The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm.

The minutes of the April 3, 2002, meeting were approved as written.

III. Officers Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator W. Bacon reported on the following:

1. Chancellor’s Council: President W. Bacon was unable to attend the Chancellor’s Council Meeting of April 18, 2002. President-Elect Sadlek, who did attend the meeting, reported:

   That the budget was discussed. Each of the deans then reported on the current faculty mentoring practices in their respective colleges. There was also a discussion of staff mentoring. In the roundtable discussions that followed, Dean Gouttierre addressed the concerns regarding the Afghan textbooks produced by UNO. Dean Gouttierre has agreed to organize a public Afghanistan up-date meeting on campus, to be held before the end of the semester.

2. The Chancellor’s written response to Senate Resolutions 2620 through 2624, passed by the senate on April 10, 2002, was received in the senate office on April 22, 2002. All were either approved or accepted.

3. Gary Krause External (Civil Engineering) is the newly elected External Senator, after Clarence Waters declined to serve.

B. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report: Senator Bruckner submitted the budget report for April
IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator N. Bacon submitted the following report:

1. The committee met on April 24, 2002. The committee discussed the implementation of policy on repeated courses with a guest, Wade Robinson. Dr. Robinson explained that the policy on repeated courses outlined in senate resolution 2616 (passed by the senate on March 13, 2002) is, for the most part, unproblematic. But the SIS program cannot place an automatic early-registration block on courses that have been completed twice with a grade of C- or higher. Instead, the registrar’s office will run a focus report during the early registration period and the first week of the semester to identify students in this category. If the report locates any students who should not have used early registration, the students will be contacted and dis-enrolled (unless, of course, they enrolled with the permission of the instructor). The policy will be enforced effective spring, 2003, albeit through a slightly more cumbersome procedure than an early-registration block. The committee also discussed the high failure rate in UNOmaha’s Math 1310 and 1320 courses. The following resolution was formulated:

2. Resolution Regarding MCC transfers

Having studied data on the performance of students transferring in general-education credit from Metro Community College, we propose the following resolution:

WHEREAS the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Metropolitan Community College have a unique relationship, with a large number of students transferring MCC credit to UNOmaha for courses taken prior to or during their residency at UNOmaha;

WHEREAS data gathered over a ten-year period indicate that, for students completing the prerequisite English course at MCC, the failure rate in English 1160/64 is nearly twice as high as the rate for students completing the prerequisite at UNOmaha;

WHEREAS the data also indicate that, for students completing the prerequisite math course at MCC, the failure rate in Math 1320 is substantially higher than the rate for students completing the prerequisite at UNOmaha;

WHEREAS these data reveal a performance gap, casting doubt on the equivalency of MCC’s English 101 to UNOmaha’s English 1150/54 and on the equivalency of MCC’s Math 122 to UNOmaha’s Math 1310;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the data should be distributed to the Articulation Task
Force and to the chairs of the English Department and the Math Department at both institutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage faculty in the English and Math departments at both institutions to work collaboratively to close this performance gap.

The motion passed and will be brought before the full Senate.

B. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator O’Connell reported on the April 26, 2002 meeting:

1. The committee reviewed factors leading to the dilemma of no applicants for Paul Beck Scholarships this spring term. No timeline or guidelines for procedures were passed to the committee chair or incoming members; no timeline was readily retrievable from the Senate Secretary's computer files. The committee agreed that there was not sufficient time to recruit or solicit applicants, and committee members schedules would not allow decision making to carry beyond the academic year. Suggestions for next year’s committee were discussed. The Executive Committee suggested that the committee might decided that the scholarship be discontinued or renamed.

2. The committee then addressed the library periodical issue reviewing problems relative to approaches in different disciplines, i.e. some recognize on-line journals while others do not, or it is possible to" buy" publication and often these are not in juried forums. Laura Dickson has committed to using the Library Home Page as a place to publicize the issue and begin the debate on how tenure and promotion guidelines might be changed in light of current problems. The committee stressed that this needs to be an open process, and established the goal of a spring 2003 system-wide colloquium with joint participation from all 3 campuses and a wide variety of disciplines.

3. The last item on the agenda dealt with continued fact finding in the Department Chair search and appointment question in light of the difficulties surrounding the Black Studies Department. The committee resolved to carry this issue forward to the next Senate year when the outcome of the AAUP arbitration hearing will be known and can be acted upon.

C Committee on Professional Development: Senator Engelmann reported:

1. A meeting was held on April 24, 2002, with Mary Laura Farnham, Director of Sponsored Programs and Research, and John Bartle, incoming chair of the University Committee on Research. The report from Sponsored Programs and Research indicates that there has been a great increase in successful proposals for external funding resulting in large part from increased proposal submissions. Nevertheless, there are still funding sources that have not been tapped, and the director urges faculty to work with SPR to discover these opportunities.

