The University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate met in regular session on Wednesday, February 13, 1991, at 2:00 p.m. in the Dodge Room of the MBSC. The President, Jack Shroder, presided.


MEMBERS EXCUSED: Abdullah, Reed, Stroope, Tollman

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Regent Nancy O'Brien - Question and Answer Session
Lou Cartier - Celebrate UNO

The minutes from the January 9, 1991 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

President's Report

2.1.1 Chancellor's response to resolution
2.1.2 Update on ad hoc Ethics Committee
2.1.3 Midwestern Higher Education Compact LB 209

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

None

Vice President's Report

None

Executive Committee Report

3.1

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee of Senate has had consistent difficulty in finding faculty who are ready, willing, and able to provide the dedication and extensive expenditure of time necessary to serve on the University Committee on Research, and
WHEREAS, the University Committee on Research has had consistent difficulty with rapid turnover of members and problematic absences, and

WHEREAS, the UNO Graduate Council has expressed an interest in submitting nominations to Senate for membership on the University Committee on Research, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate Rules Committee solicit from the Graduate Council nominations of qualified and willing individuals to serve on the University Committee on Research.

Nelson noted that faculty in her department were concerned that they had put their names forward

Resolution 1856

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Educational Resources and Service Report

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs Report

4.2.1

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate supports the changes in requirements for a student to matriculate as a major in Criminal Justice Proposed by the Department of Criminal Justice and the College of Public Affairs and Community Service.

4.2.2

WHEREAS, a number of academic units have instituted specific grade point averages for students to be admitted to their major programs, and

WHEREAS, these matriculation standards frequently exceed the University's established standards for competent undergraduate performance and thereby restrict the options of students who are, by institutional standards, doing acceptable undergraduate work, and

WHEREAS, none of the units proposing grade-point-average
matriculation standards has submitted evidence that grade point averages greater than those required by the University are necessary for or predictive of success in their program, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate requests the Administration to investigate this situation to determine if any changes in present policy should be considered.

4.2.3

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate supports the proposal of the Department of Finance, Banking, and Insurance and the College of Business Administration that the Insurance Specialization offered by that Department and College be phased out.

4.2.4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate supports the proposal developed by the Registrar and the Office of Institutional Research to establish a formal deadline for the completion of course requirements by candidates for degrees at a commencement.

(Please see text at the end of Agenda.)

4.2.5

WHEREAS, proposals emanating from the Educational Policy Advisory Committee and the Council of Academic Deans raise questions about the administration of University admission standards and University-wide baccalaureate degree requirements, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate requests clarification of these procedures and investigate the possible need for their alteration.

4.2.6

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate supports the proposal by the Department of Dramatic Arts and the College of Fine Arts to change the name of the "Department of Dramatic Arts" to the "Department of Theatre" and to name the degree offered through the Department and College to "Bachelor of Arts in Theatre."
4.2.7

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate supports the proposal by the Department of Decision Science and the College of Business Administration to change the name of the "Department of Decision Science" to the "Department of Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis."

4.2.8

WHEREAS, the assignment of a grade of "Audit" is generally taken to reflect some minimal participation in a course by a student receiving such a grade, and

WHEREAS, faculty are sensitive to their obligation to see that all the grades they assign are as accurate representations as possible of students' performance in courses, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that grade of "Audit" be assigned at the discretion of the course instructor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, instructors will make known at the beginning of the semester to any students registered for audit credit the standards they will be expected to meet to receive audit credit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that faculty who deem a student has not met the prescribed standards for receiving audit credit will assign a grade of "W."

4.2.9

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate supports the proposal by the College of Arts and Sciences to establish a major in Environmental Studies.

Committee on Personnel and Welfare Report

Committee on Goals and Directions Report

Committee on Professional Development Report

Committee on Rules Report
RESOLVED, that the names of Peter Suzuki (CPACS) and Robert O'Reilly (ED) go forward to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to serve on the 1991 Named Professorship Review Committee.

Other Committee Reports
None

Old Business
None

For the Good of the Order

New Business
None

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Wilson
Secretary/Treasurer

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