Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 2 p.m., MH 218


Excused: Clinkinbeard, Feng, Stacy

Absent: Betanabhatla, Noble, Nordman, Robins

Visitors: Paul Williams (Religious Studies), Curtis Hutt (Religious Studies), Keristiena Shenouda (Project Specialist, Graduate Studies)

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by President Woody.

II. The Minutes of February 8, 2017, were accepted as submitted.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Woody sent the following report to all UNO faculty: March 1, 2017

Colleagues: Hopefully you were able to attend the presentation on our campus by President Hank M. Bounds on February 3, 2017. Several faculty members commented favorably to me about his straightforward delivery of facts and figures. He seemed to emphasize that the budget process is still moving forward, and specific answers to many questions cannot be given at this time. He expressed empathetic concern that the proposed cuts will, with regret, most likely impact on people, but it is premature to speculate on how and whom. He asked everyone to communicate concerns and preferences to their governmental representatives and others (but do not use University stationary, etc.).

By Resolution 4280, the Faculty Senate has given support for the “Message from the University of Nebraska Leadership on the Recent Executive Order on Immigration” (dated January 30, 2017). The objective is to promote diversity/inclusion.

At the UNO Strategic Planning Forum on February 3, 2017, the presentations revealed that the existing Strategic Plan is being updated, there is an expansion of the international/global activities, and diversity/inclusion is being advanced.

On February 7, 2017, Senator Griff Elder (Chair of the Faculty Personnel and Welfare Committee) and I met with Cecil Hicks (Director, Human Resources) and Charlotte Evans (Chief/Director of Public Safety). We discussed the adequacy of the existing safety operations, as would protect and enhance the campus learning environment. Concern was expressed about the potential budgetary impact on campus safety. Chief Evans seems effective in resource management (e.g., contracting for
supplemental sworn officers from area law enforcement agencies for special events). A plan was created to increase communications to all concerned about the structure and operations of UNO Public Safety (e.g., possibly producing videos that can be readily accessed by anyone). The objective is not to critique resources per se, but rather to promote the UNO community’s sense of personal safety as adequate for an optimal learning environment.

From numerous contacts with the Senior Vice Chancellor B. J. Reed (and his administrative colleagues), assurance has been given that there will be appropriate faculty input in future budget-related decision making. Also, as mentioned before, the increasing size and complexity of UNO fosters greater committee/service involvement for faculty and staff. Being aware of the need for faculty commitments for university-related service (e.g., being on University committees and the Faculty Senate), administrative consideration will be given to improving incentives.

In preparation for deciding on whether to retain Blackboard or switch to Canvas, Jaci Lindburg (Director of Digital Learning) has reported that a task force with faculty from each college, as well as staff members and students, is developing an evaluation survey. The evaluative responses will provide feedback from all concerned for preparing a recommendation report (from the Faculty Senate, Dale Eesley and Laura Grams are serving on the Task Force).

The search committee for a UNO Chancellor continues its work. As I mentioned in my January 1st Report, any questions about the search should be directed to Melissa Lee (melissalee@nebraska.edu), Director of Communications for the NU System.

Now that the official conversion of old websites on Avalon servers was finished last December, the Digital Communications Executive Committee is working on the next phase of Digital Communications projects. Several websites on CBA and CIST servers remain to convert by the end of the 2017. Major technical projects include an official UNO Mobile App, Employee Directory enhancements, Cascade CMS, and e2campus upgrades. The team is also assisting with website conversions for NBDC, the Thompson Center, and content changes supporting the Chancellor transition. For up-to-date roadmaps and other information on Digital Communications, the UNO Community can visit ucomm.unomaha.edu/digital.

There have been numerous discussions about IT, digital programs, and distance learning. It seems likely that there will continue to be reliance on and priority given to digital learning, such as instructors’ use of learning management systems (LMS).

On behalf of the UNO Faculty Senate, I hope that your academic year is going smoothly.

