellor’s Council** met January 24, 2013.
   Representatives from the UNO Alumni Association presented information about the Association’s 100 Year Celebration. An anniversary reception will be
held June 6, 2013 and a celebration event will be held in November. The Association is working on a project to develop a Maverick landmark on campus to celebrate Maverick pride. Locations with high visibility are being considered. The Association is working on gathering support, funding, timelines, working groups, and overall association support. Several examples from other campuses were presented as well as concepts designs for UNO Maverick pride.

The Roundtable discussion included information from Chancellor Christensen about campus initiatives including the upcoming presentation to the Board of Regents related to campus safety.

Additional information was provided about undergraduate admissions and participation in campus-wide recruitment action teams by Pelema Morrice. Bill Conley gave a midyear review of business and finance initiatives. The Council was reminded that the new UNO website would be live on Monday Jan. 28. Participants were encouraged to provide feedback to Brett Blackman about the new web site. Paul Barnes updated the Council the use of Digital Measures and annual reviews. David Boocker provided information about an initiative in Arts and Sciences to link students in degree programs with alumni with that degree and possible career opportunities they provide. Additional information included updates on the CPACS dean search, number of online courses and credit hours offered, success of MBA students, IS&T’s Bioinformatics program, PKI renovations, and success of the health risk assessments.

The Chancellor’s Council was reminded of upcoming visits to the Faculty Senate by members of the Administrative team. B.J. Reed will make himself available to the Faculty Senate before the regular senate meeting begins. Also Steve Shorb, Dean of the Criss Library, will give a brief presentation to the Senate at its February meeting which will be held in Mammel Hall.


State Auditor Presentation and Legislative Update

Review of annual audit and procedures by Mike Foley, State Auditor and a Legislative update by Ron Withem, Director of Government Relations. Associate Vice Chancellor Withem reviewed legislative committee assignments, new senators, governor’s recommendations, the budget process, and bills of interest.

Business Affairs Committee

a. Affordability Compact. President Miliken and Asst. Vice President Kabourek reviewed the Affordability Compact which calls for stable state support, moderate and predictable tuition increases, efficient and cost-effective management, and adequate financial aid. The goals of the Affordability Compact call for affordable access, quality programs, workforce and economic development, and accountability.

b. Campus Housing. Sue Gildersleeve presented information related to the UNL housing rate proposal. The proposal ensures moderated, competitive rates, work on multiple initiative to increase occupancy, and the ability to be financially strong without 100% occupancy.

c. Health Insurance Update. David Lechner, Senior Vice President for Business and Finance gave an operational update, reviewed legislative issues, and discussed future risks related to the University Self Insured Health Plan.

Academic Affairs Committee

a. Graduation Rates. Representative from each campus reviewed graduation rates over time along with peer institution rates. UNO’s 2011 rate of 43.0% was slightly higher that the peer rate of 42.6% Associate Vice Chancellor Dan
Shipp reviewed some of the key characteristics of metropolitan/urban variables including number of first-generation students, minority student population, students needing financial aid, and percent of students not living on campus. Dr. Shipp discussed UNO investments in student success including learning communities, academic support centers, honors programs, and K-12 transition programs. Next steps were discussed. They include increased focus through specialization, which include specific attention to Enrollment Management for recruiting and Student Affairs for retention. Dr. Shipp shared the five retention strategies that have been identified. These include cradle to career student advising and career development, identifying financial impediments, early alert and cohort support, predictive pre-enrollment alert for retention risks and post-enrollment alert and intervention strategies, and encouraging and incenting faculty and staff involvement throughout campus.

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UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA
a. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
1. Approval is requested to discontinue the Master of Arts in Education (MAE) programs in French and German at the University of Nebraska at Kearney Addendum IX-A-1 APPROVED
2. Approval is requested to consolidate the master’s programs in Engineering Mechanics and Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln into a single MS in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics (MEAM) Addendum IX-A-2 APPROVED
3. Approval is requested to consolidate the Master of Arts degree with the Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology in the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Addendum IX-A-3 APPROVED
4. Approval is requested to consolidate the Master of Arts degree with the Master of Science degree in both Elementary Education and Secondary Education majors in the Teacher Education Department at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Addendum IX-A-4 APPROVED