2. Also discussed were the effects of having the duties of the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research taken on by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. It was agreed that when the position of Dean for Graduate Studies and Research is filled, it is of crucial importance that it be occupied by someone with a level of experience and effectiveness comparable to that which Dean Hodgson and former graduate dean Hendricks brought to it.
D Committee on Rules: Senator File moved the following resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president will appoint the 2002-2003 senators to the standing committees as designated:

   Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs
   James Akers, ED
   Nora Bacon, A&S
   Gary Krause, NU
   Joan Latchaw, A&S
   Jody Neathery-Castro, A&S
   Ethel Williams, PACS

   Educational Resources & Services
   Thomas Bragg, A&S
   Laura Dickson, LIB
   Bonnie O’Connell, FA
   Laura Schulte, ED
   Andrew Smallwood, A&S
   Peter Wolcott, IS&T

   Faculty Personnel & Welfare
   Natalie Bennett, A&S
   Robert Carlson, A&S
   Henry D’Souza, PACS
   G. Vaughn Johnson, BA
   Shuanglin Lin, BA
   Wai-ning Mei, A&S

   Goals & Direction
   Chris Allen, A&S
   Jonathan Benjamen-Alvarado, A&S
   Bruce Garver, A&S
   Karl Kosloski, PACS
   Mary Caroline Simpson, FA
   Angela Valle, A&S

   Professional Development
   Robert Blair, PACS
   Harvey Leavitt, A&S
   Josie Metal-Corbin, ED
   Sufi Nazem, BA
   Keith Pedersen, NU
   Beth Ritter, A&S

   Rules
2. Resolution for University Committees:

a. Academic Planning Council: BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as the Faculty Senate's representatives to the University Academic Planning Council from the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs and the Committee on Goals and Directions each for a one-year term from 05/08/02, through 05/09/03, to

   Ethel Williams, Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs (to be reappointed)
   Bruce Garver, Committee on Goals and Directions (to replace Ann Coyne)

b. Technology Resources & Services: BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/02, through 07/31/05, to the University Committee on Technology Resources & Services:

   James Akers (to be reappointed)
   Tracy Bridgeford (to replace Robert Egan)
   Dennis Roncek (to be reappointed)
   TBA (to replace Leah Pietron)

c. Facilities Planning: BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from 08/01/02, through 07/31/05, to the University Committee on Facilities Planning:

   Steve Williams (to replace Jack Armitage)

d. Honors and Awards: BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three year appointments from 08/01/02, through 07/31/05, to the University Committee on Honors and Awards:

   Jeanette Seaberry (reappointed)

e. Judicial Committee: BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year reappointments, from 08/01/02 through 07/31/05, to the University Judicial Committee:

   Sue Maher (to replace Judy Harrington)
   Claudette Lee (to be reappointed)
   Glenn Sowell (to be reappointed)

f. Library and Learning Resources: BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/02, through 07/31/05, to the University Committee on
Library and Learning Resources:

Tatyana Novikov (to replace James Czarnecki)
Saundra Wetig (to replace Rebecca Pasco)

g. Parking Advisory Committee: BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/02, through 07/31/05, to the University Parking Advisory Committee:

   TBA (replacing Frederic Laquer)
   Burch Kealey (replacing John Noble)

h. Undergraduate Academic Appeals: BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/02, through 07/31/05, to the University Committee on Undergraduate Academic Appeals:

   Juliette Parnell-Smith (to replace James Carroll)
   Sheryl McGlamery (to reappoint)

3. Resolution for UNO Chapter of AAUP:

   BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president appoints the following senator, who is also an AAUP member, as the senate representative for a one year appointment from 09/13/00, through 05/09/01, to the UNO Chapter of AAUP:

   Bonnie O’Connell (to replace Senator Greg Sadlek)

4. Resolution for Alumni Association, Board of Directors:

   BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president appoints the following UNOmaha alum as the senate representative to the Alumni Association, Board of Directors:

   Robert Blair (to replace Senator Martha Bruckner)

5. Resolution Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs:

   BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as two-year appointments from 08/01/02, through 07/31/04, to the Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs:

   Sandra Squires (to replace Carol Mitchell)
   Anna Manardo (to replace Melissa Berke)
   Paul Van Vleit (to reappoint)

All passed and will be brought to the full senate.

V Non-Senate Committee Reports
A. Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON): President Elect Sadlek reported that:

1. The governing board of the Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska conducted their regular monthly meeting on 13 April 2002 at Eisely Library in Lincoln. Among the topics discussed was the James A. Lake Academic Freedom Award given by the Academic Senate at UNL. AFCON wondered if the UNO Faculty Senate would be interested in adopting a similar award.

2. Planning has begun for this year's Banned Books Week, which will take place from 21 September 2002 to 28 September. Most of the activity, however, is planned for Lincoln. Next year's representative from UNO could be involved in helping to bring some of this activity to the Omaha area.

VI The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.