The University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate met in regular session Wednesday, October 13, 1993, at 2:00 p.m. in the Dodge Room of the Milo Bail Student Center. The President, Julia Curtis, presided.


MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bradshaw, Camp, Diamond, Homer, Lloyd, Metal-Corbin

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

President Curtis asked for a motion for approval of the minutes from the September 8, 1993, meeting. Senator Thigpen moved approval of the minutes; Senator Skreija seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

President Curtis announced that the Fine Arts sculpture will be inaugurated October 15, 1993. Also the staff survey has been sent out and approximately 200 responses have been received.

President Curtis then reported on the September Board of Regents meeting. Janet Dean, Secretary for the Faculty Senate, was honored as the Employee of the Month. The Presidential Search Committee hopes to have a list of finalists for the Board of Regents by early or mid-November. Regent Wilson, Chair, Governance Committee, reported that an independent study on the engineering issue would be conducted at both sites. A consulting team, acceptable to both campuses, would be hired.

President Curtis referred to Chancellor Weber's article in the Omaha World Herald
on October 6, 1993, "Vital Need at UNO: Engineering Expansion." The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has invited Dr. Bing Chen and Dr. Ted Sokol from the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology develop a set of resolutions which will be presented at the November 10, 1993, Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Chen and Dr. Sokol will also attend the November 10 meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

None

Vice President's Report

None

Executive Committee Report

Vice President Hoburg reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Cabinet met with Dr. Bruce Stahl, Executive Director of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission, and three members of his professional staff. The meeting was in response to the Commission's Report on peer institutions. The Commission's only contact that they can initiate is with the President of the University System, but the UNO faculty can request a meeting with them on matters which concern us. The discussion ranged over how the Commission intended to use the peer group for programmatic and budgetary purposes, problems of equity in the system-wide graduate college, and re-establishing a college of engineering technology at UNO. Our visitors were unable to engage in a dialogue on the last issue, but listened to our comments.

On their question of "What is the biggest difference between UNO and UN-L, we responded that our programs are tailored for the non-traditional student: more night classes, Saturday programs, etc. Another area of difference is if a professor at UNO is going to be a graduate faculty fellow from UNO, there is only one graduate college, one meets the same standards as anyone from UN-L meets. At UNO one does that usually with less support staff, less recognition, requires more of an effort on the UNO professor's part to reach that point than at UN-L. Also, in order to become tenured at UNO, a professor has to meet the same standards that
are used at UN-L and the same support staff and intra-structure are not in place.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Educational Resources and Services Report

Chair Bohn reported that Becky Means was scheduled to meet with the committee to talk about allocation of classroom space; however, she was unable to come to the meeting due to a last minute conflict. The committee discussed the engineering issue. [Their proposed resolution was placed on hold by the Executive Committee until their November meeting.] Another issue discussed was the allocation of space in Durham Science Center. The committee will look at the problem with a campus-wide perspective.

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs Report

On behalf of the Academic and Curricular Affairs Committee, Chair Nazem moved the following:

Resolution 2009
BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate has reviewed the written request of September 13, 1993, and endorses the February 19, 1992, decision of the College of Arts and Sciences to eliminate the Liberal Studies Major program

The motion passed.

Committee on Personnel and Welfare Report

Chair Skreija reported the committee met; however, there was not a quorum so no official business transpired. They drafted a survey for the staff personnel. The committee’s next agenda topic will be part-time faculty.

Committee on Goals and Directions Report
Chair Johansen reported the committee will discuss the budget issue with the Chancellor.

Committee on Professional Development Report

Chair Thigpen reported the committee met with Marilyn Leach to discuss ways of spending dollars available in terms of faculty development opportunities. The committee has asked Barbara Hayhome to meet with them to discuss changes in the Graduate College.

Committee on Rules Report

On behalf of the Rules Committee, Chair Krane moved the following:

Resolution 2010
BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate recommends that the name of Dr. Julie Horney, CPACS, go forward as a replacement for Dr. Jay White, CPACS, on the University Committee on Research (one-year term 1993-94).

The motion passed.

Resolution 2011
BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate recommends that the name of Professor Michael Hilt, Communications, Arts and Sciences, go forward as a replacement for Jeremy Lipschultz on the Student Publications Board (three-year term).

The motion passed.

Resolution 2012
BE IT RESOLVED, that the following UNO faculty member has been duly elected to the Professional Conduct Committee and will serve accordingly:

James Carroll, Chemistry
Member (three-year term)
Resolution 2013
BE IT RESOLVED, that the following tenured faculty be appointed to the Vice Chancellor Bauer Review Commission:

Angela Valle, Arts and Sciences
Daniel Boamah-Wiafe, Arts and Sciences
Michael O'Hara, Business
Vince Webb, CPACS
Doug Paterson, Fine Arts
David Conway, Education
Carol Larson, Library

The motion passed.

Resolution 2014
BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward to serve on the Faculty Handbook Committee:

Dale Krane, CPACS
Michael Sherer, Arts and Sciences
Don Greer, Education

The motion passed.

Resolution 2015
WHEREAS, the two recipients of the teaching awards are serving as marshals for the Spring commencements, and

WHEREAS, there are no formal procedures for selection of marshals for the Summer or Winter commencements, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that (1) the Rules Committee will select two retiring faculty Professor Emeriti from a list provided by the office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to serve as marshals at the Summer commencements and (2) the Winter commencement marshals will be the Faculty Senate Standing Committee Chairs selected on a rotation basis.
The motion passed.

Other Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

For the Good of the Order

General discussion followed.

New Business

Senator Skreija moved the following; Senator Krane seconded:

WHEREAS, the recent change in policy which prohibits faculty from parking in student lots until after 1:30 p.m. has created unnecessary hardship, and

WHEREAS there are vacancies in student lots after 10:30 a.m., therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the policy revert back to that of 1992-93 which allowed faculty to park in student lots after 10:30 a.m.

Senator Nazem moved to table the motion; Senator Barnett seconded. The motion was out of order. Senator Krane moved that Senator Skreija's motion be taken up under the Senate's emergency clause. Senator Valle seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion to use the emergency clause passed.

WHEREAS, the recent change in policy which prohibits faculty from parking in student lots until after 1:30 p.m. has created unnecessary hardship, and

WHEREAS there are vacancies in student lots after 10:30 a.m., therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, that the policy revert back to that of 1992-93 which allowed faculty to park in student lots after 10:30 a.m.

Senator Rech moved to amend the motion as follows: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the policy allow faculty to park in student lots after 10:30 a.m." and omit "revert back to that of 1992-93 which allowed." Senator Bohn seconded.

Resolution 2016
WHEREAS, the recent change in policy which prohibits faculty from parking in students lots until after 1:30 p.m. has created unnecessary hardship, and

WHEREAS, there are vacancies in student lots after 10:30 a.m., therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the policy allow faculty to park in student lots after 10:30 a.m.

The motion to amend passed.
A roll call vote was taken to consider the resolution.

The amended motion passed.

The meeting ended at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Rech
Secretary/Treasurer

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