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA
a. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
1. Approval is requested to establish the Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior (CB3) as an interdisciplinary research center at the University of Nebraska- Lincoln. Addendum X-A-1 APPROVED
2. Approval is requested to create the Post-Baccalaureate Professional Certificates in the College of Medicine and School of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in six specialty areas: 1) Cardiovascular Interventional Technology; 2) Computed Tomography; 3) Magnetic Resonance Imaging; 4) Diagnostic Medical Sonography; 5) Nuclear Medicine Technology; and 6) Radiation Therapy. Addendum X-A-2 APPROVED
3. Approval is requested to create a joint Master of Science/Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Informatics at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Addendum X-A-3 APPROVED
4. Approve the award of Honorary Degrees and Awards [Please note: this item was voted on after the Closed Session]. Addendum X-A-4 APPROVED

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

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University of Nebraska
a. Accept the audited financial statements of the University of Nebraska and related entities. Addendum X-B-1 APPROVED
b. Approve amendment of RP-6.3.1.4(r) of the Policies of the Board of Regents relating to property leases. Addendum X-B-2 APPROVED
c. Approve amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Regents and the University of Nebraska at Kearney Education Association for the 2013-2015 biennium [Please note: this item will be voted on after the Closed Session]. Addendum X-B-3 APPROVED
d. Approve amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Regents and the University of Nebraska at Omaha American Association of University Professors for the 2013-2015 biennium [Please note: this item was voted on after the Closed Session]. Addendum X-B-4 APPROVED

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

e. Approve the Program Statement and Budget for the Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Addendum X-B-5 APPROVED
f. Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Years 2013-14 and 2014-15 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Addendum X-B-6 APPROVED

University of Nebraska at Kearney

g. Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for the 2013-14 Academic Year at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Addendum X-B-7 APPROVED

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

h. Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for the 2013-14 Academic Year at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture. Addendum X-B-8 APPROVED

University of Nebraska at Omaha

i. Approve the Residence Hall Room Rates for Scott Village, Scott Court, Maverick Village and University Village for the 2013-14 Academic Year at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Addendum X B-9 APPROVED
j. Authorize the President, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Board, to approve terms and conditions to complete the transfer of real estate at the UNO arena site from the University of Nebraska Foundation to the University for University purposes. Addendum X-B-10 APPROVED

University of Nebraska Medical Center

k. Approve the Program Statement and Budget for the construction of a new College of Pharmacy and Center for Drug Discovery building on the campus of the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha Addendum X-B-11 APPROVED
l. Approve the assignment and assumption agreement which permits the closing on the purchase agreement of real property located at 4103 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Addendum X-B-12 APPROVED
m. Approve long-term leasing of space for the Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition. Addendum X-B-13 APPROVED

Meeting minutes can be found here: http://www.nebraska.edu/board/agendas-and-minutes.html

5. **Written Acknowledgements for Resolutions:** On January 23, 2013, Nancy Castilow, Assistant to the Chancellor, e-mailed:

*The Chancellor cannot support and would like to discuss this resolution at today’s Faculty Senate Exec. Committee / Administration meeting.*

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*4054*(Legal Opinion): **From:** John C. Hewitt [mailto:jhewitt@clinewilliams.com]; **Sent:** Tuesday, July 17, 2012 9:11 PM; **To:** Ed Wimes; **Subject:** Background Checks.

Ed,

In a response to my email of July 14, you have indicated that at this time you anticipate that the “background check” at the University of Nebraska at Omaha will consist of the University reviewing public records (i.e., sex offender registry, criminal convictions, etc.) for applicants for employment. Based on the foregoing you have inquired whether such an approach would constitute a mandatory subject of bargaining.

The simple answer is that the University could, in my opinion, proceed to implement such an approach for applicants without any discussions. The obligation to bargain in good faith concerning mandatory subjects is generally limited to the current employees of an employer. There is generally no obligation to negotiate concerning prospective employees. *Star Tribute*, 295 NLRB 543 (1989).

If there remains any discussion about expanding such an approach to current employees, then the answer becomes more complicated. Nevertheless, I do not believe that the University would be required to bargain over the decision to review public records at its own cost and expense. As I indicated previously, this decision would likely be within the employer’s managerial discretion. However, I also believe that the University would be required to bargain over the “effects” of such a decision, such as (a)
whether any information in a person’s criminal record would remain confidential; (b) whether certain employees would be exempted based upon length of exemplary work records; (c) the appeal rights of employees who claim that they have been incorrectly identified of having been convicted of a particular crime or who believe there are extenuating circumstances that would exclude their disqualification; and (d) the categories of offenses that would result in automatically exclusion from employment.

If you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to call.

