The University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate met for the annual retreat on Friday, August 19, 1994, at 8:30 a.m. in the Nebraska Room of Mahoney State Park. The President, Dale Krane, presided.


MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bradshaw, Camp, Chung, Dwine, Nelson, Pietron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marshall, Newman

President Krane opened the meeting by welcoming the Senators to a new academic year.

President Krane then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 1994, meeting. Senator Homer moved approval of the minutes; Senator Curtis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Senator Aschenbrenner, Faculty Senate Parliamentarian, spoke on parliamentary procedures and distributed a chart which defined various motions. He will be conducting a mini-workshop on parliamentary procedures Wednesday, September 21, 1994, in the Gallery Room of Milo Bail Student Center for any interested senators.

President Krane then announced that Senator Corbin had agreed to be Acting Vice President during the Fall 1994 Semester.

President Krane read a memo from Barbara Hewins-Maroney regarding the value of the General Faculty meetings -- whether they should be continued or reconfigured to meet the needs of the faculty. President Krane asked for the Senators to forward their views or comments to members of the Executive Committee before the next meeting September 7, 1994.
President Krane reported on the progress of the UNO College of Engineering Task Force.

In regard to the Metropolitan University of the 21st Century Committee, President Krane distributed copies of the committee’s draft recommendations. The committee is working to develop a mission statement/vision for UNO based on these draft recommendations. President Krane asked the Senators to review the draft and forward comments to the Faculty Senate office by September 9, 1994. (A copy of the draft report is available in the Faculty Senate office.)

President Krane then conducted an exercise to gather data for faculty input into the campus-wide strategic planning process. (Summarization of results attached for Senators only.)

The standing committees met to set goals for the 1994-95 academic year:

**Academic and Curricular Affairs (Chair, Senator Carroll)**

1. Work on a definition for letter grades (improving terminology from "outstanding", "above average", and "average") and consider implementation of "-" as well as "+" grades, in part to provide some guidance for adjunct faculty to help them understand different level of grades.
2. Check into the impact of BRUNO to address what changes in advising and/or BRUNO might be necessary, such as doing a prerequisite check.

**Educational Resources and Service (Chair, Senator Aschenbrenner)**

1. E-Mail - use of it and use of Bulletin Boards.
2. Raising funds for the Paul L. Beck Memorial Faculty/Staff Scholarship Fund.
3. Increase admission of international students.
4. Classroom scheduling - non-traditional scheduling, use and creation of more computer labs.
5. Monitor oversight responsibilities of the Library, Audio-Visual, etc.
**Goals and Directions** (Chair, Senator Dalstrom)

1. The city of Omaha has emerged as a telecommunications and information center, and the committee is interested in the specific relationships of the University to Omaha's "information superhighway." UNO has a Telecommunications Center in the College of Business Administration, and the committee wishes to know how the Center developed and functions. Having gathered historical information on this relationship to the city's information/telecommunications industry, the committee will investigate how other units of the University outside the CBA Telecommunications Center relate to the community's information technology sector. The objective is to determine if UNO is keeping pace with information technology generally and what will be the University's role in Omaha's future in the telecommunications/information field.

2. How the Faculty Senate relates to the political process which is central to UNO's future; specifically:
   - b. Spring legislative/appropriations sessions.

**Personnel and Welfare** (Chair, Senator File)

1. Continue looking at part-time faculty/non-tenure faculty issues.
2. Re-instatement of early half-time retirement.
3. Evaluation of faculty.
4. Dual Career couples.

**Professional Development** (Chair, Senator Corbin)

1. Two pending resolutions on periodic professional leave.
3. Set up meetings with Mary Ann Lamanna, Chair of the University Committee on Research and Marilyn Leach (or the UCAT chair) to review division of funding of the University committee on Research and the University Committee on the Advancement of Teaching.
4. Evaluate cultural affairs regarding an apparent odd division of Multi-cultural development and gender equity funding among the Lincoln-UNO-Med Center campuses.
Senator Garsomke moved for suspension of the rules to use the emergency clause to consider a motion from the Goals and Directions’ Committee Chair. Senator File seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion to use the emergency clause passed.

On behalf of the Goals and Directions Committee, Chair Dalstrom moved the following; Senator Garsombke seconded:

**Resolution 2056**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the UNO Faculty Senate sponsor two forums: 1) Forum to involve the candidates for the Board of Regents and 2) Forum to involve the candidates for the Unicameral.

The motion passed with 2/3 majority of the roll call vote.

President Krane then reminded the Senators of the Faculty Breakfast August 25, 1994, at 7:30 a.m. in the Nebraska Room of Milo Bail Student Center. Also, the UNO Faculty Senate is donating the dessert for the staff picnic sponsored by the Chancellor and the Staff Advisory Council on September 6 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the pep bowl. President Krane asked for volunteers to help serve at the picnic. President Krane commended Janet Dean for the work she put into a successful Faculty Senate Retreat. The meeting ended at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer