
Excused: Johnson, Robins

Absent: Ni, Rowe

I. **The meeting was called to order** by President Woody at 2:04 p.m.

II. **The Minutes** of August 17, 2016, were approved as submitted.

III. **Officers’ Reports**

A. **President’s Report:** Senator Woody reported in his September 1, 2016, Letter to Faculty:

   Colleagues: Yes, the new semester is underway. It has been a busy summer, with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Cabinet members being involved in a steady stream of meetings. On August 17th, an all-day “retreat” (I prefer “advance”) was held and objectives, etc., for the Faculty Senate in the coming academic year were developed.

   I have been part of the “welcoming crew” for the sixty-six new full time faculty members. If my notes are correct, a year ago there were fifty new faculty members. This is a substantial increase.

   Looking at the new buildings, increases in enrollments, program additions and expansion, and new faculty and staff members, I remind us that UNO has progressed and continues to progress in an impressive fashion. I commend all staff, faculty, and administrative personnel—and the citizens of Nebraska—for this surge into excellence.

   As you will recall from my earlier comments, the “word on the street” is that Blackboard will likely be phased out, and there will be a trial of a similar program called Canvas. In the last Board of Regents meeting that I attended, there was considerable support for Canvas because of “cost savings.” UNL has already adopted Canvas; the President of the UNL Faculty Senate assured me that “it will probably take a professor familiar with Blackboard only about thirty minutes to understand Canvas.”

   Consulting with Dr. Karen Hein (Director of the UNO Center for Faculty Excellence), I have emphasized the importance of faculty being involved with decisions about Canvas. Here is Dr. Hein’s quoted response:

   This academic year, we will be investigating Canvas to determine its feasibility as a learning management system for UNO. Faculty and students
will have opportunities to test and provide feedback throughout this investigation. Exploration will begin with a group of faculty and students working with a Canvas testing space (a “sandbox”) starting by late September/early October. In the spring 2017 semester, a group of faculty will teach using Canvas.

At the conclusion of this investigation, faculty and students will provide a recommendation that will be forwarded to the Senior Vice Chancellor Reed and CIO Blackman. Both SVC Reed and CIO Blackman have made it clear to system administration that this will be a faculty and student informed process. No decisions will be made until after we have explored the product. Any recommendations to be made will be based upon faculty and student input.

We have had several suggestions for faculty participants already and welcome more. We will be in contact with these individuals soon and will have information communicated to campus within the next week. If you would like to participate or recommend an individual to participate in this exploration of Canvas, please contact uno.is.api@unomaha.edu.

Additional background: the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) campus moved forward with pilot testing and implementation of the Canvas system for their colleges and departments last year. UNL received BOR approval for purchasing a 2-year contract with Canvas, and they will be transitioning over the next year. The other campuses in the NU system are being asked to review Canvas to get a better understanding of that system to have more informed discussions of future possibilities. UNK has a plan to have their faculty explore Canvas this fall with a group of faculty selected to teach using Canvas during the spring 2017 semester.

On another matter, I represent the UNO Faculty Senate on the Website Conversion Project Executive Committee. It is chaired by Jason Buzzell, Associate Director of Digital Communications. In response to my request for information to provide to the UNO faculty, Mr. Buzzell stated:

The Website Conversion Project, which began in September 2013, is winding down this December. The website conversion took place in a series of phases with the last and most current phase of the conversion taking place January through December 2016 (Phase 8). Priorities were determined by the members of the Digital Communications Executive Committee and implementation was led by a team from University Communications and Information Services. Starting in January 2017, the project will shift to future phased work governed by the Digital Communications Executive Committee, focusing on enhancement of the website and other digital properties. More information on how to submit project ideas and to see up-to-date project timelines can be found at ucomm.unomaha.edu/website.

Just so you will know, on behalf of the Faculty Senate, each month, I offer rankings of nominees for Staff Employee of the Month. I have been pleased with the fine qualities of the UNO staff members, who certainly constitute an important reason for the exceptionally fine operations and development of UNO.

It occurred to me that, compared to undergraduate education, the Faculty Senate seems to give less attention to graduate education. Deborah Smith-Howell (Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs) and I have “brainstormed” ideas for enhancing faculty support of and involvement with graduate education, and, in the future, we will focus more on this challenge. The good news is: for the last five years graduate enrollments increased (a little over 2% each year); there has been an increase in graduate student credit hours (over 4%); growth is coming primarily with
full-time graduate students and new enrollments (this academic year, new students may be up over 10%). In 2015-2016, UNO had one of our largest graduating classes ever. In the coming months, I anticipate that more on graduate education will be communicated to the faculty.