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*3079* (From Chancellor Christensen via Nancy Castilow in an e-mail sent on 4/15/11: Not supported. Chancellor’s Comment: “While I continue to be an advocate for shared governance, I will not support 3079, as I am unable to support any resolution which defines the role and responsibilities of the University’s governing board, the office of the chancellor, or other administrator, which is outside the purview of the Faculty Senate.”)

*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.”)

6. The following resolution was moved by Senator Rech and seconded by Senator N. Bacon. It was then amended. The amended resolution was moved by Senator M. Bacon and seconded by Senator Rech. It was passed and will be presented to the full Senate next week:

**Resolution Regarding Criminal Background Checks at UNO:**

WHEREAS criminal background checks have been implemented as of September 1, 2012, by the Administration of this University, the University of Nebraska at Omaha for all new Faculty hires and all part time adjunct Faculty on an annual basis without prior consultation with the faculty, Faculty, or its bargaining unit, s, of its four campuses,

AND WHEREAS by this same policy implementation, annual checks of the sex offender registry for all Faculty are to be made,

AND WHEREAS research has not confirmed that criminal background checks are functionally efficacious in institutions of post-secondary education,

AND WHEREAS criminal background checks may be viewed by prospective Faculty hires as excessively intrusive, thereby limiting the University from hiring the best Faculty possible,

AND WHEREAS Justice dictates that those who have been punished for crimes should be able to proceed with their lives – that punishment incurred should serve as a veil of obscurity over past transgressions of the Law.

AND WHEREAS the non-Faculty determination of consequences of criminal background checks and sex offender checks may undermine the Regentially established delegation of academic hiring to the respective academic units and thus contradicts common understanding of shared governance,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha opposes said criminal background checks for any Faculty position, whether current or prospective, whether part time or full time, and
whether adjunct or otherwise, and urges the administration of this University to cease conducting them forthwith.


IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator N. Bacon reported the committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs met on January 30, with three members present. We discussed two issues: (1) whether and how General Education requirements can be waived for students who complete more advanced courses in a direct sequence and (2) the prospects for students who have completed MOOCs to demonstrate proficiency in the interest of earning academic credit. Both issues will require further investigation: Senator N. Bacon will discuss Gen Ed requirements with Deb Smith-Howell, and Senator Heidel will attend the February 1 session on MOOCs with Dan Gilbert. We expect to invite Dr. Gilbert to a committee meeting later in the semester.

B. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Maring reported the committee met January 30, 2013, and discussed the previous visits with the IS team. It was decided that after hearing from IS regarding the services and infrastructure available to support online education, we needed to hear from UNO faculty who are currently active and successful in delivering online education. Each committee member has agreed to contact a faculty member from each college to attend the February meeting. Each faculty member would have an opportunity to speak 10-15 minutes on their experience at the February meeting. We’re hoping to learn what level of support they are receiving from IS or elsewhere, as well as the challenges and benefits of this mode of delivery. The committee also looked at the Paul Beck Scholarship requirements to prepare for the April meeting in which that scholarship is awarded. Additionally, we confirmed the schedule for reviewing the Tech Fee proposals in March.

C. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Melanson reported there was no official meeting. On behalf of the committee, the committee chair conducted preliminary investigations on two matters.

1. Re: Short term parking spots on campus for loading and unloading.

   The committee chair spoke to Jim Ecker, Manager of Parking. Jim sent the following email regarding the situation,

   As discussed over the phone, the Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) considered the following request submitted by Professor Dana Richter-Egger.

   At the 12/7/12 Committee Meeting they voted to recommend installation of short term parking with meters throughout the campus.

   The Parking Services Department is currently preparing a location plan and budget for installation of meters throughout campus. This plan and budget would be submitted to the VC of Business and Finance for review and approval then be submitted to the Chancellor’s Cabinet for final approval. If approved, these stalls would be established by the start of the Fall Semester 2013.

   Please let me or PAC Chairman Douglas Paterson know if you have any questions.

   James M. Ecker, AICP
   Parking Manager

   Jim noted in conversation that they are considering using “free” meters. That way
the short-term parking would be free, but short term.

2. Re: Availability of faculty development leave.

   A member of the faculty raised concerns regarding the low percentage of faculty development leaves. The committee chair investigated.

