The University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate met in regular session on Wednesday, March 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, Buchanan, Bykerk, Callahan, Conway, Cowdin, Horacek, Johansen, Leavitt, Maloney, Millimet, Nelson, Okhamafe, Reed, Shroder, Sindt, Sosin, Stacy, Stroope, Turner, West, Wood

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bruce, Carlson, Frank, Green, Hendricks, Sharpe, Stolen, Tollman, Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Mike Nelson, candidate for Regent, asked to attend and was welcomed to the meeting. Sharon Emery, International Student Advisor from International Student Services, was welcomed and gave a brief presentation.

The minutes of the February 14, 1990 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as corrected.

President's Report

1. President Sosin read the Chancellor's responses to Resolutions 1813 on the Professional Conduct Committee, 1814 on grant writing and 1815 on new CREF
2. Sosin provided an update on the Senate nondiscrimination Resolution 1809. University Attorney Dick Wood prepared two statements compatible with the Regent’s intentions. One names as protected “individual characteristics,” and the other specifically lists the protected groups from three Faculty Senates’ resolutions. The Executive Committee and Cabinet, at the regular meeting of March 7, 1990, unanimously passed a resolution affirming support for Resolution 1809. Sosin read the nondiscrimination statement from the final draft of the catalog, which now names all of the senate recommended protected groups from Resolution 1809.

3. Sosin reported on the partial list of the current recycling efforts at UNO provided by Vice Chancellor Carrico in response to the resolution calling for increased environmental awareness.

4. The Regents are meeting Saturday, March 17, 1990 at Varner Hall. UNO has a request for approval of the purchase of an Energy Management System Temperature Controls System for nine UNO Buildings. Next month, the Regents meet at UNO on April 21, the day of Celebrate UNO.

5. The Faculty Senate passed a resolution in 1983 on evaluation of Deans, Vice Chancellors, and the Chancellor. One rotation was done in 1984-86, and Vice Chancellor Carrico was evaluated last year. Some years have been missed, including this year. The schedule under the resolution should now be as follows:

   1990-91 Vice Chancellor Bauer
   1991-92 Vice Chancellor Hoover, Chancellor Weber
   1992-93 Vice Chancellor Carrico

   Sosin reported that the secretary is working on a system to make sure periodic matters are not overlooked. She also suggested the Senate might consider adding to the Bylaws that initiating Chancellor and Vice Chancellor evaluations is an Executive Committee duty.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report
Vice President’s Report

None

Executive Committee’s Report

None

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Education Resources and Services

Senator Conway, on behalf of the Committee on Education Resources and Services, moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1818:

WHEREAS, a campus-wide survey (Spring 1989) indicated a need and commitment by faculty to use the Library if open during the December holiday break, and

WHEREAS, the Library was opened on a trial basis to accommodate the faculty desiring to use the facility, and

WHEREAS, usage figures during the trial openings revealed that the number of faculty using the Library was less than 25% of the number who indicated that they would use the facility; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that library openings during the December break not be continued, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the policy of Library openings during the December break be re-evaluated in the future.
The motion carried.

Senator Conway announced the Paul Beck Scholarships that were awarded. Catherine McIntyre, a fifth-year undergraduate in Marketing Research and Management, received the $500 scholarship and Carol Olson, a senior in Secondary Education, received the $250 scholarship. Conway also reported that $375.00 in donations has been collected to support the scholarship fund.

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs

Senator Horacek, for the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs, moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1819:

RESOLVED, that the position of Faculty Senate Vice President be considered a 25% FTE administrative load.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vice President of the Faculty Senate be released from 25% of his/her usual assigned academic or administrative duties during his/her tenure in office.

The motion carried.

Committee on Personnel and Welfare

Senator Stacy, for the Committee on Personnel and Welfare, moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 1820:

WHEREAS, the Professional Conduct Rules of Procedure have been reviewed by the Personnel and Welfare Committee
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the revised version become the Professional Conduct Committee Rules of Procedure. (See Attachment "A")

Senator Leavitt expressed concern that the wording in some areas does not accurately reflect the intent of the document. Leavitt moved to send the document back to the Committee.

The motion to return the document to Committee carried.

Stacy also requested that any further suggestions for changes to the document be forwarded to him as soon as possible for incorporation into the document.

Committee on Goals and Directions

Senator Becker requested that faculty be encouraged to return the survey in to the Senate office. About 200 surveys have been returned to date.

Committee on Professional Development

None

Committee on Rules

Senator Callahan, on behalf of the Committee on Rules, announced that the Constitution is being amended to include the offices of President-Elect and Past-President Ex Officio. The Senators will be voting on the amended version next month and then it will go before the University faculty for approval.

Other Business

None

Old Business
None

For the Good of the Order

Senator Conway expressed concerned with having less time each year to respond to requests for annual reviews of faculty performance from Academic Affairs. Senator Stacy mentioned the delay in getting the teaching evaluations in time for the end-of-the-year report and Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion decisions. President Sosin will mention this at the next Executive Committee meeting with the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors and also refer the matter to the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs.

Senator Leavitt requested that the issue of using other than styrofoam packaging for the student center food be mentioned at the next meeting with the Chancellor. Sosin noted that this had been discussed at an earlier meeting.

Senator Bacon reminded the Senate that the University Committee on Cultural Affairs in conjunction with the members of the faculty of Creighton University will be sending out invitations the first week in April to all faculty and staff on both campuses to attend a fund raiser for the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival. The Festival is a tremendously successful joint undertaking of the two departments of Dramatic Arts. Last year the Festival drew 30,000 people to the theater site. Currently, the fund raiser is being planned for the Creighton campus, April 28 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., $25.00 per couple (tax deductible).

New Business

None

Adjournment at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas A. Tollman
Secretary/Treasurer