Over the last few months, the Faculty Senate has been clarifying the federally imposed reporting of class attendance for purposes of the Title IV grant or loan assistance (the so-called F and FW policy), expressing concern about any possible liability for faculty members. After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, the UN Council of Academic Officers has issued a policy titled “Verification of Student Attendance” (http://www.unomaha.edu/registrar/_documents/F%20FW%20Grading%20Policy%20120415.pdf ). The last paragraph of the document (page 4) states the conclusion; rather than a quote verbatim, I encourage you to read the document in total. Our Faculty Senate Vice President, Laura Grams, will continue to monitor this issue.

I am serving on a task force on Global Risk Management, which will potentially apply to foreign travel by UNO students and employees. When a report is finalized, I will give feedback to the faculty.

In case you missed the announcement, NU President Hank Bounds has appointed Stancia Whitcomb Jenkins to serve as NU’s Associate to the President and Assistant Vice President for Diversity, Access, and Inclusion: “She will focus especially on enhancing access and inclusion within the university’s core missions of teaching, research and service, working in collaboration with colleagues in the President’s Office and diversity officers across the NU campuses.”

Finally, in my meetings with the Chancellor, Senior Vice Chancellor, and other administrators, I have pointed out the Faculty Senate is awaiting administrative action on previous resolutions relevant to developing a task force to examine the role of part-time faculty (e.g., professor of practice, role and functions of adjuncts, etc.) and revision of separate policies for alcohol and illicit drugs (hopefully there can be consistency between the four campuses). The Faculty Senate is working on several other critical issues (e.g., verification of student attendance, compensation for certain Faculty Senate functions in the summer months, and better definition of disability accommodation policies and practices).

On behalf of the UNO Faculty Senate, I hope that your 2016-2017 brings each faculty member many successes and benefits.

**Other Items Report by President Woody:**

- **MS in Computer Science Education in IS&T** will be created
- **Graduate Certificate in Computer Science Education:** A Program targeting K-12 teachers through IS&T and TED
- **Tribal Management & Emergency Services Undergraduate Certificate** to be created.
- **300 Parking Stalls East of Baxter Arena:** Received from Aksarben Trust, in perpetuity, the land east of Baxter Arena. Must be used for parking and separate enough from housing as to make it just for arena patrons or students. There will then be 1800 parking stalls around Baxter Arena.
- **The Regents asked for Program Courses that had been Added or deleted.** They were very happy that UNO provided the lists quickly.

**B. Secretary/Treasurer Report:** Senator Eesley
1. **EC&A**: No meeting in August.

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- Chancellor supports & will write a response
- Chanc. sent to VC Conley who sent back to Faculty Senate President.
- Memo from NU Legal

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IV. **Executive Committee**: Senator Grams reported the EC&C moved to take Part-time Faculty Issues from the Professional Development Committee (Pending) to UNO Administration, requesting status of that Task Force (Resolution 4200, 5/13/16, Development of Task Force to Examine the Role of Part-time Faculty in the University of Nebraska at Omaha’s Strategic Mission, acknowledged 5/20/16).

**PENDING**

A. **Ad Hoc Task Force for Course Evaluations**: There did not seem to be any other/new Senators interested.

2016/2017 Members of the Committee: Holly Miller, Barbara Robins, Suzanne Sollars, Adam Tyma, Michael Perdunn (SAC)

The Ad Hoc Task Force was unable to complete its work in 2015-2016 and could be reestablished at the June 2016 EC&C mtg. Senator Sollars expressed interest in continuing on the Task Force, as did Senator Tyma.
On 6/1/16 the EC&C asked the Faculty Senate Coordinator to e-mail the previous members of the committee asking if they were still interested in serving on this committee. All expressed interest on serving again, except Adam Tyma, who hasn’t yet replied.

B Grading Policy Change for “F” “FW” Grades (Policy draft 11/02/15 by Financial Support and Scholarships Office, updated 11/15/15.) (Fall 2016 w/ Senator Grams and Executive Committee)

C. Summer Work: The EC&C asked that the matter of service in summer months be added to the September EC&A agenda to start discussion with administration. Most faculty have 9-month/academic year contract, so on-going service on university committees, task forces, etc. which meet during the summer months is, as yet, unpaid. (See also standing committees working on aspects: A&CA, FP&W 8/17/16.)

