Members: Cast-Brede, Harden, Holley, Kwak, Morris, Scherer, Sollars

Excused: M. Bacon, Parnell Kreiling, Mitchell

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

II. Presentation and Approval of Minutes: July 2, 2014, were accepted as corrected, i.e., with the addition of the Ad Hoc Faculty committees of (1) the Faculty Senate Survey of Faculty, and (2) the Faculty Senate and the Student Government Survey of Students.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Beginning with this report, President Scherer will routinely organize the President’s Report as follows (i.e., topics 1. through 6):

1. External Issues
   a. Assessment is being pushed by the Higher Learning Commission, formally the North Central Coordinating Commission.
   b. Standards for assessment are being considered for approval by the U.S. Department of Education rating system, which credits only data of first time freshman each fall who then go on to graduate from that institution within 4-5 years. Federal funding might be lost by universities like UNO because these rates/figures do not take into account e.g., students who transfer in from community colleges, students who work full-time and take six years to complete a degree, students who change a major and may take six years, students who enter Nursing school and do not “complete” a four-year degree at UNO.
   c. SAM-based assessment is being advocated by public universities and many others takes into account transfer students, 6 year students, and those going on to other degrees (medical, pharmacy, etc.).

2. Board of Regents and NU Issues effecting Administration
   a. The CEEN merger was voted on by the Board of Regents in July. It will proceed.

3. UNO Issues
   a. UNO Bookstore: Textbooks in the bookstore have been organized by first author instead of by course. Initially, only one computer was available for students to look up which textbooks they would need for classes. More computers have been added. This system will be in place for at least a year. The decision to change the organization of text books was made unilaterally by the Bookstore and was not part of public announcements about the Bookstore until requests were made by the Faculty Senate President and
College Deans in response to student complaints.

b. Enrollment is down 2% for Fall 2014.

c. The University of Nebraska/Board of Regents Strategic Framework will be put on the UNO web site. It drives many administration decisions.

d. Learning Management System

On 8/5/14 President Scherer received the following e-mail from AVC John Fiene:

“I wanted to make you aware that ITS at UNL was asked to put together a Request for Information regarding Learning Management Systems by a UNL Faculty Senate subcommittee, which I believe was presented through their Faculty Senate Exec Committee. They asked us to provide some information which we did, including that we were not seeking to change LMS systems and that any initiative to do so would require the direct involvement of our faculty. We will share whatever comes out of this process with you and if there are faculty that you would like to also review materials produced to see if there is anything of value, we would be willing to share with them and are open to discussion. We have discussed our dismay at the lack of opportunity to engage faculty prior to this action, but it is what it is. Give me a call if you would like to discuss.”

e. SVC BJ Reed has advised that UNO compliance with ADA policies needs updating. Updating could affect practicums and internships. Trainings will be offered for appropriate staff, updating requirements.

f. SVC BJ Reed has advised that Campus Priorities are being revisited.

4. Faculty Senate Issues

a. AVC Paul Barns has revised UNO Course Evaluations in regard to inter alia conducting all course evaluations Online. The faculty was not consulted about the revision; however, the faculty is to be consulted about details of the implementation of the revision. President Scherer remanded this to the Academic & Curricular Affairs Committee.


6. Written Acknowledgements for Resolutions: Senator Cast-Brede checked with Asst. to the Chancellor, Nancy Castilow, and was told, if the resolutions are acknowledged at the EC&A meetings, they can be marked as “Acknowledged,” etc., on the Resolution Action Table. Here is the e-mail Senator Cast-Brede received from Nancy Castilow on July 9, 2014:

_I think it’s safe to assume the resolutions were read by the chancellor, so if acknowledged means he has knowledge of them, yes. They may, however, not have had the chancellor’s approval, so we want to make sure that isn’t reflected. As some time ago, Sue and I went over past resolutions awaiting response, there should not be any that have not had a written response (maybe a few during this summer). It was the Senate’s choice originally to carry over the resolutions, but if you want to cease doing that, we’re ok with that._

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*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 Cast-Brede gave the July 2014 Budget Report, which included information about the increase in the regular Faculty Senate operating budget (which had not been increased for at least 12 years), and which this year includes a one-time budget for a student worker to help with the Faculty survey, and a one-time payment to a Strategic Planning Facilitator for the August 20, 2014, Strategic Planning Retreat. President Scherer and the Executive Committee and Cabinet extended thanks to AVC BJ Reed for the funding.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Rules: Senator Morris reported the following resolutions, which were passed and will be presented to the Faculty Senate at the September 10, 2014 meeting:

1. RESOLUTION: AVC for Enrollment Management Search Committee

   BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the search committee for the AVC for Enrollment Management:

   Chris Kelly,
   Suzanne Sollars.

