The University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate met in regular session on Wednesday, October 11, 1989 at 2:00 p.m. in the Dodge Room of MBSC. The President, Kim Sosin, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bacon, Becker, Bradshaw, Brasile, Buchanan, Bykerk, Callahan, Carlson, Conway, Cowdin, Frank, Hendricks, Horacek, Leavitt, McCuen, Millimet, Nelson, Okhamafe, Shroder, Simpson, Sindt, Sosin, Stacy, Stolen, Tollman, Turner, West, Wood.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bruce, Green, Maloney, Reed, Sharpe.


Minutes of the September 13, 1989 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

President's Report

President Sosin announced that the Executive Committee had just held a positive and useful meeting with Interim President Massengale. The Executive Committee is enthusiastic about his desire to increase intercampus cooperation both in research and in all levels of educational programming. Steps to achieving that goal were discussed, including calling a meeting of IFAC (Intercampus Faculty Advisory Committee) for an open discussion of areas of potential cooperation across campuses.

The Faculty Senate, at the September meeting, requested that the Executive Committee, at its meeting with UNO administration, discuss two matters and report back:

Affirmative action requirements for administrative positions: Vice Chancellor Bauer reported that the usual and expected approach to filling administrative positions is to advertise widely. In certain cases, the hiring office can petition him to hire someone without such advertisement. This would be appropriate if the position involved some special or internal knowledge or contacts possessed by a known individual, and unlikely to be found by advertisement.

Parking: Vice Chancellor Carrico reported that the advisory body for parking recommended that 250 cards be issued to students for the faculty/staff level 2 of the garage, but only 200, the same as last year, had been issued. There was an unexpected increase of about 90 in the faculty and staff requests, but the final number was not available because the records did not yet reflect the fact that unrenewed cards previously...
issued to faculty and staff are to be cancelled. In view of these figures, the number issued to students next year will be reduced. Increased monitoring of the garage at peak times will be done. The Executive Committee also mentioned the problem with parking on west campus, but solutions were not discussed.

President Sosin read the letter of appreciation from Ronald Roskens for the Faculty Senate's resolution thanking him for 13 years of service.

President Sosin announced that she has written to Coach Buda informing him of the congratulatory resolution for winning 300 games, and asking him if he would prefer to receive his certificate during halftime at a football game, or at the "pregame show" of a Faculty Senate meeting. When he replies, plans will be made accordingly.

Regent Board Chair Nancy Hoch will be attending the December 13 meeting to discuss issues of faculty and mutual interest with Faculty Senate members. She will also meet with the Executive Committee for lunch before the Faculty Senate meeting.

The Faculty Senate Presidents were asked to attend a meeting of the system Fringe Benefits Committee on October 2, 1989 in Lincoln. The Mutual of Omaha plan is a self-insurance plan, which means that the University accumulates and manages the fund from which payments are made, and Mutual receives a fee for handling the claims. The University Health Fund has been in deficit for the last few quarters, and is now seriously short because of an unpredicted increase in claims over the last few months. Faculty and staff who are on the Mutual plan will have a rate increase from 15 - 25% in January, and some features of the plan will be changed to create more savings. After installing these changes, central administration also intends to go to the Regents and legislature for additional funding for the program.

President Sosin thanked all Senators for their work on the Regents' Self Analysis Study input, and provided Senators with a Lincoln Star report on all participants' responses.

President Sosin reported the following from the October 6, 1989 meeting of the Board of Regents:

The Regents held the election for the Presidential Advisory Search Committee--B. J. Reed will represent the UNO faculty.
By Regents action, the UNO Aviation Institute got off the ground, and the joint UNO-UNMC biotechnology program came alive--both were passed.

President Sosin relayed a special request from former Senator Jack Hill. Jack is retired, but is working on upgrading the UNO catalogs, particularly the front material on history of UNO, statements on academic honesty, affirmative action, etc. If any Senators have suggestions for additions to or improvements in that material, please call him at his CBA office.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

None

Vice President's Report

None

Executive Committee Report

Vice President Bacon, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1800:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, cognizant of the long history and rich tradition of Charles University of Prague, Czechoslovakia, and supportive of the sister university relationship existing between our two institutions, respectfully welcomes our colleague Ing. Ladislav Sevela, Director, International Relations of Charles University to the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The motion carried.

Vice President Bacon, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1801:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, cognizant of the long history and rich tradition of Charles University of Prague, Czechoslovakia, and supportive of the sister university relationship existing between our two institutions respectfully welcomes our colleague Prof. MUDr. Eduard Klika, DrSc., Vice Rector for International Relations of Charles University to the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The motion carried.

Vice President Bacon, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1802:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, cognizant
of the long history and rich tradition of Charles University of Prague, Czechoslovakia, and supportive of the sister university relationship existing between our two institutions, respectfully welcomes our colleague Prof. JUDr. Zdenek Ceska, Rector of Charles University to the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The motion carried.

Vice President Bacon, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1803:

WHEREAS River City Roundup has presented its prestigious 1989 Heritage Award to the University of Nebraska at Omaha in recognition of the University's continuing contribution to the educational, cultural and economic well-being of Omaha, Nebraska at the Midlands,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha expresses its appreciation to River City Roundup and reiterates the UNO faculty's commitment to continue and expand those activities for which the University was recognized.

The motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Rules

Senator Callahan, acting for Senator Green on behalf of the Committee on Rules, moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1804:

Resolved, that the following names be presented to the Faculty Senate as candidates to the Faculty Grievance Committee:

William Brown, Professor (3 year term)
Tom Kidd, Professor (3 year term)
Diane Andrew, Ass't. Professor (3 year term)
Kathleen Gossman, Ass't. Professor (3 year term)

The motion carried.

NOTE:  The election following this resolution elected Tom Kidd, Professor and Diane Andrew, Assistant Professor to the Grievance Committee for 3 year terms.

Senator Callahan, acting for Senator Green on behalf of the Committee on Rules moved the following resolution:
RESOLUTION 1805:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as appointment to the University Committee on Academic Fees:

Melvin Bohn

The motion carried.

Committee on Personnel and Welfare

None

Committee on Goals and Directions

None

Committee on Educational Resources and Services

Senator Conway, Chair, reported that the SIS survey is finished and the results have been sent to Dan O'Reilly who will attend the next meeting of the Committee on Educational Resources and Services to discuss the findings. The report is being sent to all committee members.

Committee on Professional Development

Senator Callahan, Chair, reported that he met with Peter Suzuki and Vice Chancellor Bauer regarding the Improvement of Instruction funding. Senator Callahan and Professor Suzuki will work up a multi-year plan but the funding will be for one year only.

Regarding the clarification of UCR funding; if you receive internal UCR funding you are automatically committed to seek outside funding.

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs

None

Other Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None
For the Good of the Order

President Sosin introduced Senator McCuen who will be seated in the Senate until Senator Abdullah's schedule permits him to return.

New Business

None

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held Wednesday, November 8, 1989 at 2:00 p.m. in the Dodge Room of MBSC.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Tollman
Secretary/Treasurer

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