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Educational Resources & Services: Senator Eesley

PENDING:

1. Class Scheduling/Classroom Space (to ER&S, 10/14/15)
2. Blackboard/Canvas (to ER&S 8/17/16) There were questions about a possible move to Canvas from Blackboard, and the testing process of Canvas. Karen Hein will be invited to discuss FCE/API and matters related to the discussion of adopting Canvas vs. Blackboard. ER&S will also invite a Canvas expert from UNL, such as the UNL Faculty Senate President, and Bret Blackman, Chief Information Office, Information Services to discuss the topic further.
3. Disability Letters, etc. (to ER&S 8/17/16) To reorganize how disability letters are sent out. Rather than one letter per student have one letter listing students for each faculty member. There should be a follow-up with information/instructions so faculty know how to apply accommodations.

B. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Elder reported the Committee met on Aug 31 from 2:00 to 3:15pm. Present: Griff Elder, Barry Ford, Pauline Brennan, John Noble.
Absent: Marshall Prisbell.

1. John Noble reported on the Employee Wellness Taskforce (Michael Perdunn, Joe Kaminski, Cecil Hicks, Esther Scarpello, Dave Daniels, Anthony Flott (SAC President), John Noble (FP&W)):
Report on the meeting of the Employee Wellness Taskforce on August 31, 2016: “The Task Force met in video conference with one of the prospective consultants (Rosie Ward) and her team. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the consultants with information about what we (UNO) want in terms of support, so that they would be in a position to craft a consulting proposal to meet our needs. A proposal from another consultant will also be forthcoming. Once the two proposals are in hand, the Wellness Taskforce will review the proposals and make a recommendation to the administration about moving forward. The administration will then make the final decision.”

2. Green Card expenses for international hires.
The committee has been interested in knowing who (international faculty,
Dept/School, or College) pays the expenses when an international faculty member gets a Green Card.

On July 15, 2016 the committee received (via Sue Bishop) the PowerPoint presentation that James McCarty uses to orient hiring committees. The expenses are:

- $750 to Steven Daubendieck, UNMC International Studies & Programs Advisor, for initial consultation.
- $5,000-$7,000. Institutional costs for H1B Visa and Dept. of Labor Certificate for permanent residency.

On 9/1/2016, Committee contacted James McCarty to ask for clarification. He responded immediately to say that since 2008 it has been UNO's policy that the colleges pay both expenses. We asked that this be made more clear in the PowerPoint presentation. He agreed. The issue is now closed.

3. Compensation for Summer Service Obligations. Right now we are collecting facts: There are 3 grievance committees - They meet anytime there is a case. No-one on these committees is ever compensated:
   - Academic Freedom & Tenure Committee
   - Faculty Grievance Committee
   - Professional Conduct Committee.

   The EC&C has to meet each month all summer. When the EC&A (FS Executive Committee & Administration) meets during the summer, the executive committee (Pres, VP, Sec/Treas, Rules Chair, & Chair of Cabinet) attend those meetings. This issue remains in progress.

4. UNO Constituency Safety & Well-being (Assigned to FP&W 5/15, following topic raised by past-Senator Scherer).
   (a) Barry Ford is working on 1st draft of a resolution that will request that the Student Safety Website be made explicitly relevant for faculty and staff, as well as request that its usability be improved (fewer clicks).
   (b) Last Spring, when Shereen Bingham (UNO Ombudsperson) visited with our committee, she discussed with us the creation of a chart showing each available resource/office, who it is designed to serve, and the function(s) that it serves. This chart would also indicate which functions are treated confidentially by the relevant resource/office.

   The committee feels that such a chart would go a long way towards addressing points (b) and (c) in the UNO Constituency Safety & Well-being item.

   We point out that the Ombuds Office Charter has not yet been approved. NU Legal Counsel determined that the Ombuds Office is not a confidential resource under Title IX. This (and other issues) means that the Charter needs revisions.

   We also learned that at present being Ombudsperson is not part of workload. The responsibilities sit on top of a normal faculty load. Clearly this needs to change. Perhaps this change will occur after the Ombudsperson Charter is approved. Until that happens, it does not seem reasonable to expect Faculty Senate concerns to be addressed in a timely manner.