   The University grants 1 of 10 eligible development leaves. This is from the University Website for Academic Affairs:
   
   http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/tabs/academic/development.php

   Faculty Development Fellowship

   FDFs will be available to all eligible faculty on a competitive basis. According to provisions outlined in Regents policy and the faculty collective bargaining agreement, each applicant must submit a written proposal to his or her department chairperson/school director. In order for a faculty member to be eligible to compete for the award of a FDF, he or she must have completed six full years of service. Each FDF recipient must spend at least one year in the employment of the University after completing the FDF and must submit a written report to his or her dean about activities undertaken during the FDF award period. This report will be used in the evaluation of future requests for additional FDFs by the faculty member.

   Each year the Office of Academic and Student Affairs will prepare a list for each college of all faculty eligible to compete for award of a FDF. The dean and the appropriate faculty advisory groups in each college will review the FDF applications submitted by the college faculty. The dean will prepare a recommendation to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs which ranks the applications in priority order and also indicates for each applicant the duties that will be deferred until the applicant returns, or will be assumed by replacement faculty, or undertaken by another faculty member. The recommendation from the college dean is due in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs on the date specified in the Academic and Student Affairs Administrative Calendar.

   The Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs will utilize current Regents Policy to determine the number of FDF awards to be made each year. Normally, the total number of awards will not exceed the target award number stated in Regents Policy (i.e., one of ten eligible faculty; BRUN Minutes, 54, p 132, April 8, 1989).

   Although 1 in 10 seems incredibly low, application numbers tend to be low. For example, in Arts and Sciences:

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   It is not clear whether the application rate is low because the availability is so restricted that faculty are pessimistic of receiving development leave or whether faculty are not interested in development leave for other reasons.

C. Committee on Professional Development: Senator Woody wrote that on January 30, 2013, there was a meeting of the Faculty Senate’s Professional Development Committee, which was attended by Chin Chung (Joy) Chao, Juan Casas, Harrison Means, and Victor Winter, and chaired by Robert Woody.

   By invitation, the guests were Karen K. Hein (Sr Coord for Instr & Fac Support, Acad Partnerships for Instruction), Lanyce S. Keel (Executive Director Information Services, Acad Partnerships for Instruction), and Shelley R. Schafer (Asst. Director, Acad Comp, DE & APE, Acad Partnerships for Instruction). Each Committee member stated what information he/she would like to receive from the guests.
request was made for the administration to keep faculty members better informed about (1) what is being considered for the future and (2) implementing improved shared governance (e.g., faculty being involved in analysis and decision-making relevant to institutional and curriculum development).

The onslaught of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) was discussed, and applied to the objectives and goals of the University of Nebraska (UN) System in general and the University of Nebraska—Omaha (UNO) in specific. It was apparent that the MOOC efforts were emanating from the UN administration, not from the faculty or the residents of Nebraska. Said simply, attracting international students portends to promote successful competition for tuition revenues AND the spinoff effects (e.g., research and contractual opportunities).

As would be expected, the guests were strong advocates of distance education, and were pleased that their UNO group had been able to establish definitions of key terms. It was noted that, in 2012, UNO had received approximately 89 million dollars in graduate and undergraduate tuition, of which approximately 11 million dollars in tuition was generated by distance education.

Committee members expressed concern about: establishing “best practices” for distance education, properly vetting courses, policy development by shared governance, cultivating student-endorsement for distance education, preparing the “next generation” of instructors to use technology effectively, and providing faculty members with clear-cut and distinct benefits for engaging in distance education.

D. **Committee on Rules:** Senator Rech reported the committee met on January, 30, and made the following decisions with attachments sent to Sue Bishop to work with:

1. Established timeline for work
2. Updated initial email to faculty for survey announcement (attached) and flyer for committee sign-up
3. Updated Service Preference Form
4. Updated follow-up email
5. Recommend use of one form, adding it as attachment to follow-up email, with option to print out or open, edit, attach & return.

Also, Pelema Morrice (Assoc VC Enrollment Management & Marketing) requested 4-5 faculty members to serve on the Open House Task Force. Senator Rech will look at the last Faculty Survey (Spring 2012) and ask 4-5 faculty members to serve.

V. **Non-Senate Committee Reports**

A. **Parking Advisory Committee:** Prof. Paterson wrote the committee met January 11, 2013. Those attending: Ana Carballal, Jim Ecker, Dave Nielsen, Heather Overton, Doug Paterson, Stan Schleifer

I. Additions to Agenda? Heather invited Angie Eikenberry on Sustainable Transportation on February

II. **Business**

Map Status -- Working with geography on abbreviations, lot closures.

Heather – new things on the map, abbreviations. New form distributed. Question – why use the same abbreviations for all areas of housing? Stan – shouldn’t be any duplicate abbs. Heather – wayfinding gets people to an area, not to a building

Stan – why use PS1 and PS2 – use Parking Structure East and West.

