MINUTES

MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

FACULTY SENATE

November 9, 1994

Dr. David Powers, Executive Director of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education was a guest.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate met in regular session on Wednesday, November 9, 1994, at 2:00 p.m. in the Dodge Room of Milo Bail Student Center. President Krane presided.


MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dwine, Newman, Pietron

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

President Krane asked for approval of the minutes from the October 12, 1994, meeting. Senator Aschenbrenner moved approval of the minutes; Senator Hagen seconded. The minutes were approved.

Senator Aschenbrenner moved to take up Items 3 and 4 on the agenda prior to any other items; Senator Corbin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Executive Committee Report

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Acting Vice President Corbin moved item 4.4.1 on the agenda as Item 3:

3.1

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate agenda and minutes be distributed to the Faculty Senate by e-mail and be available to the faculty at the Faculty Senate gopher site.
A recommendation came to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee from the Educational Resources and Services Committee that a gopher site be established for the Faculty Senate agenda and minutes. At the November meeting, the Executive Committee decided to make the recommendation a motion (listed above as 3.1). The following motion resulted after Senators discussed their concerns at the November 9 Faculty Senate meeting:

Resolution 2071
BE IT RESOLVED, that in addition to distributing a printed copy of the Faculty Senate agenda and minutes to Faculty Senators, the agenda and minutes shall be distributed to the Faculty Senate by e-mail and be available to the faculty at the Faculty Senate gopher site.

The motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Personnel and Welfare Report

None

Committee on Professional Development Report

Interim Chair Hagen reported the committee met with Acting Vice Chancellor Newton. Acting Vice Chancellor Newton responded to questions the committee had submitted to him in a recent memo. The committee will be filing a report.

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs Report

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

Resolution 2072
WHEREAS, the recalculation of grade point averages (GPA) of students to remove
grades of D and F upon retaking courses has been a long-standing practice at UNO, and the removal of below average and failing grades has served to encourage students to repeat courses to attain a more useful degree of skill and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the current statement of procedures in the undergraduate catalog is ambiguous, and the Registrar's current practice of recalculation insulates students from pressure to make better use of resources to increase their performance; and

WHEREAS, rejection of Senate Resolution 2020 has in no way moderated the faculty concerns which prompted it, and some of the bases for rejection of Resolution 2020 seem neither cogent nor to the point; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Faculty Senate recommends:
1. Only grades of D+, D, or F may be removed from computation of GPA.
2. The grade received upon the first completion of a course will be removed by any letter grade (A, B, C, D or F) received upon the second completion of a course. Grades received upon the second or subsequent completion of a course will be removed only if the grade earned later is C or higher.
3. To correct a problem, a student must contact the Registrar's Office and fill out the proper form.
4. That this recommendation be applied as soon as students can be properly notified of the procedure, but
5. That it not be applied retroactively to restore course grades which had previously been removed from calculation of GPA.

Students may repeat any course, though it is expected that students would repeat only those courses so designated by the departments for repetition, or in which they receive grades of D+, D, F, NC, U, or W. Upon repetition of a course, the student's grade point average (GPA) will be computed without the earlier grade(s) with the following conditions:

All courses and grades of any kind remain a part of the student's permanent (transcript) record. All quality points received are included in computing the GPA for honors graduation. That is, grades not computed for normal GPA according to the conditions above shall be included when determining eligibility for graduation
Enrollment in equivalent courses offered at different campuses of the University of Nebraska system will be treated as repetition of enrollment in the same course. Subject to the conditions above, a University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) student may remove from the GPA a course grade received at UNO by repeating an equivalent course at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL), the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), or the University of Nebraska–Kearney (UNK). A transfer student from UNL, UNMC, or UNK may remove from the GPA a course grade received at those campuses by repeating an equivalent course at UNO, subject to the conditions above. Equivalency is determined by the department offering the course at UNO. Students are advised to obtain a written statement of equivalency from the chair of the department involved before enrolling.

The motion passed.

Committee on Educational Resources and Services Report

Chair Aschenbrenner reported a letter on the Paul L. Beck scholarship will be mailed to faculty on November 28, 1994. Also, the committee met with Tom Ryan, Audio Visual Manager, who responded to their questions relating to audio-visual equipment. The committee would like to have a central "clearing house" for commonly used tape/film resources.

There will be a joint committee meeting of the Academic and Curricular Affairs Committee and the Educational Resources and Services Committee on November 16, 1994, at 2:00 p.m. to talk about international student problems. Merry Ellen Turner, Director of International Programs, will attend this meeting.

Committee on Goals and Directions Report

None

Committee on Rules Report
President's Report

President Krane's report is attached.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

None

Vice President's Report

None

Other Committee Reports

Senator File, the Faculty's Senate representative on the Parking Committee, reported the consultants' have given a preliminary report on their findings to the Chancellor. File will report on their conclusions when they become available.

Old Business

None

For the Good of the Order

None

New Business

None

The meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,