I. Vice President Coyne called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

II. The minutes of the October 3, 2001, meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Officers Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator W. Bacon reported on the Board of Regents Meeting, October 19, 2001.


IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Landis brought the following two resolutions from Committee for action by the Senate:

1. Removal of D or F grades

   WHEREAS, the current UNOmaha policy on replacement of grades in courses retaken is convoluted, difficult to understand and inequitable, and

   WHEREAS, the most recent grade received by a student repeating a course is the most accurate reflection of a student’s mastery of a course, and

   WHEREAS, the most recent form of a course would best reflect the current standards required in a field,

   THEREFORE, be it resolved,

   That all wording be changed on page 20 in the section “Removal of ‘D’ or ‘F’ Grades from Grade Point Average” to reflect the policy statement below:

   When a course is repeated, only the most recent grade will be computed into a student’s overall
Grade Point Average.

The motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Academic Freedom Coalition**

   WHEREAS, the Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON) was organized to advance the cause of academic freedom in institutions of higher learning and in elementary and secondary schools across the state of Nebraska, and

   WHEREAS, members include the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Academic Senate and American Association of University Professors, as well as the Nebraska Education Association and the Nebraska Library Commission, and

   WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Omaha has a strong commitment to the principle of academic freedom, and

   WHEREAS, the cost to become a member of AFCON is $100 per year,

   THEREFORE, be it resolved,

   That the University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate become a member of the Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska.

   The motion was approved unanimously.

   Senator Landis was also asked to have a representative of AFCON be present at the full Senate meeting, November 14, 2001, to answer questions.

B. **Committee on Educational Resources and Services**: Senator O’Connell reported on the October 31, 2001 committee meeting.

C. **Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare**: Senator Shroder submitted a report on the October 24, 2001, committee meeting.

D. **Committee on Goals and Directions**: Senator Hagen reported that the committee met on October 24, 2001. The web based survey tool is underway in the ITS office and is going slowly. The committee will continue to work on the project.

E. **Committee on Rules**: Senator File reported the following resolution:

   **Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee**:

   WHEREAS, The results of the faculty-wide election for the Academic Freedom and Tenure committee have been tabulated, and the following individuals elected,

   THEREFORE, be it resolved, that James Shaw replace Thomas Tollman (tenured
faculty), and Carol Ebdon replace Alice Schumaker (non-tenured faculty, as members of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee for a three year term, October 16, 2001 through October 15, 2004.

The motion passed unanimously.

V Faculty Senate Advisory Committee Reports:

Financial Advisory Committee

The members of the Financial Advisory Committee or Budget Committee are Carol Ebdon, Richard File, and Boyd Littrell.

VI Non-Senate Committee Reports

A. Academic Planning Council: Senator E. Williams submitted a report on the October 12, 2001 committee meeting.

A. Alumni Association, Board of Directors: Senator Bruckner reported that the Alumni Board did not hold its regular meeting in October. Instead, the Directors’ dinner was held on October 30. Service awards were presented to three recipients. The next Alumni Board meeting is November 20, 2001.

A. American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator Sadlek submitted a report that the Executive Committee of the UNO AAUP met twice since the last Faculty Senate Meeting. A regular meeting of the committee occurred on 12 October 2001. An emergency meeting was convened on 2 November 2001 to discuss the AAUP position on the possible effects of the state budget cuts with respect to UNO.

A. Graduate Council: Senator Valle submitted the minutes of the October 8, 2001 Graduate Council meeting.

A. Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Senators Hagen and Thompson reported that the Committee met on October 24, 2001, and submitted minutes of the August 29, 2001 and the September 26, 2001 meeting.

VI Guest Presentation

John Fiene, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs - Technology, and Lanyce Keel, Assistant Planning Director, Distance Education, Information Tech Services, asked for Faculty Senate representation on the UNO Distance Education Task Force. This Task Force is charged with the planning of UNO distance education development. The Task Force is just in the information gathering
mode. The Faculty Senate Committee of Educational Resources & Services and its chair, Bonnie O’Connell were tasked with this project.

VII  Old Business

President W. Bacon charged the Faculty Senate Coordinator, Ms. Bishop, to initiate the Faculty count, in order for elections of Senators to the Faculty Senate to take place in January, in accordance with the Faculty Senate By-Laws.

VIII. New Business

A motion was made to reconsider Faculty Senate Resolution 2600. The motion was seconded and passed, but to hold it until the December full Senate meeting, after there has been some research of the past Faculty Senate records on the grade “D-C” problem.

IX The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.