The University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate met for the annual retreat and regular meeting, August 25, 1989 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Regency West Best Western. The President, Kim Sosin, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abdullah, Bacon, Becker, Bradshaw, Brasile, Bruce, Buchanan, Bykerk, Callahan, Conway, Cowdin, Green, Hendricks, Horacek, Carlson, Leavitt, Maloney, Millimet, Okhamafe, Reed, Shroder, Simpson, Sindt, Sosin, Stacy, Stroope, Tollman, West, Wilson, Wood

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bradshaw, Nelson, Sharp, Stolen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Frank, Turner

The minutes of the July 12, 1989 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

President's Report

President Sosin reported that information regarding the regents Advisory Search committee will be forthcoming. She asked the Senators to consider who among the faculty might serve on this committee. This person needs to have a Nebraska perspective not just Omaha.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

None

Vice President's Report

August 17, 1989 Vice President Bacon met with Faculty Senate President McShane from UNL and Faculty Senate President Wilson from UNMC. They considered the qualities needed in a faculty member to serve on the Presidential Advisory Search Committee and agreed on the following: the candidate needs to be a strong willed individual, possess credible academic achievements, have a Nebraska perspective and, be able to interact well with students and the community.

The Executive Committee did not meet with the Vice Chancellors this month. During a brief conversation with Chancellor Weber he expressed his concern that administration is not represented in the Advisory Search Committee, a concern shared with UNMC.

Executive Committee Report
RESOLUTION 1792:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate supports the Department of Art's request to be renamed the Department of Art and Art History.

The motion carried.

Vice President Bacon suggested that the Executive Committee refer the Aviation Institute proposal to the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs based on new information available.

Senator Hendricks, seconded by Senator Conway, moved that The Aviation Institute proposal be referred to the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs. (SEE New Business)

The motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 1793:

WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald W. Roskens has served the University of Nebraska system with distinction since 1972; and,

WHEREAS, the University has prospered under Dr. Roskens' administration:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha expresses its appreciation for Dr. Roskens' dedicated service which has brought credit to the University of Nebraska,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha extends its best wishes for success in whatever endeavors Dr. Roskens may undertake in the future.

The motion carried.

Vice President Bacon, on behalf of the Executive Committee moved the following resolution:
RESOLUTION 1794:

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska is a diverse institution serving multiple constituencies in numerous instructional, research and service mission throughout Nebraska, the nation and the world; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the University of Nebraska system can neither administer such missions nor serve such constituencies in all their diversity without the support of the faculties, staffs and student bodies of each of the University's campuses

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha expects that the selection of a President of the University of Nebraska will include the meaningful participation of the Faculty Senates, advisory councils, and student governments of the University's three campuses

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha believes that, in order to function effectively, the eventual nominee for President of the University of Nebraska must be committed to a system-wide perspective of the University, and its constituencies and missions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha believes that the only process that will insure the institutional integrity and the political viability of the University of Nebraska is a genuinely open and national search for the best candidates for President.

The motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs

Senator Hendricks, Chair, reported the goals for this committee for the 1989-90 year will include study and/or appropriate action regarding the improvement of the university wide degree requirements.

Committee on Educational Resources and Services

Senator Conway, Chair, reported the goals for this committee for the 1989-90 year will consider SIS, computer usage, Library, Kearney enhancements or detractions, enrollment, and the advising problems at registration time. This committee will meet at 2:30 p.m. August 30, 1989.
Committee on Goals and Directions

Senator Becker, Chair, reported the goals for this committee for the 1989-90 year will include faculty support and involvement in governance and will examine the University Research priorities, resources and rewards.

Committee on Personnel and Welfare

Senator Stacy, Chair, reported the goals for this committee for the 1989-90 year will follow-up last year's issue of sidewalks and the lack of sidewalks. The chair reported that Dave Irvin accepted the maps that were submitted and said he would incorporate them into the plan. This year's goals will include:

- part time instructors who often do not have access to university services such as the Library during the times the university is not in session
- sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause
- environmental concerns such as the air circulation in the Library
- fringe benefits for UNO working in conjunction with the AAUP.

Committee on Professional Development

Senator Callahan, Chair, Reported the goals for this committee for the 1989-90 year will include setting up a faculty development fund working with the Alumni Association, the faculty and UNO; investigate the inclusion of grants as scholarly activity; URC increasing funds for faculty development; URC subcommittee structures present guidelines are restrictive to certain areas, seed money/bringing in of funds some departments automatically receive release time and others have to request release time; UCII; clearing house for speakers bureau speakers, not only internal speakers but those coming into the Omaha area; sociocultural trends and increasing awareness of valueships.

Committee on Rules

None

Other Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

For the Good of the Order

A discussion of those Senators who attended the summer commencement concerning the situations resulting from the poor quality/service of the sound system. Several guests for
commencement were heard complaining.

The Senators discussed Faculty Senate membership and serving on university committees.

- whether or not it would be appropriate for Senators to receive release time
- the need for recognition of service
- establishing a system of equitability for serving as on a regental committee such as the Advisory Search Committee which would take volumes of time compared to a university committee that rarely met
- whether or not serving on a committee is part of a faculty members job as described in the university by-laws.

New Business

Moved by Senator Bacon and seconded by Senator Tollman that rules be suspended once to introduce each measure of new business for this meeting.

The motion carried.

Senator Hendricks, seconded by Senator Bruce, on behalf of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1795:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate supports the establishment of the UNO Aviation Institute.

By roll call vote the motion carried.

Senator Hendricks, seconded by Senator Bruce, on behalf of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs moved the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate support the proposal to rename the Office of Grants Development and to Convert the Position of Director to that of Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research.
Discussion resulted in the following:

Senator Callahan moved, seconded by Senator Bruce, to divide the proposal into two questions, one to rename the office and one to convert the position.

By roll call vote the motion carried.

Senator Hendricks, seconded by Senator Bruce, on behalf of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs moved the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 1796:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate support the proposal to rename the Office of Grants Development to the Office of Sponsored Projects.

By roll call vote the motion carried.

Senator Hendricks, seconded by Senator Bruce, on behalf of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs moved the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate support the proposal to convert the position of Director [of Grants Development] to that of Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research.

Discussion resulted in Senator Bruce calling for a friendly amendment to include "Newly developed position of Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research which will be filled by a nationwide search conducted under Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action guidelines."

President Sosin ruled that this was a substantial amendment and a vote would be required.

The amendment passed.

Further discussion resulted in a motion to refer the resolution back to committee there was no second. The question was called on the motion as amended.

By roll call vote the motion failed. FOR 4 AGAINST 9 ABSTAIN 14 NO VOTE 1

Senator Stacy, seconded by Senator Carlson, on behalf of the Committee on Personnel and Welfare moved the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 1797:

WHEREAS, the 1988-91 Tenure Settlement Program provides flexibility in staffing provides...
faculty with an enhanced opportunity to consider alternative career choices, and

WHEREAS, the program has been well received by faculty during the first year of operation,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate request the 1988-91 Tenure Settlement Program be extended for two years.

By roll call vote the motion carried.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held Wednesday, September 13, 1989 at 2:00 p.m. in the Dodge Room of MBSC.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Tollman
Secretary/Treasurer

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