B. Secretary/Treasurer Report: Senator Eesley reported

   Senators: Dale Eesley, Laura Grams, Robert Nash, Elliott Ostler, Robert Woody  
   Administrators: Chancellor Christensen, SVC BJ Reed, VC William Conley,  
   AVC Deborah Smith-Howell, Vice Chancellor Dan Shipp  
   Vice Chancellor Conley:  
   The justification for the $10,000 budget review is due to the change in leadership in the Chancellor’s office. It is a routine practice. President Bounds is interested in looking at new spending, rather than spending on previously approved expenses such as GA, energy bills, etc.  
   AVC Smith-Howell used a spreadsheet of GAs, organized by college and funding
source. Looked at actual and offered and presented a 1 page summary that President Bounds approved. AVC Smith-Howell has provided FS a copy of the spreadsheet.

VC Conley: There is a FS president and SAC president on the Budget Steering Committee. There are faculty (including deans) on various committees.

SVC BJ Reed: The campus has no official role nor has it been asked to participate in the budget process. There is no new information regarding this from President Bounds. He will make the decision based on input from the steering committee and share that with campus chancellors.

Faculty Senate recruitment is a challenge. BJ Reed views it as important as other major faculty committees such as Graduate Council. He will discuss with Deans and Directors and encourage them to make a better and more meaningful call for participation in Faculty Senate.

Summer obligations of faculty: BJ Reed says we are a 12 month campus on a 9 month schedule. He doesn’t at present have a good solution for that.

Ombudsperson update: BJ Reed. Bingham has worked on revising the charter. She is mostly done with the charter, BJ thinks she did a nice job of it. It will be moved to the cabinet this spring.

Enforcement of no-smoking is not a responsibility of campus security. Violators should be asked to decease or reported to department chair if faculty, supervisor if staff, director of student conduct.

Credentials for new hires, particularly adjuncts and instructors. Higher learning commission wants more explicit documentation of process. Deb Smith-Howell is collecting new policies provided from faculty. It is up to each program to write how they credential their faculty.

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**TO BE FOLLOWED UP**

| 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 | 5/20/15      |                        |        |          |             | Acknowledged            |

**CARRIED FORWARD**

2. **Treasurer’s Report:** Senator Eesley gave the February 2017 Budget Report

IV. **Executive Committee:** Senator Grams

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PENDING

A. Grading Policy Change for “F” “FW” Grades (Policy draft 11/02/15 by Financial Support and Scholarships Office, updated 11/15/15.) (Another issue to note is verification of attendance.) (Fall 2016 w/ Senator Grams and Executive Committee)
- How e-mails to faculty are worded and how often they are sent for follow-up.
- What is the policy for data storage?
(On 3/1/17, the EC&C had these questions and asked that they be put on the EC&A agenda:
1. What is the policy for data storage?
2. Are Faculty, both full time and adjunct, responsible for records retention?
3. Why are E-mails sent as reminders are going out too often - - every day or so?)

B. Regulated Data (to EC&A agenda 10/2016)
And Retain Data on Blackboard, etc., for at least 3 years. (EC&A agenda 12/21/16)

C. Summer Work: The EC&C saw that the matter of service in summer months was added to the September 2016 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.)
RESOLUTION 4279, 12/14/16: Grievance Committees Summer Compensation On12/21/16, the following reply was given regarding R4279.
Grievance committee and Summer Pay
SVC Reed says they may need more information. It is a workload issue as much as a compensation issue. Let’s have further discussion.
On 3/1/17 the EC&C asked that FS R 4279 be again put on the EC&A agenda.

D. UNO Public Safety Document (Director, Charlotte Evans) (Dismissed by EC&C 3/1/17)

E. Student Government LMS Resolution, 12/1/16: Learning Management System Requirement. (to EC&C 1/4/16 Pending) This issue was discussed and the EC&C are working on a response. President Woody wrote a brief response, quoting Board of Regents Policies, acknowledging the Student Government Resolution. (Note written and sent after 2/8/17.) (Dismissed by EC&C 2/8/17.) On 3/1/17 the EC&C requested that a different solution be researched. The EC&C will reach out to the new Student Government President and communicate with him on this.

V. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Educational Resources & Services: Senator Eesley (No Meeting/No Report)

PENDING:

1. Request for Blackboard Information to be Retained: (to ER&S 11/2/16)
Email Received 11/1/16:
I suggest we consider asking that “gradebook” information be retained on Blackboard (and Canvas if we switch for 3 years. It is currently saved for 2 years (6 semesters including summer semesters). Faculty are “strongly encouraged” to save grade information for 3 years. The online gradebook included in Blackboard is a convenient and secure location to have the information stored. Yes, we can
download the information and save it, but then we need to worry about keeping it secure to comply with privacy laws and policies, whereas it is already secure on Blackboard.