PENDING:
1. Revise and Separate Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Policies (See Resolution Log for Resolution 4188 under “To Be Followed Up”) (in Faculty Personnel & Welfare,
also in Central Administration) (to 11/2015 EC&A agenda for follow up) Legal Opinion received from Central. The Senate would like to know how to interpret this when representing UNO off-campus. Sent, again, to EC&A agenda (9/21/16)

2. **UNO Constituency Safety & Well-being:** (in Faculty Personnel & Welfare, 5/15)

   Senator Scherer reported better education, coordination and communication of information to all constituencies on how to facilitate the health, safety and well-being of ALL of its constituents:
   a. Student Safety Website—very impressive but would like to see a Faculty and Staff Safety website
   b. Confusion on resources for faculty staff (Ombudsmen, EAP person, counseling, Behavioral Review Team, etc.). What information is confidential? What is not? Where to go?
   c. BRT: Student Concerns—Student is the focal person or person of concern and faculty, staff and students can report here? If is the person of concern is a faculty or student, where does a faculty or staff person report? What are the mechanisms for dealing with the issue(s)?

3. **Summer Creep/Summer compensation** (8/17/16 to FP&W; other aspects to A&CA and EC&C) Request compensation for 9-month faculty involved in governance (e.g. Faculty Senate Committee chairs, members of judicial committees: AF&T, FG, PC) when required to serve during the summer. Committee will collect and prioritize list.

4. **Wellness Initiative** concerning HPER fees and possible consultant. (8/17/16 goal of FP&W)

5. **Childcare Center moving to Scott Campus and closing time pickup.** (8/17/16 goal of FP&W) 9/14/16: Not moving, no change in times. Item closed.

C. **Committee on Goals and Directions:** Senator Ostler

   **Pending:**
   1. **Facilities Planning & Faculty Representation** (Sent to G&D 2/10/16)
      As important and continuous decisions are made regarding facilities and facilities planning on campus, we would like to see more faculty involvement in these plans, and be allowed frequent opportunities to engage in discussion with administration about facilities planning. The one committee the Faculty Senate is aware of is the University Committee on Facilities Planning, which meets once a year. The University Committee on Technology Resources, Services & Planning meets more frequently, but its primary focus is on the technology needs of the campus.
   2. **Ad-Hoc Survey Group (both Faculty & Student) - Ongoing:** Sent to G & D on 5/4/16. Senator Ostler will check into this.
   3. **Ad-Hoc Faculty Senate Strategic Plan Writing Group:** Sent to G&D on 5/4/16. Past Senator Lyn Holley was working on this. Senator Ostler will check on the progress.
   4. **Unit Based Recruiting.** Units/faculty being involved in recruiting at unit level. Sent to G&D 8/17/16)

D. **Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs:** Senator Miller has a class until 2:15 p.m., thus her report was taken out of order. (No Meeting, No Report)

**PENDING:**
1. **Request for Faculty Working Committee for Definition/Discussion of Student Academic Integrity** (from Candice Batton) (to AC&A 1/6/16)

2. **Consideration of Number of Hours for Natural Sciences for GenEd Requirement** (sent to A&CA 4/6/16)

3. **Summer Creep**: (8/17/16 to A&CA)
   Requests no work involving faculty to be done during non-contract months and normal winter break, such as standard faculty responsibilities that used to happen during the normal academic year. (to EC&A 9/16 and moved to A&CA 8/17/16)

**E. Professional Development:** Senator Adams (No meeting/no report)

1. **Enquire as to Whether the AAUP has Negotiated a Workload Policy** (sent to PD 4/6/16)
   - 2016 Workload Policy can be found at the UNO AAUP website http://www.unoaaup.org/. Click on “2015-2017 Contract (PDF).”
   
   **This item is now closed.**

**F. Committee on Rules:** Senator Nash reported

1. **RESOLUTION: Academic Freedom & Tenure** ballot (for voting by faculty eligible to vote for UNO Faculty Senate representative – results to be announced at October Faculty Senate meeting).

   BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 6.5.2 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws the following nominees for the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee are brought forward by the Rules Committee for senate nomination. The ballot will be presented to the UNO Faculty.

