I. Vice President Coyne called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

II. The September 5, 2001, Executive Committee & Cabinet minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator W. Bacon presented:

1. Chancellor’s Council, September 27, 2001 minutes


B. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: Senator Bruckner presented the:

1. July/August 2001 budget sheet

2. September 30, 2001 budget sheet

3. Senator Shroder asked if the Senate had requested an increase in its budget. Senator W. Bacon replied that there had been such a request, but it was not granted. The only change in the budget is a stipend increase to $500 for a non-senator Faculty Senate Parliamentarian.

IV Standing Committee Reports:

A. On behalf of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs, Senator Landis moved the following two resolutions be placed on the agenda of the October 10, 2001, Senate meeting:

1. Catalog Revision for C-:

   WHEREAS the University of Nebraska at Omaha has implemented a plus/minus grading scale taking effect fall, 2001, and

   WHEREAS the C- is a variant of the C usually awarded to work that falls at the low end of the C
range, and

WHEREAS the conversion to plus/minus grading was not intended to jeopardize students’ academic standing,

BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Nebraska at Omaha Undergraduate Catalog be revised to reflect the current grading system. In the passages listed below, the grade ‘C’ should be replaced with ‘C-’:

Page 13, third bullet item under “Awarding of Credits for Advanced Standing”

Only courses with a grade of ‘C-’ or better will be accepted for transfer from accredited two- and four-year colleges and universities. The College of Human Resources and Family Sciences will accept a grade of ‘D’ excluding courses required by the major department.

Page 13, fifth bullet under “Awarding of Credits for Advanced Standing”

Credits to be transferred with a grade of ‘C-’ or better from provisionally accredited colleges will be placed in escrow until such time as 30 semester hours have been successfully completed at UNOmaha.

Page 18, number 3 under “Credit/No-Credit (CR/NC) Privilege”

A minimum grade of ‘C-’ is required to receive credit (for CR/NC courses)

Page 35, number 4 under “Requirements”

University division students are required to repeat general education courses of freshman level should they receive a grade of ‘D’ or below in courses in which a degree college requires all of its students to obtain ‘C-’ or better grade as a minimum for graduation.

2. Catalog Revision - Descriptive Terms for Grades

WHEREAS the University of Nebraska at Omaha undergraduate catalog’s descriptors of grades do not accurately represent current grading practices (e.g., 1998 data indicate that only 12.3% of the grades awarded were below a C) and

WHEREAS students have a right to have a clear, accurate description of the meaning of their grades,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the grade descriptors be revised as follows:

A+
A    Outstanding
A-
B. **Committee on Educational Resources and Services**: Senator O’Connell

The Committee met September 26. Senator O’Connell reported that the fund raising for the Paul Beck Scholarship has begun and will run until November 1st. The committee is also looking into faculty involvement in Deans’ searches. In their research, the committee members have found inconsistencies in the way Deans’ searches are organized, run, and candidates screened. The only guidance they've been offered is referral to the Board of Regents Bylaws (Chapter II, Section 9, posted on the BOR web site), which are very vague. They are concerned that faculty are engaged in Dean searches of little value, where their evaluations are ignored. The committee will continue to pursue this subject.

C. **Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare**: Senator Shroder presented the committee meeting minutes of October 8, 2001.

D. **Committee on Goals and Directions**: Senator Hagen presented the committee meeting minutes of September 26, 2001.

E. **Committee on Professional Development**: Senator Blair, Vice Chair of the committee, had no items to bring forward. The committee did meet in September and are trying to find scope and gist. There was no consensus of burning issues, but they are open and willing to discuss them if and when they happen.

F. **Committee on Rules**: Senator File reported that the committee met and discussed a couple of items concerning representation. He also reported that Clair Fleener, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, would like to get all committees and committee members on a data base in the Chancellor’s office. Mr. Fleener would then track vacancies and/or need for representatives on University Committees.

V Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. **Academic Planning Council**: Senator E. Williams submitted the committee meeting minutes of September 21, 2001. The programs scheduled for review during 2001-2002 are Mathematics, Criminal Justice, and Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis.
B. **Alumni Association, Board of Directors:** Senator Bruckner reported that the UNO Alumni Board of Directors met September 18, 2001. Other than the normal business of the meeting, there were three presentations: Dean BJ Reed gave an overview of the current happenings in CPACS; Coach Jeanne Tostenson gave an update of her UNO softball program, and Maggie Lehning spoke on her personal and professional history and her extensive involvement with UNO.

C. **American Association of University Professors (AAUP):** Senator Sadlek submitted the committee meeting minutes of September 21, 2001, for the Executive Committee of the UNO AAUP. The fall dinner meeting of the entire chapter will take place on Friday, October 26, 2001, from 7-9 p.m., at Fernando’s on 114th Street.

D. **Graduate Council:** Senator Angela Valle submitted the Graduate Council meeting minutes of September 10, 2001. The Council discussed the “Addition of ‘(3.0 on a 4.0 scale)’ to all policies where a grade of ‘B’ is required for clarification purposes & Revisions to the ‘Quality of Work Standards’ due to addition ‘-’ grades.”

E. **Strategic Planning Steering Committee:** Senator Hagen reported that Senator Franklin Thompson stepped down as Faculty Senate representative to the committee, but he still sits on the committee. Deb Smith-Howell is the Chair of the committee.

VI  **Old Business:**

James Carroll, Faculty Senate Parliamentarian, asked the Executive Board, acting as Faculty Senate for the months of June and July, to collect the records of those meetings for the Senate files. Senator Bacon agreed.

VII  There being no **Old Business**, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.