2. Disability Designation Process/Testing Center Capabilities (from Gary Krause) (to ER&S 1/4/17)

Senator Grams will make the first reply to Prof. Krause. This issue was sent to the ER&S Committee to look at, to the extent that these issues overlap with other ER&S Pending items.

3/1/17: Senator Eesley will double check on how fast they can get “disability” status, etc.

B. Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Elder reported the Committee met February 22, 2017.

*Present:* Marshall Prisbell, Pauline Brennan, John Noble, Joy Chao, Griff Elder, Juan Casas.

*Absent:* Dale Tiller (excused)

*Guest:* Dan Rock, Attorney with Ellick, Jones, Buelt, Blazek & Longo, L.L.P.

We discussed the information in a document that Dan Rock provided (received Feb 16, 2017). See "Immigration Authority for International Hires" (agenda attachment – pgs. 14-16). We could like this document to be added as an appendix to the Faculty Senate Agenda for March 8.

This information is not easily found at UNO. The committee tried to obtain the visa expenses associated with international hires from Administration, and was not successful. Therefore, we ask that this information be made easily available to UNO administrators as well as to international employees.

Senator Elder moved the following resolution for the Committee. It passed.

RESOLUTION 4282, 3/8/17: Expenses Associated with Visas for International Hires

*WHEREAS* the University of Nebraska at Omaha endeavors to attract the best students, faculty and staff to its campus,

*WHEREAS* detailed information regarding the expenses associated with visas for international hires has not heretofore been easily accessible on campus,

*WHEREAS* the aforementioned information is now available in a document produced by Dan Rock, Attorney with Ellick, Jones, Buelt, Blazek & Longo, L.L.P.,

*BE IT RESOLVED* that this information be incorporated into the online hiring committee training module currently being produced,

*FURTHERMORE* that this information be included in the package of information provided by the Center for Faculty Excellence to new international hires,

*FURTHERMORE* that this information be included in the online modules currently being produced for new employees,
FURTHERMORE that this information be provided as part of new chair training, as well as be disseminated to Chairs, Directors and Deans,

FURTHERMORE that the University of Nebraska at Omaha develop a website similar to

http://www.sju.edu/int/resources/humanresources/immigration.html
http://www.vanderbilt.edu/gss/immigration/.

PENDING:

1. 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)?
      • On 10/12/16 this topic will be postponed until March 2017.
2. Green Card
   Green Card expenses for international hires. (Dismissed by EC&C 3/1/17)
3. Wellness Initiative concerning HPER fees and possible consultant. (Senator Noble continues to report) (8/17/16 goal of FP&W)
4. Bias Assessment Response Team
   Sent to the Faculty Personnel & Welfare Committee to decide if a presentation is necessary or if this information can be put in writing and sent to the Senators. (Sent to FP&W 11/2/16).

C. Committee on Goals and Directions:
   Senator Ostler reported the Committee met February 22, 2017.
   Present: Arbelaez, Bereitschaft, Hawkins, Ostler
   Excused: Anderson
   The Goals and Directions Committee met on the 22nd of February to address the Committee’s Pending issues as we draw closer to the close of the 2016-17 academic year and, to plan the best way to continue the work we have been doing as we move into the 2017-18 academic year. Four items remained on the Pending list.
   New Items: Dr. Maria Arbelaez has agreed to be the 2017-2018 Goals and Directions Committee Chair and Brad Bereitschaft will serve as Vice-Chair. Those roles will be reversed in 2018 and 2019.

PENDING:
1. Facilities Planning and Faculty Representation (Sent to G&D 2/10/16) – As
important and continuous decisions are made regarding 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 typically 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.
In a previous meeting Goals & Directions met with Deb Smith-Howell to address
administrative communication and questions about the University’s Strategic Plan
and the Faculty Senate’s part in that process. We discussed the possibility of a
more regular liaison with Dr. Smith-Howell with a representative from the F.S.
Goals and Directions Committee that could increase the level of communication
and information in this area.