2. RESOLUTION: NU Foundation Vice President Search Committee

   BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the search committee for the NU Foundation Vice President:

   Richard Stacy.
3. **RESOLUTION: Sustainability Committee**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the Sustainability Committee for a 3 year term (8/1/2014-7/31/2017):

Katie Bishop.

4. **RESOLUTION 4148, 5/14/14: Campus Committees (a-i)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to Campus Committees as designated:

a. **Academic Planning Council (APC)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as the Faculty Senate's representatives to the Academic Planning Council from the Committee on **Academic and Curricular Affairs** and the Committee on **Goals and Directions** each for a one-year term from 7/31/14, through 8/1/15:

Laura Grams, from the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs, Beth Ritter, from the Committee on Goals & Directions.

h. **Strategic Planning Steering Committee**

BE IT RESOLVED, that one member of the 2014-2015 Faculty Senate Goals & Directions Committee will be appointed to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee for a one-year term from 05/14/14, through 05/13/15, to replace Meredith Bacon, whose term has expired:

Carol Mitchell.

5. **RESOLUTION 4149, 5/14/14: University Committees (a-j) (to complete)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to University Committees as designated:

i. **UCRCA (University Committee on Research & Creative Activity)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following names go forward as three year appointments, from 08/1/11 through 07/31/14, to replace members who are completing their terms on the UCRCA (University Committee on Research & Creative Activity):

Danielle Battisti, A&S, Humanities (to replace Tammie Kennedy); Mark Wohar, CBA, (to replace Wei Wang Rowe); and, Matt Germonprez, At-large Member (to replace Lotfollah Najjar).

6. **RESOLUTION: OTICA (Outstanding Teaching & Instructional Creative Activity Award Selection Committee) Replacement**
BE IT RESOLVED that the following name be forwarded to the Executive Vice President & Provost as a nominee to fill one two-year appointment (8/1/14-7/31/16) as the UNO representative on the Outstanding Teaching & Instructional Creative Activity Award (OTICA) Selection Committee, to replace Catherine Chmidling who is leaving UNO:

Jessilene Anderson.

V. Other Faculty Senate Committees:

A. Faculty Senate Budget Advisory Committee: Prof. Johnson, O’Hara, Ward (No report)
B. Ad Hoc MOOCs Committee: No report.
C. Ad Hoc College of Engineering Steering Committee: Past-President M. Bacon (No report)
D. Faculty Senate Survey of Faculty has been coded and a summary of the coded survey has been sent to all Senators. A hard copy will be given to each Senator at the Retreat. A hard copy of the long summary will be available to each group at the Retreat.
E. Faculty Senate and Student Government Survey of Students is still being coded.

VI. Non-Senate Committee Reports: No reports.

VII. New Business

A. Faculty/Staff Picnic will be held on August 19, 2014. A sign-up sheet to serve ice cream was passed around.

B. Library: It was reported to President Scherer, by a faculty member, that there is a missing resource of International Critical Tables. It was discovered that the resource was temporarily unavailable, but is free online at the University of Michigan Hathitrust site.

C. Retreat/Strategic Planning (8/20/14, 8:30a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mahoney State Park)

1. Handouts:
   a. Welcome Letter
   b. Chart with Standing Committees
   c. Responsibilities of each Standing Committee
   d. Meeting Schedule for 2014-2015
   e. Summary of Faculty Survey
   f. Hard copies of long Faculty Survey replies for each group/table
   g. “2014 Pre-retreat Exercise for UNO Faculty Senators”
   h. “Faculty, Governing Boards, and Institutional Governance” (journal article)
   i. Hanging Name tags with colored dots to sort Senators into groups.
   j. Agenda from Facilitator

D. Data Cookbook: Senator Cast-Brede reported the Director of Institutional Research, Hank Robinson, wants to make data more accessible with a platform where data is stored. The Data Cookbook will be central, authoritative record of definitions and
specifications for data. The meetings and webinars are mostly about implementation of the Cookbook and which staff would be involved.

E. **Web Executive Committee Meetings**: President Scherer reported that Presidents of UNO Faculty Senate, Student Government, and Staff Advisory Council have been, and will be, invited, by the Chancellor, to monthly meetings of this committee.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

IX. **Announcements**
    A. **EC&A Mtg**: No Meeting Scheduled for August
    B. **Faculty/Staff Picnic**: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2014, MBSC
    C. **Faculty Senate Retreat**: Wednesday, August 20, 2014, Mahoney State Park, Day-long planning meeting.
    D. **EC&C Mtg**: Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 2 p.m., ASH 196