The University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate met for the annual retreat on Friday, August 20, 1993, at 8:30 a.m. in the Nebraska Room of Mahoney State Park. The President, Julia Curtis, Presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aschenbrenner, Bohn, Camp (Past President), Carlson, Carroll, Cederblom, Chung, Curtis, Dalstrom, Diamond, File, Garver, Hagen, Hoburg, Homer, Johansen, Kemnitz, Krane, Liddy, Lloyd, Lorsbach, Metal-Corbin, Nazem, Rech, Skreija, Smith, Smith-Howell, Thigpen, Valle

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Barnett, Bradshaw, Corbin, Lickteig, Nelson, Ottemann, Pietron

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

President Curtis opened the meeting by introducing one of the two new senators: Senator Russell, from CPACS. Senator Ottemann from Business is the other new senator but was unable to attend the retreat.

Senator Aschenbrenner, Faculty Senate Parliamentarian, spoke on parliamentary procedures and distributed a chart which defined various motions.

Chancellor Weber and Vice Chancellor Carrico made presentations on the allocation of state funds and the System's distribution to those funds. A question and answer period followed.

The standing committees met to set goals for the 1993-94 academic year:

Academic and Curricular Affairs (Chair, Senator Nazem)

1. Assessment of student achievement. (This is a carryover item from the last academic year.)
2. Academic Catalog. (Review and recommend changes for improvement.)
4. University distribution requirement. The committee will examine the current status and any constraints that departments may face on scheduling adequate number of courses as well as any problems students may experience with respect to availability of necessary courses.
5. Academically suspended students and issues of transfer of credits but not the grades. This entails the reviewing of the policy regarding suspended students taking courses in other institutions such as Metropolitan Community College and transferring back to UNO.

Educational Resources and Service (Chair, Senator Bohn)

1. Paul L. Beck Faculty/Staff Honors Scholarship. A committee of the whole will address this ongoing responsibility.
2. High Technology Classrooms. The Committee will clarify the procedure for the selection of representatives to the High Technology Classrooms Committee to assure that the Faculty Senate has a voice.
3. Classroom space. The Committee will study:
   3a. availability of appropriate space for each class scheduled.
   3b. the physical condition of classrooms, e.g. condition and number of chairs;
   3c. the effect of renovation of Arts and Sciences Hall on scheduling.
   3d. scheduling "off-campus" classes on campus such as policies and procedures for Offutt, Continuing Studies, etc.; and
   3e. alternative class timetables.
4. Dormitories and their future at UNO.
5. Campus Computing.
8. Summer School Budget.

Goals and Directions (Chair, Senator Johansen)

1. Budget reallocation. The Committee will meet with Vice Chancellor Carrico.
2. Staff survey. The Committee referred the issue to the Personnel and Welfare Committee.
3. Increased responsiveness to students and the need to integrate teaching and research.

Personnel and Welfare (Chair, Senator Skreija)

1. The committee will review the faculty/staff interaction issue forwarded from the Goals and Directions Committee
2. The committee will also be involved with the prohibited discrimination document and seek faculty involvement in enforcing it.
3. The committee will work on the workload document. Apparently the Chancellor is going to propose uniform workload for all units.

4. Issues carried over from last year are the part-time, non-tenure track, two career couples.

Chair Skreija announced Senator Carlson will be the Personnel and Welfare Committee's representative on the Grievance Committee.

On behalf of the Personnel and Welfare Committee, Chair Skreija moved the following:

Resolution 1999
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate have a representative on the Chancellor's Committee on University Parking.

The motion passed.

On behalf of the Personnel and Welfare Committee, Chair Skreija moved the following:

Resolution 2000
BE IT RESOLVED, that Richard File from the Faculty Senate's Personnel and Welfare Committee serve as the Faculty Senate's representative on the Chancellor's Committee on University Parking.

The motion passed.

Professional Development (Chair, Senator Thigpen)

1. Work with the Office of Faculty Development to arrange presentations on teaching techniques and methodologies.
2. Monitor effects of instruction in areas of the committee's purview.
3. Investigate periodic professional leaves policies: university-wide, campus-wide, college-wide procedures.
4. Look at how departments are balancing the instructional needs of students and the effect that has on faculty's research time.
5. Review the amount of funds in proportion of the total academic expenditure that our peer institutions use for support of activities like UCAT, UCR, etc., and compare how UNO ranks in this area of support for research and teaching.

President Curtis reported that in the middle of August, the Coordinating Commission approved on a peer group for UNO for
budgetary and programmatic purposes. They sent a draft to the Faculty Senate two days before they voted on the peer group. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met within that 48 hours and developed a two-page response to their draft and faxed it to Commissioner Seacrest at Chadron where they were meeting. Yesterday, August 19, 1993, a reply was received from Dr. Bruce Stahl, Executive Director of the Coordinating Commission.

The meeting ended at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer

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