
Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 2 p.m., (Location TBA via Zoom)

Members: Anderson, Hale, Helm, Ostler, Rech, Schulz, Surface, Qureshi, Wessling

I. Official Call to Order: President Ostler at 2:04 p.m.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report: Senator Ostler

1. Fall Academic Planning Groups have continued to meet and are beginning to put decisions into place, including classroom mapping, so classroom assignments should be forthcoming very soon. Fall Semester Planning Committees and contacts are as follows for anyone wanting information:
 - Academic Programs/Instruction/Research – Sarah Edwards
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 - Facilities/Business Operations/Dining/Housing/Cleaning – Larry Morgan
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 - Student Services/On-Boarding/Counseling/Advising – Cathy Pettid
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 - Communications (Internal & External) – Makayla McMorris
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 - Events and Athletics (concerts/gatherings) – Kristina Cammarano
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2. Update on University Calendar proposal: As you know the NU System proposal for an updated calendar recommended an August 17th start date and an early release centered around the Thanksgiving holiday as a means to limiting students' exposure with holiday travel. UNO will continue with original calendar adding options that will allow instructors to continue remotely after Thanksgiving if needed. Some of these changes/options will use the holiday hours of Labor Day and Fall Break for instruction that will allow for early completion prior to the December holiday break where appropriate. With a number of Pandemic issues still unknown, discussions about Spring Calendar changes were put on hold but now appear to have resurfaced. One of the primary considerations at this point, for both Lincoln and Kearny campuses is the possibility of a January term (J-term), which would push the spring semester to a late January to late May timeframe. Support for the J-term initiative seems to be substantial on all campuses except UNO, where we really have not heard the voice of faculty related to this issue because the idea is so new. With the expectation of a unified University calendar (to the extent possible), there may be considerable pressure to provide the same options as Lincoln and Kearny if they approve a J-term proposal on their respective campuses. With fall and spring calendar options in mind, Academic Affairs would likely seek input from faculty/units on two related

issues. The first would be the feasibility of a J-term running for approximately 3 weeks beginning just after the first of the year to the end of January. This would push back the spring semester to a completion point/commencement just prior to Memorial Day. The second would be recommendations for options about course offerings, particularly those providing experiential and Service Learning components, but also possibly broad offerings across the Gen Eds for remediation or pacing into advanced courses on a predictable timeline.

3. Budget: As you are all probably aware, President Carter announced significant cuts across the NU system. For UNO this is going to be approximately 4.2 million over three years. President Carter was, however, intentional about being committed to growth during this time.
4. Changes and updates in Title IX: see the following:

<https://www.unomaha.edu/office-of-equity-access-and-diversity/title-ix-information/index.php>

- a. Center for Faculty Excellence is hosting a new onboarding protocol for new faculty. Information may be found at the following:

<https://www.unomaha.edu/faculty-support/faculty-resources/uno-faculty-resources.php>.

5. Update on IT for de-densifying and remote instruction.
 - a. We will be engaging with IT on modifications and applications of Duo and Box

Further Discussion: Senator Qureshi discussed faculty responses to the survey and, as a result of inconclusive results, a solid recommendation was not made. The data will be shared with Dr. Kopp. Faculty expressed a concern with pedagogy if a J term was in place. Senator Ostler reported that in discussing the academic calendar with other senate presidents in the state, they were at various stages of implementing a J term. Academic planning council members representing Faculty Senate should be named. It will be necessary to confirm elected chairs or elect chairs.

B. Secretary/Treasurer Report: Senator Surface

1. EO&A
 - a. No Meeting, No Report
2. Chancellor, Academic Affairs, and Additional Comments

Further Discussion: Drew Nielson appreciates the partnership across the campus to develop, create, and approve these policies. An Ad Hoc committee is being sought from the Faculty Senate. The administration is seeking the input of the faculty about proposed calendar changes. The decision will need to be based upon the academic and intellectual pros of the change. President Ostler commented on his concern about multiple calendars in the NU system. Kearney and UNL would be on different schedules that UNO, which may be a challenge for students who attend both campuses. President Ostler made the senators aware of the changes from Box to Microsoft One Drive. This is as a result of a significant funding increase for Box.

Chancellor Gold discussed the economic impact of COVID on the University, mentioning the loss of state funding, enrollment uncertainty, increased expenses, and declines in other areas.

3. Resolution Action Table

2020-2021 Resolution Action Table
(Action Pending and Current Resolutions)

Res.#	Date Senate Passed	Title	Admin Accept	Sent for Senate Action	Denied/ Deferred/ In Progress	Final Action/Resolved
4403	5/13/20	Permanent replacement for A&S Senator				Acknowledged
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4405	5/13/20	Investigating feasibility and logistics for a safe campus reopening				Acknowledged
4406	5/13/20	Change to Children in the Workplace policy				Acknowledged
4407	5/13/20	Adoption of Lactation policy				Acknowledged
4408	5/13/20	Membership of 2020-2021 Faculty Senate Standing Committees				Acknowledged
4409	5/13/20	Appointment of Members to Campus Committees				Acknowledged
4410	5/13/20	Appointment of members to University Committees				Acknowledged
4411	5/13/20	Faculty Senate Standing Committee Chairs				Acknowledged
4412	5/13/20	Appointment of Faculty Senate Parliamentarian				Acknowledged
4413	5/13/20	Election of Faculty Senate Vice President				Acknowledged
4414	5/13/20	Election of Secretary/Treasurer				Acknowledged
4415	5/13/20	Election of the Chair of Committee on Committees				Acknowledged
4416	5/13/20	Faculty Senate Presidential Appointments (a-e)				Acknowledged
4417	5/13/20	Support for Student Code of Conduct				Acknowledged

		Revision				
TO BE FOLLOWED UP						
CARRIED FORWARD						

4. Treasurer's Report: Senator Surface (May 2020) (Carried over from last month)

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Wessling

1. No Meeting, No Report

B. Committee on Educational Resources & Services: Senator Surface

1. No Meeting, No Report

C. Committee on Faculty Personnel & Welfare: Senator Helm

1. No Meeting, No Report

D. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Schulz

1. No Meeting, No Report

E. Professional Development: Senator Rech (June Representative)

1. No Meeting, No Report

F. Committee on Committees: Senator Anderson

1. No Meeting, No Report

V. Other Faculty Senate Committees

a. No Reports

VI. Ad hoc Committees

A. Ad hoc Committee on Faculty Advancement: Senator Ostler

The Ad hoc Committee on Faculty Advancement made plans to meet in August but has not yet set a date.

VII. Non-Senate Committee Reports

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. For the Good of the Order

X. New Business

Further Discussion: President Ostler presented the letter from all of the NU Senate Presidents regarding Diversity and Inclusion. A request for funds from the NU President's office is pending approval from all four campus Faculty Senates.

XI. Adjourn at 3:58 p.m.