2. **Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Strategic Plan Writing Group**: This item has been
addressed and is no longer needed since a draft of the University’s Strategic Plan
is in place. It has, therefore, been removed from our Pending list. *(Dismissed by
EC&C 3/1/17)*

3. **Unit Based Recruiting**: *(Sent to G&D 8/17/16)* This item has focused on how
individual departments may contribute to the recruitment and retention of students
in better pursuit of the University’s enrollment goals. Goals and Directions
temporarily tabled this item and it will remain on our Pending list.

4. **How to Encourage Faculty to Serve on the Faculty Senate**: *(12/7/16 sent to
G&D)* Informal data collection by the committee of approximately 40 UNO
faculty members has generally revealed that Service of this nature tends to be
acknowledged with little payoff compared to the perceived time commitment
associated with governance. There is also a great deal of misinformation about
the time obligations; nevertheless, most of the faculty we talked to showed little
interest in this service even after we answered questions. The Goals and
Directions Committee is now discussing ways to help the departments incentivize
Faculty Senate and other University service opportunities by increasing by better
recognizing the value of this service in ways such as higher Merit rankings on
Annual Review, etc.

**Participation in UNO Faculty Senate**

1. Need to encourage and strengthen participation on UNO Faculty Senate.
2. One possibility might be to change the FS Constitution
3. Discussions with Colleges
4. Go to Chairperson mentor(s)?
5. Go to Board of Chairs

D. **Committee on Professional Development**: Senator Adams reported the
Professional Development Committee met on February 22.

*Present:* Senators Adams, Woolf, Feng, Nordman, Boron

*Excused:* Senator Winter

We used our time to take closer looks at policies and documentation regarding
Intellectual Property and Faculty Development Fellowships (leave/sabbatical). We
worked in two groups to compare language, policies, and documents in order to
identify issues, questions, and potential next steps. That work led to the following:

1. **For Intellectual Property**—the committee decided to create documents that cut
and paste language that is currently scattered (websites, regents policies, AAUP)
into one document. We ended up with two documents (one long, one short) that
include a flow chart created by Senator Winter. Links to these documents: https://unomaha.box.com/s/aoz7aq73tbvyvu7z0mvc94lf0l97gkhi and https://unomaha.box.com/s/gpr0m0ifkyk61j1fcpg3epk0d6e05hj. At this time our committee does not have recommendations to make about these policies, but we do have concerns, as in at least one case it seems that administrators did not follow the policies that are in place. As a committee we are asking the senate executive and chairs group to suggest next steps.

2. For Faculty Development Fellowships—the committee worked from a document with compiled FDF policy/procedures language (https://unomaha.box.com/s/s24oszapcz4tb73lr4aqfq2k72gjiwys ) Analysis of the document and discussion made clear that we have questions regarding references to “competitive basis,” “the dean and appropriate faculty advisory groups,” “will review,” “ranks the applications in priority order,” and “under rules promulgated by the Chancellor.” Our concerns are that this language is vague to the point of obscuring the process and whether or not there are in fact criteria being used to evaluate FDF applications. As a next step, Senator Adams will be contacting the Office of Academic Affairs and asking whether or not the policies have been updated recently and/or if there are other documents/criteria available that we have just simply not found.

PENDING:

1. 10/2016: Concerns have been raised about the ownership of research/creative activity/intellectual property, particularly with regard to software, but we are exploring this issue broadly, with the following questions:
   a. What policies/practices describe intellectual property?
   b. How does ownership of intellectual property work with “new” technologies, like the Digital Commons?
   c. How or to what extend are royalties/fees received from books, research, or creative activities impacted?
      [Because Victor Winter raised this issue but was not at our meeting, we are asking him to speak more about this at our next meeting. Depending on where this goes, we may need to talk with administrators from a range of offices as well as the Dean of the Library]

2. 10/2016: Given a growing number of questions and concerns about Faculty Professional Development Leave policies/procedures, our committee will be gathering information (policies/procedures) at all levels (regents, university, colleges, departments) and comparing those documents in order to explore questions, including:
   a. Can faculty get a full year of leave if waiting until 12 years of service instead of at 6 years?
   b. What are the earning restrictions while on leave (sabbatical)?
   c. What documents govern how leave is prioritized/awarded?
   d. What are the criteria for leave across colleges/departments? How consistent are these?
   e. Who all reviews and/or weighs in on these decisions?
   f. What language does the AAUP contract have regarding leave/sabbatical?

