The University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate met in regular session on Wednesday, January 17, 1990 at 2:00 p.m. in the Dodge Room of MBSC. The President, Kim Sosin, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abdullah, Bacon, Becker, Bradshaw, Brasile, Buchanan, Bykerk, Callahan, Carlson, Conway, Cowdin, Frank, Green, Horacek, Johansen, Leavitt, Millimet, Nelson, Okhamafe, Reed, Sharpe, Shroder, Sindt, Sosin, Stacy, Stolen, Stroope, Tollman, Turner, West, Wood

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bruce, Hendricks, Maloney, Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The minutes of the December 13, 1989 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as corrected.

President’s Report

President Sosin and Vice President Bacon were invited to attend the UNMC Faculty Senate meeting last week. UNMC was particularly interested in talking about the Ph.D. program possibilities and LB247 Study Commission Proposal. Following a very good discussion, President Sosin invited their officers to attend the February UNO Faculty Senate meeting. President Sosin asked that Senators let her know if there is something in particular they would like to discuss with UNMC officers.
Chancellor Weber will also be attending the Faculty Senate meeting next month to talk about the development of UNO Ph.D. programs.

The Faculty Senate Presidents, members of benefits committees and administrators attended an all-day seminar by TIAA CREF explaining the new options that CREF will make available. The procedure is that the administration of each institution will decide which the options will be made available to the faculty and staff.

CREF "cashability" will be one of the options. Cashability means that at the termination of employment or at available retirement, an individual can cash out all or part of CREF accumulations. The institution will decide whether we have the option to do that in total or in part or within a fixed period. CREF is also expanding the transferability of CREF to some other carriers, which would enable the transfer of funds, for example to Fidelity Investments.

February 9 will be an Inter-campus Faculty Advisory Committee meeting at 2:30 p.m. on the UNO campus. We will have input into the agenda. If Senators have something they would like to have discussed, please let President Sosin know. UNO will submit the issue of coordination of cross-campus registration and faculty teaching assignments.

Interim President Massengale may report on his response to the Regents request to identify administrative duplication and ways to cut costs.

The Executive Committee discussed with the Administration at the regular monthly meeting the issue of handicapped access between Allwine Hall and Engineering. Vice Chancellor Carrico indicated that he would look into the matter.

At the Regents meeting, Regent Don Blank was elected Chair. The Regents had a public hearing on the LB247 Study Commission Report. The Faculty Senate Presidents and the Chancellors were asked to respond to the proposed governance structure change. President Sosin's report to the Regents indicated that the UNO faculty did not have a unanimous opinion. She reiterated the position submitted to the Regents earlier that the campuses should have a considerable amount of autonomy in program planning within an overall level of coordination. This is possible in either the present structure or in the proposed structure. Government structure is important but what is more important is the quality of the educators.
President Sosin received a letter from Bob Bell, President of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, thanking the Faculty Senate for their Certificate of Appreciation.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

None

Vice President's Report

None

Executive Committee's Report

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

RESOLUTION 1815:

BE IT RESOLVED that the UNO Faculty Senate recommends that the University of Nebraska Administration approve all options permitted by CREF for retirement disbursements to University employees.

Senator Stolen, seconded by Senator Leavitt, moved the following amendment to Resolution 1815:

Strike the rest of the sentence after "approve all..." and replace so that the Resolution states

BE IT RESOLVED that the UNO Faculty Senate recommends that the University of Nebraska Administration approve all options permitted by CREF for retirement disbursements to University employees available CREF disbursements and fund transferability options for University employees.

The motion to amend Resolution 1815 carried.
The motion as amended carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Education Resources and Services

Senator Conway reported that thanks to the efforts of Senator Frank, preparations for Paul Beck Day are in place for February 14, which also is the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate. The deadline for applying for the Paul Beck Scholarship is February 2. There will be announcements in the Gateway, fliers distributed for announcements in classes, and posters placed in various buildings on campus. He also reported that the library was opened during the holiday break December 27 and 28 for four hours each day. Preliminary numbers totaled 263 people, approximately 25 of them faculty, using the library over those two days. Once Senator Conway has some final numbers, he will report to the Senate with a recommendation, if appropriate, to make this a yearly event.

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs

None
Committee on Personnel and Welfare

None

Committee on Goals and Directions

There was no report; however, Senator Becker reminded his committee members of the upcoming meeting January 24.

Committee on Professional Development

None

Committee on Rules

None

Other Business

None

Old Business

None

For the Good of the Order

None

New Business

None
Adjournment at 3:15 p.m.

Thomas Tollman
Secretary/Treasurer