The University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate met in regular session on Wednesday, February 14, 1990 at 2:00 p.m. in the Dodge Room of the MBSC. The president, Kim Sosin, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abdullah, Bacon, Becker, Bradshaw, Brasile, Bruce, Buchanan, Bykerk, Callahan, Conway, Cowdin, Green, Hendricks, Horacek, Johansen, Leavitt, Maloney, Millimet, Nelson, Reed, Sharpe, Shroder, Sindt, Sosin, Stacy, Stolen, Tollman, Turner, West, Wilson, Wood

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Frank, Stroope

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carlson, Okahamafe

The President presented Chancellor Weber, who reported the progress toward the Ph.D programs. Mary Reynolds, Speaker of the Student Senate, provided a report on Student Senate activities. Jim Wilson and Joan Konecky from the UNMC spoke on activities of the Faculty Senate at UNMC.

The minutes of the January 17, 1990 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as corrected.

President’s Report

1. A policy has been approved for UNO security called the Central Scheduling Policy for Non-Academic Reservations and the UNO Security and Event Management Requirements. The policy is, in brief, to reaffirm the UNO commitment to campus
priorities while continuing to be open to community organizations. Events will be evaluated individually based upon factors such as specific nature of the activity, ages, and number of participants, to determine the level of security needed, which may range from UNO Campus Security "walk through" to police officers on site.

2. The Public Hearing on LB 1141, the bill to change the governance of post-secondary education, was last Tuesday. Sosin said she revised the Senate statement made to the Regent’s hearing on the subject, and asked Senator Janet West to distribute copies to the Education Committee members.
3. The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee has not had members for several years; the Senate has taken no action to either elect or eliminate the committee. It has been suggested that the committee is redundant because of the Collective Bargaining Contract, but this is not the case. The committee is directly authorized by the Board of Regent's Bylaws (the language is "shall create"), and the Regent's Bylaws have a strong statement and process for protection of academic freedom. Under Section 7 of our Bylaws, Sosin announced that she has consulted with the Executive Committee and intends to appoint a Faculty Advisory Committee, whose charge will be to study this whole area of Academic Freedom and Tenure and Grievance procedures, and to work with the new UNO-AAUP Committee A--Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee--to clear up areas of overlapping authority and to make sure faculty are fully protected. In the meantime, she intends to follow the Bylaws and elect an Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee this spring.

4. Sosin reported on the IFAC meeting called by Interim President Massengale for the previous Friday: The IFAC meeting agenda was a legislative update on bills of interest to the University. Sosin reviewed the update for several bills.

5. Sosin reminded Senators that the Regents meet the next Saturday. Among items of particular interest to UNO are the approval of the design development for the UNO Fine Arts Education Building, the UNO Technology Development Program, and approval of bid for purchase of television equipment for KYNE-TV.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

None

Vice President's Report

None

Executive Committee's Report
Vice President Bacon asked the returning Senators to complete a form indicating interest in serving the Senate as an officer. Only the Presidency has released time (6 hours) but does require attendance at the Regents Meetings, etc. Bacon urged those remaining on the Senate to seriously consider making themselves available to the Senate as members of the Executive Committee and Cabinet.

**Standing Committee Reports**
Committee on Education Resources and Services

Senator Conway reported that today was Paul Beck Scholarship Day. Fund raising activities included the Student Center contributing a percent of proceeds from the Continental Room and the Caboose toward the fund. Faculty assisted with serving in the Continental Room and the Caboose. Conway pointed out that the scholarship fund is in jeopardy as the Student Center has noted a drop in faculty eating in the Continental Room and Caboose on this day. Conway reminded the Senate that Paul Beck was a great educator who devoted considerable amounts of personal time to assisting students. The scholarship is based on faculty and staff contributions in memory of Paul Beck. Contributions can also be made by a cash donation or mail a check to the Faculty Senate Office, CBA 309. Conway will be meeting with people from the Student Center to develop ideas for advertising the event. There were over 60 student applications for the scholarship. A minimum of $750 is needed for the fund ($500 for a full-time student and $250 for a part-time student).

Senator Tollman urged the Senators to go back to the people that they represent and suggest they make a donation to the fund. This may be done by placing a donation in an envelope (checks payable to the Paul Beck Scholarship Fund) and mailing to the Faculty Senate Office, CBA 309.

Conway also reported on the holiday library opening. Although 88 faculty responded to the survey that they would use the library over the holidays, only 25 actually did; 30 faculty members from other colleges and universities came, 38 high school students, 97 college students, and 52 general community people and assorted others -- alumni, etc. The cost of personnel to staff the library those days was $338.52. A breakdown of the utilities, etc., was not yet available. The committee is not prepared at this point in time to make a resolution.

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs

None

Committee on Personnel and Welfare
None

Committee on Goals and Directions

Senator Becker, Chair, on behalf of the Committee on Goals and Directions, moved the attached resolution (Attachment C)

The motion carried.
Committee on Professional Development

None

Committee on Rules

Senator Green has received a proposal from President Sosin which will make a change in the Constitution. The Rules Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, February 20 to discuss the proposal:

First that the Faculty Senate elect a president-elect in January of each year to serve on the Executive Committee for the spring term and become President in May.

Second that the outgoing President be made Ex-officio member of the Executive Committee until the President-elect is chosen the following January.

There were two motivations for the proposal: 1) To give the person who will be president some experience of going through the cycle of what the Senate does a couple of times before taking over. 2) To give some continuity to the Executive Committee so both of them extend continuity in both directions. This is what the UNMC Faculty Senate is similar to the system.

Green asked if anyone has suggestions for changes in the Constitution please get them to her by Tuesday as she has to get 21 signatures before it is brought to the Executive Board.

Other Business

None

Old Business

None
For the Good of the Order

Senator Buchanan announced that Senator Brasile had been chosen to be one of the coaches for the Women’s International Wheelchair Basketball team in Europe this summer.
Bacon announced that the University on Cultural Affairs will be approaching faculty in the near future regarding the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival. The Festival has a board made up of community personalities who are trying to raise $2,000 at a fund raiser the first Friday in April at Creighton's Law School.

New Business

Senator Callahan moved for an emergency item to consider a resolution on technology transfer. Senator Conway seconded the move. The roll call vote carried (SEE ATTACHMENT A).

Bacon asked Callahan to address two issues: 1) why it has come up as an emergency measure and 2) why it is necessary to act on it at this meeting. Callahan responded that there was not a quorum at the last standing committee meeting so the committee could not act to have it placed on the agenda. 2) The emergency is that the University requires a statement by March 1 to continue to receive state research initiative funding.

RESOLUTION 1817

WHEREAS an agreement on a technology transfer and protection process between UNO and the Nebraska Research and Development Authority (NRDA) would facilitate the patenting and marketing of inventions by UNO Faculty members, and

WHEREAS the current policy, that patentable discoveries shall be offered to the Board of Regents prior to making patent application, would not change but would be implemented through a UNO-NRDA process, and

WHEREAS the option to seek a patent and all publication options would remain with the UNO Faculty Member prior to a disclosure of a patentable idea to the patent committee, and
WHEREAS the UNO Faculty Member disclosing an invention would be a member of the patent committee considering that invention.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNO Faculty Senate supports the establishment of a technology transfer and protection agreement between UNO and NRDA.

The roll call vote carried (SEE ATTACHMENT B).

Adjournment at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Tollman
Secretary/Treasurer