E. Committee on Rules: Senator Nash reported the Committee met on February 22, 2017.
   Present: Jeremy Johnson, Paul Landow, Olivier Maisondieu Lafortune, Bob Nash,
Kathy Peterson.
Absent: Samantha Clinkinbeard (excused).

The Wellness Committee and the Wellness Stampede Advisory Committee have been merged to form a new “Wellness Champions Committee.” The new committee does not require faculty appointments to be made by the Faculty Senate. Participation is open to any interested faculty or staff member, and there are no fixed terms.

Preliminary standing committee assignments for newly elected senators have been made. Thirteen slots need to be filled, but the process has been complicated by the resignation of four recently elected senators, and three senate vacancies are still be filled by the College of Arts & Sciences.

The annual “Committee Service Preference” survey has been distributed to the faculty. The deadline for surveys to be returned to the Faculty Senate Office is March 17.

The Rules Committee will meet next on March 31st to begin the work of filling vacancies on university committees for the 2017-2018 academic year.

PENDING
1. Clarification of faculty representation on the University Committee on Excellence in Teaching.

F. Committee on Academic & Curricular Affairs: Senator Miller reported the Committee met February 22, 2017.

Members Present: Laura Grams, Burch Kealey, Stu Bernstein, Ken Dick, Holly Miller

Members Excused: Jodi Kreiling

Guests Present: Keristiena Shenouda and Curtis Hutt

Attendees were welcomed and the guests were invited to share information about the proposed Center for Human Rights and then committee members asked specific questions. Questions included the precedent for this type of program, faculty needs in the future if a major was created and budgets. Discussion ensued and answers satisfied committee members concerns. The following resolution was unanimously approved and will be sent to the full senate for approval.

Senator Miller moved the following resolution for the Committee. It passed.


WHEREAS:
Media reports about immigration challenges in different regions, increasing terrorist activity and national security responses, and the impacts of global climate change, raise profound human rights issues.

WHEREAS:
Human rights issues range broadly from sustainability to the rights of indigenous peoples, and from cultural rights to the right to privacy. Due to this complexity, the study of human rights is inherently interdisciplinary.

WHEREAS:
UNO has historically valued the study of human rights. More recent geopolitical events and their impact on the United States increase the importance of discussing
human rights. To sustain and expand upon UNO’s increasing collaborative interdepartmental, cross-college, and community-oriented initiatives - the proposed Leonard and Shirley Goldstein Center for Human Rights (GCHR) is needed.

WHEREAS:
Current, human rights initiatives are fragmented throughout the UNO campus. This highly decentralized activity in human rights illustrates an institution-wide interest in the study of human rights. A center would be the appropriate organizational structure to help support and coordinate these activities. This increased support will allow UNO to expand on its current initiatives in terms of resources, partnerships, knowledge and collaboration.

WHEREAS:
The increased visibility associated with creating the proposed center will allow UNO to increase its outreach efforts. Faculty and administrators will be able to take a more unified approach in establishing additional partnerships with businesses, higher learning institutions and community organizations/members. This visibility will also facilitate individuals and organizations not affiliated with UNO to reach out to UNO and start collaborating on human rights-related issues. The unification and visibility will therefore expand current community engagement efforts. Other higher learning institutions and community organizations have responded with enthusiasm to the prospect of a UNO Center for Human Rights.

WHEREAS:
There is an absence of a human rights center in the region. This absence, along with the strong increase in the community need to examine human rights, has created a vacuum.

WHEREAS:
The proposed center is perfectly aligned with UNO’s metropolitan mission and strategic goals. Community engagement is a UNO strategic goal, and is also one of the pillars of the proposed center. The proposed center will be the appropriate organizational structure to maintain and further UNO’s community-engaged initiatives in the field of human rights.

THEREFORE:
We recommend the endorsement of the creation of the UNO Center for Human Rights.

The committee then turned to the topic of the Academic Integrity Procedures and Policy wording and supporting flow chart. Feedback on these documents was provided by Candice Batton and Phil Covington, since our last meeting. Committee members talked about state law and policy linked to record retention, concerns if information isn’t shared, penalties, and long term concerns for students if records are digitized. Eight full-time faculty members were selected to receive the current policy draft. They will be asked to read the document and provide feedback to the committee before our March meeting. Phil Covington will be invited to attend our
March meeting to address implementation limitations.