III. Previous business review

1. MavShare Permits: Allow East and West Garage Access to be shared.

Update – now implemented at no cost to debug the system. Issued 6 so far.
This allows 2 people to use a card.

2. Request by Senator Dana Richter-Egger to provide short term “drop off” stalls throughout campus.
   Continuing to work on this. We have 4 new loading zones.
   Duncan Co. might have no-pay meters.

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Discussion – why fees, trying to get more in parking, crossroads is being used more, charge something for Crossroads? Is Crossroads still on line for us? – yes.
Ms. Carballal asked about rates on fees – there is a myth that the parking fees
went up $100. First, this is untrue. Lincoln Fac/St pay $564 for surface. We are paying $234. For garage, they pay $636, we pay $314. How much have they gone up? 5% or 10%. What is the governing philosophy about parking costs for F/S? We need operating and need to build a cash reserve. And we need to get people into the parking garages. South Campus won’t use North garages, so saying “go to the garages” is not an option there.

Stan – we are buying security cameras, and that will cost $200,000. which is a lot of permit sales. (Can the F/S get the budget information?) A big plowable snow is $150,000. It would be useful to draw up for at least F/S the items that parking needs to pay for. Especially for the Senate.

2. Related to Fees: Getting the Parking Structures More Full
3. Elevator in PS2
4. Zip Car -- Is a fast-rental, for hourly use only. A private company is proposing this. Update – an hourly rental used in high-demand urban areas. Go to an app – pay a zip car fee – mid-size, they check – I wanna run down town and can rent a car at low rates. Omaha had a high tax on rental cars, but this is being dealt with. Jim described the service.

Other Committee Reports

A. Athletics Committee (UNO): Prof. Hawkins wrote the UNO Athletics Committee met on January 10. Deb Smith-Howell discussed the membership and purpose of the committee. We were updated on the latest developments in the athletic department, including the new arena project on south campus, the Hamilton Academic Success Center for student-athletes, and the stadium being changed from a football field to a soccer pitch. Volleyball was the featured sport for this meeting, and Coach Rose Shines showed us their five-year competition plan and reported on the excellent academic success of the team. We were reminded that the Claussen-Leahy Run-Walk to benefit the athletic department will be held on April 20, and the awards banquet will be held on April 28.

B. EPAC (Education Policy & Advisory Committee): Prof. Chase wrote the committee met January 11, 2013. Members present: Bruce Chase, Gregory Morin, David Carter, Sherrie Wilson, Dhundy Bastola, Nora Hillyer, Kerry Beldin presided.
1. Approved summary from 12-7-12
2. Approved Visual Communication and Culture minor
Course Syllabi: The following new courses were approved:
1. ITIN 1110 Introduction to IT Innovation, 3 hrs.
2. FSMT 1600 Fire Chemistry, 3 hrs.
3. FSMT 2200 Codes and Inspections, 3 hrs.
4. FSMT 2410 Strategies and Tactics in Fire and Emergency Services, 3 hrs
5. FSMT 4300 Advanced Principles of Fire and Emergency Services Safety and Survival, 3 hrs.
6. FSMT 4800 Special Readings in Fire Service Management, 3 hrs.
7. FSMT 4860 Applications of Fire Research, 3 hrs.
8. FSMT 4900 Special Topics in Fire Service Management, 3 hrs.
10. CRCJ 4960 Issues in Crime and Justice, 3 hrs.
The following revised course(s) were approved:
1. IASC 3350 Security Administration-Linux, 3 hrs. (renaming/renumbering)
C. **Excellence in Teaching Committee:** Prof. Teten reported the committee has met 2 times to slightly revise the nomination guidelines for the award as well as submission guidelines for the nominees. Nominations were due last week. To my knowledge, the committee received 7 nominations with materials due from the nominees on 2/15/13. The committee will meet again one week later to select our choice for the award and send that recommendation to the chancellor. Current guidelines can be found at [http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/inside/ceita.php](http://www.unomaha.edu/aandsaffairs/inside/ceita.php).