   Two tenured faculty member will be elected from the following four nominees to serve a three-year term from October 16, 2016, through October 15, 2019, to replace Donna Dufner and Robert Nash, whose terms will expire:

   - Jayaram Betanabhatla (Physics, A&S)
   - Stu Bernstein (Architectural Engg. & Construction, ENGG)
   - Ann Fruhling (Interdisciplinary Informatics, IS&T)
   - Janice Rech. (Mathematics, A&S)

   And one Non-Tenured Faculty member will be elected from the following two nominees to serve three-year terms from October 12, 2016, through October 9, 2019, to replace Anastasia Kyvelidou, whose term will expire:

   - Vivien Marmelat (Biomechanics, ED)
   - Yuebin Yu. (Architectural Engg. & Construction, ENGG)

   The slate of nominees for election to the Academic Freedom & Tenure Committee was accepted by voice vote as presented. Sue Bishop will distribute ballots.
2. Faculty Grievance Committee

The Rules Committee presented its nominees for election to three-year terms to open seats on the Faculty Grievance Committee. Senator Elder moved, and Senator Grams seconded, to amend the Assistant Professor position to a two year term. The amendment passed by voice vote. Ballots were then filled out by Senators, collected, and tallied. The amended resolution passed.

RESOLUTION 4271: Faculty Grievance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Bylaws, Article VI.5.1, Faculty Grievance Committee, the following faculty members are brought forward by the Rules Committee for ballot election by the senate.

One full Professor will be elected from the following two nominees to replace Marshall Prisbell, whose term will expire, for a three-year term from September 16, 2016, through September 15, 2019:

Carol Ebdon (Public Administration, CPACS) (17 Votes)
Carey Ryan; (Psychology, A&S) (15 Votes)

One Assistant Professor will be elected from the following two nominees to replace Eugenio DiStefano, whose term will expire, for a two-year term from September 16, 2016, through September 15, 2018:

Abhishek Parakh (Interdisciplinary Science Informatics, IS&T) (15 Votes)
Laura Walls (Foreign Languages, A&S) (17 Votes)

And one member of the Faculty Senate Faculty Personnel and Welfare Committee will be elected from the following two nominees to replace Joy Chao, whose term will expire, as the Faculty Personnel and Welfare Committee representative for a one-year term from September 16, 2016, through September 15, 2017:

Pauline Brennan, (Criminology & Criminal Justice, CPACS) (1 Vote)
Marshall Prisbell. (Communication, CFAM) (31 Votes)

BE IT RESOLVED that Carol Ebdon, Laura Walls, and Marshall Prisbell are elected.

3. Professional Conduct Committee:

Senator Nash moved the following resolution for the committee. The resolution passed.

RESOLUTION4272, 9/14/16: UNO Professional Conduct Committee (for Senate vote)
BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Bylaws, Article VI.5.3, Professional Conduct Committee, the following faculty members are brought forward by the Rules Committee for ballot election by the senate.

BE IT RESOLVED, that two representative must be elected by ballot vote to serve a three-year term from September 16, 2016, through September 15, 2019, to replace outgoing members, Jodi Kreiling and Robert Woody, whose terms will expire. In accordance with Section 1.1 of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Professional Conduct Committee's Rules and Procedures, the following four nominees (all tenured faculty ranked assistant professor or above) are brought forward by the Committee on Rules for ballot election by the full senate as follows:

Juan Casas (Psychology, A&S) (16 Votes)
Daniel Kissinger (Counseling, ED) (29 Votes)
Amy Rodie (Marketing & Management, CBA) (11 Votes)
Victor Winter (Computer Science, IS&T) (14 Votes)

The newly elected representatives will also serve as alternates for three-years from September 16, 2019, through September 15, 2022.

Jodi Kreiling and Robert Woody will continue serving as alternate for three-years, from September 16, 2016 through September 15, 2019, per Resolution 4164.

BE IT RESOLVED that Juan Casas and Daniel Kissinger are elected.

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4. University Committee on Library & Learning Resources

Senator Nash moved the following resolution for the committee. The resolution passed by voice vote.

RESOLUTION4273, 9/14/16: University Committee on Library & Learning Resources

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward to replace Courtney Gillotte, who has resigned from the University Committee on Library and Learning Resources (term: 08/01/15 – 07/31/18):

Barbara Hewins-Maroney.

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VI. Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. UCAT (University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching): August 26, 2016
Members present: Robert Ottemann, Brian McKevitt, Jack Zerbe, Jooho Lee, Claudia Rauter, Leah Pietron, Jim Shaw, guest Karen Hein, guest Candice Batton.