**PENDING:**
1. **Request for Faculty Working Committee** for Definition/Discussion of Student Academic Integrity (from Candice Batton) *(to AC&A 1/6/16)*
2. **Review of Center for Human Rights** *(to A&CA 11/1/16)* *(Dismissed by EC&C 3/1/17)*

VI. **Old Business**

A. **UNO Campus Blackboard/Canvas Recommendation (Jaci Lindburg):** Senator Eesley (fyi)

   *Rec. by Bob Woody 2/13/17*

   Hi Bob,

   I spoke with Karen Hein this morning, who said you had some questions about the Canvas evaluation, recommendation, and task force.

   *Rec: 2/13/17*

   We have a Task Force comprised of faculty from each college, staff, and students who are working together to (1) develop the evaluation survey and focus group questions and (2) write the recommendation report. The evaluation survey will be sent out to students and faculty enrolled in or teaching one of the Spring 2017 Canvas pilot courses. The survey piece of the evaluation will be open March 1-10, with focus groups for both students and faculty taking place the week of March 13. The aim is to have the report written by April 1, which will use data from faculty/student surveys and focus groups to determine UNO’s campus recommendation of whether or not we should adopt Canvas.

   **Task Force Members:**
   - Briana Morrison (Faculty, IS&T)
   - Craig Maher (Faculty, CPACS)
   - Dale Eesley (Faculty, CBA)
   - Laura Grams (Faculty, A&S)
   - Meghan Salsbury (Faculty, Library)
   - Michelle Friend (Faculty, COE)
   - Tomm Roland (Faculty, CFAM)
   - Randy Adkins (Associate Dean, A&S)
   - Anne Heimann (Director, Office of Accessibility Services)
   - Suzanne Withem (Coordinator, Masters of Critical and Creative Thinking)
   - Rick Murch-Shafer (Manager of Tech, College of Ed)
   - Drew Nielsen (Compliance Officer)
   - Karen Hein (Director, Center for Faculty Excellence)
   - Melanie Krings (Assistant Director, Executive MBA Program)
   - Josiah Krutz (Student)

   Once the report is prepared, we would like to present it to either your Faculty Senate Exec Committee or the ER&S Committee. Perhaps we could get on the Exec Committee meeting agenda on April 5?

   If a positive recommendation of Canvas emerges, we will have full roll-out and much training over the next fifteen months. Until that time, we have focused our training and support on the faculty, student, and staff sandbox users, as well as the Spring 2017 pilot students and faculty. Any faculty or staff member at UNO can request a Canvas sandbox space at any time and begin to try out the system.
VII. New Business

A. OneIT
Senator Grams asked why the Faculty Senate wasn’t involved in the decision. *(The Faculty Senate requested this topic be added to ER&S 3/8/17)*

B. Canvas Support
Senators asked that, if the decision is made to go to Canvas vs. Blackboard, there be IT support to transfer course content for the last 3 years.

C. Blended Courses Fee Structure Change
Senator Kealey asked that research be done on the change of fees for blended courses. *(The Faculty Senate requested this topic be added to 3/15/17 EC&A agenda.)*

D. Populating 2017-2018 Faculty Senate Standing Committees:
Senator Nash reminded the other Senators that there will again be 38 Senators serving next year. That would have one standing committee be made up of 7 members, rather than 6. Parliamentarian Carroll noted that the Rules Committee is tasked with populating committees. Senator Nash said one option was to relieve the 2017-18 Vice President from serving on a standing committee, as is done with the President.

VIII. The meeting Adjourned at 2:48 p.m. with announcements.

IX. Announcements
A. EC&A Mtg: Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 2 p.m., EAB 200
B. EC&C Mtg: Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 2 p.m., ASH 196
C. Faculty Senate Mtg: Wednesday, April 12, 2 p.m., CEC 230/231
D. Faculty/Staff Awards Banquet: Wednesday, April 26, 2017, *(Probably MBSC Ballroom, 6:30 p.m. Social, 7:15 p.m. Dinner.)* Invitations will be sent, RSVP required.

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