D. **Library and Learning Resources Committee:** Prof. Ryan wrote the committee met for the first time this academic year on Feb. 1, 2013. Faculty who attended were Kristin Girten, Elizabeth Dahl, and Carey Ryan.
- Steve Shorb, Dean, provided updates about various initiatives. Some were internal to the library and UNO; others concerned trends and initiatives that are external to the university, but that affect the library.
- The library will have a new integrated library system effective March 1. The new system has a number of advantages, including streamlining processes for the library so that four staff can be “redirected and repurposed.” Its mobile functions are unclear and there may be some issues that arise; however, Steve assured us that library staff will work with faculty to develop work-arounds if they are necessary.
- The library has added a visual history archive (Shoah Foundation’s videos of Holocaust survivors describing their experiences) in its effort to get into more video. The data base provides access to video servers.
- The library is not looking to expand print journals; it is still in the cut print journal stage although none have been cut for two years. However, ejournals continue to expand.
- The library has a new media studio, which is currently located on the first floor (118). It is equipped with state-of-the-art video editing and production equipment, including a green screen and sound booth. The studio is fully staffed and open to everyone. Training is available. Karl Johnson II, Circulation Supervisor, oversees the studio.
- Carey Ryan agreed to chair the committee.

E. **University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT):** Prof. Bloom wrote the committee met in January. The list of Committee Members: Melanie Bloom, Ana Cruz, Carol Ebdon, Rene Erlandson, Sara Myers, Bob Ottemann, Donald Rowen, Theresa Stanton.
At that meeting we did the following:
- Reviewed and awarded eight faculty travel grants.
- Reviewed seven designated conference applications and awarded three of these $2000 grants to attend the Teaching Professor conference to representatives from each of the three colleges that applied: College of Business Administration, College of Arts & Sciences and College of Education.
- Discussed revisions to the teaching circle instructional materials grant rubric. These changes will be made and the revised rubric will be posted to UCAT’s website.
- Discussed our call for curriculum development grants. The grant proposal will be revised and posted next week to UCAT’s website.

F. **UCRCA:** Prof. de Vreede wrote the committee met January 11, 2013. Present: Julie Delkamiller, GJ de Vreede (Chair), Victoria Kennel (student representative), John
McCarty, Lotfollah Najjar, Barb Simcoe, Peter Szto, Wei Wang Rowe, Ex Officio: Scott Snyder, Mary Laura Farnham, Beth White
Not able to Attend: Karen Falconer al-Hindi, Ann Fruhling, Lisa Knopp,

Introductions
1. Minutes from December 14, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted
2. Review of January Proposal (one submission)

Not Funded:
The following graduate student proposal was not recommended for funding:

Discussion Items
3. Role & Scope of the Committee
AVC Snyder presented possible use of UCRCA committee for review of FRI and GRACA proposals
Committee feedback:
- Workload would need to be evenly distributed;
- Possibly form sub-committees;
- Is there a need to increase the size of the committee;
- Concerns over committee members’ ability to apply for internal funding (in the event of COI, the committee member would recuse him/herself while not reducing the size of the committee);
- Importance of consistent attendance at committee meetings and keeping firm committee meeting schedule was stressed
- GJ will follow-up with Faculty Senate selection of UCRCA committee

4. Award Ceiling
AVC Snyder to consider or revisit this option at the end of the AY.

VI. New Business

A. The following resolution was moved by Senator P. Smith and seconded by Senator Maring. It passed and will be sent to the full Senate at next week’s meeting.

Resolution Regarding 2013-2016 Newly Elected Faculty Senators:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following 13 faculty members have been elected by their respective colleges to serve on the Faculty Senate for three years (5/8/13 – 5/11/16):

College of Arts & Sciences (3):
Beth Ritter
Juliette Parnell
Suzanne Sollars

College of Business Administration (2):
Darryll Lewis
Patricia Meglich

College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media (2):
Sharon Sobel
Amy Morris

College of Education (2):
Carol Mitchell
Nicholas Stergiou

College of Information Science and Technology (1):
Harvey Siy
College of Public Affairs & Community Service (1): Lyn M. Holley

Criss Library (1): Linda Parker

External Faculty (1): Bing Chen

VII. The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m. with announcements.

VIII. Announcements

A. Faculty Senate Mtg: Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 2 p.m., Mammel Hall 320-A
   (Presentation: Dean Steve Shorb, Criss Library); SVCA&SA BJ Reed will be there 15
   minutes before the meeting starts to take questions or have discussions.
B. EC&A Mtg.: Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 2 p.m., EAB 200, Chancellor’s Conference
   Room
C. EC&C Mtg: Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 2 p.m., ASH 196
D. Faculty Senate Mtg: Wednesday, March 13, 2013, MBSC Chancellors Room
E. Faculty/Staff Awards Dinner: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 (6:30 Social, 7:15
   Dinner) Alumni Center