Following introductions, Dr. Batton provided a brief overview of the UCAT program. She informed the committee that the budget for the 2016-2017 academic year was $25,000 ($20,000 permanent funds and $5,000 temporary funds). The committee was tasked with the responsibility of designating specific amounts to each grant category. (Travel, Curriculum Development, Speaker and Designated Conference). Dr. Batton stressed the importance that grant funding should benefit the entire UNO campus not just the specific department.

Election of the committee chairperson was the next item on the agenda. Leah Pietron volunteered to serve as chairperson of the UCAT committee for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Leah Pietron suggested that travel grants and curriculum development grant funding should be a priority to advance teaching at UNO. Mike Messerole agreed with her recommendation. James Shaw suggested that individual travel grant amounts be dropped from the current $800 each to $500-$600 each.

Leah Pietron suggested that a specific amount could be designated to each college and maintain any reserves for approval of applications based on merit. Mike Messerole indicated that allocation of funding would not be effective. He reminded the committee that for the 2015-2016 academic year, travel grant approval was 100%. So, it was a result of which colleges had individuals that completed applications. He informed the committee that UCAT grant funding is an item on all monthly COE meetings. Claudia Rauter suggested that Chairs and Directors be contacted to increase participation. Dr. Batton reminded committee members that the UCAT representatives are tasked with being an advocate for applying for UCAT funding.

Jack Zerbe requested an explanation of the Designated Conference. Karen Hein provided an overview of the purpose of the conference as well as details regarding the prior years’ on campus events.

Leah Pietron moved to allocate the following funding: $15,000 for travel grants, $5,000 for curriculum development grants, and $5,000 for designated conference/speaker grants. James Shaw seconded the motion. Mike Messerole voiced concern that the percentage of allocation changes was not accurate. Following further discussion, Leah Pietron amended her motion to the following: $15,000 for travel grants, $8,000 for curriculum development grants, $1,000 designated conference and $1,000 speaker grants. Robert Ottemann seconded the amendment. Committee members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Jack Zerbe requested a discussion regarding changing the amounts of the travel and curriculum development grants to benefit more individuals. Mike Messerole moved to lower the amount of each travel grant from $800 to $600. Jack Zerbe seconded the motion. Committee members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Leah Pietron moved to lower the amount of each curriculum development grant from $1,000 to $800 each. James Shaw seconded the motion. Committee members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Following some discussion among committee members and Dr. Batton, it was recommended by James Shaw to table the discussion regarding Designated Conference grant amounts at this time. Jack Zerbe moved to hold off funding any designated conference grants for the 2016-2017 academic year. Mike Messerole seconded the motion. Committee members voted unanimously to approve the motion.
Brian McKevitt moved to lower the Speaker Grant fund from $5,000 to $1,000. Leah Pietron seconded the motion. Committee members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Committee members made several recommendations regarding application and rubric updates and changes. Those requested changes will be reviewed and approved by UCAT chairperson, Leah Pietron and posted on the CFE/API website.

Leah Pietron recommended adding Distance Education as a UCAT “Theme” for the 2016-2017 academic year. Following some discussion, it was agreed that all themes refer to distance education and a sentence amendment in Section A was sufficient.

VII. New Business

A. Places to Hold the Annual Faculty Senate Retreat: Sent to October EC&C Agenda.

B. Parking Spaces at UNO for Teachers and Visitors:

   Senator Stacy moved, and Senator Peterson seconded, a motion to send the issue of Parking Spaces at UNO to the Parking Advisory Committee. As a Metropolitan University in partnership with the community, we’ve got to have more parking spaces for teachers and visitors. The motion passed. Sue Bishop, Senate Coordinator, will forward the issue.

C. Parking for Faculty Access and Limited Access to Parking Spaces:

   Senator Nordness moved, and Senator Burch seconded, a motion to send the Senate concerns of faculty access (limited access) to parking at UNO, to the Faculty Personnel & Welfare Committee. The motion passes.

D. “Canvas” vs. “Blackboard”

   Senator Woody noted that he will be meeting with the Deans next week about the suggested replacement of “Blackboard” with “Canvas.”

VIII. The meeting adjourn at 3:14 p.m. with announcements.

IX. Announcements

   A. EC&A Mtg: Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 2 p.m., EAB 200
   B. EC&C Mtg: Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 2 p.m., ASH 196
   C. Faculty Senate Mtg: Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 2 p.m., CEC 201/205 (David Daniels to Speak: Health Fair)

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