The Chancellor spoke and answered questions.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate met in regular session on Wednesday, March 8, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. in the Dodge Room of Milo Bail Student Center. President Krane presided.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Akers, Aschenbrenner, Baker, Barnett, Bradshaw, Camp, Carroll, Cederblom, Chase, Chung, Corbin, Curtis, Dalstrom, Dwine, File, Garsombke, Hagen, Hartzell, Heidel, Hickman, Homer, Kemnitz, Krane, Liddy, Lipschultz, Lorsbach, Nash, Pietron, Smith-Howell, West

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Abdullah, D'Souza, Lloyd, Nelson, Newman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

President Krane asked for approval of the minutes from the February 8, 1995, meeting. Vice President Dwine so moved; Senator Cederblom seconded. President Krane asked for corrections or revisions. Senator Camp had the following: Re: 1/11/95 minutes, where to insert "and objected to". It should be added on P. 3 after "Debate followed. The question was called "and objected to." P. 2 2/8/95 close quotation mark on line starting: Senator Curtis . . . of record" at the end . . . P. 2 insert "in awarding" in the line starting: Chair Aschenbrenner reported fliers describing changes "in awarding" the Paul . . . P. 3 Correct spelling of "Honorary." The minutes were approved as amended.

**President's Report**

President Krane report is attached.

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

None

**Vice President's Report**

None

**Executive Committee Report**

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Vice President Dwine moved 3.1.

Senator Camp moved to change "resulting in . . ." to "...which would result . . ." It was accepted as a friendly amendment.

**Resolution 2080**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee recommends to the Faculty Senate that 13.314 faculty members be represented by each senator, which would result in the following distribution of seats for the 1995/96 Faculty Senate:

- Arts and Sciences: 16
- CBA: 5
- CPACS: 5
- Education: 6
- Fine Arts: 2
- Library: 1

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Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Personnel and Welfare Report

Chair File reported the committee is working on issues regarding sabbaticals, dual-career couples, and safety issues.

Committee on Professional Development Report

Chair Corbin reported that Marilyn Leach met with the committee and summarized a survey of faculty's current use of high tech equipment. The committee is working on a recommendation on how to use the $80,000 matching grant money for high technology equipment for classrooms. Chair Corbin met with Dr. Thill who agreed to a new sign-off form for grant requests which would include signature places for all of the grant authors and the form will be in WordPerfect and Word format. They also talked about preparing budgets. Grant writers should check with Grants Accounting before they prepare grant budgets to clarify appropriate and allowable items. Chair Corbin also inquired if the Office of Sponsored Projects coordinated with the other system universities on cooperative grants. The Committee is also working on tuition remission for undergraduate students in research and setting up a pilot program.

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs Report

Chair Carroll reported the committee was asked to review the By-Laws and Constitution for the College of Education. After review, the committee voted to accept them based on the recommendation. The Executive Committed directed the By-laws and Constitution be referred back to the College of Education to address problems noted by the Academic and Curricular Affairs Committee.

On behalf of the Academic and Curricular Affairs Committee, Chair Carroll moved the following adding "of" and "-“ as underlined below:

Resolution 2081

WHEREAS, the use of the letter-minus grades is perceived by many faculty and students as more equitable due to the narrower range of performance within any one grade, and

WHEREAS, the faculty of at least one other campus of the University of Nebraska is considering adoption of a grading scale including letter-minus grades, and

WHEREAS, there are arguable preferences for, and benefits to, more than one set of relative numerical values corresponding to particular letter grades, and

WHEREAS, it is a necessity to have uniform standards among the campuses due to the frequency of intercampus transfers; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of UNO supports institution of letter-minus grades in principle, and calls for formation of a working group with members from all UN campuses to develop the scale of relative values.

Senator Cederblom moved to add "the Faculty Senate of" in the "BE IT RESOLVED," sentence.
Senator Curtis moved to change "between" to "among." The Committee accepted both changes as friendly amendments.

The motion passed.
Committee on Educational Resources and Services Report

Chair Aschenbrenner reported the committee will meet at this month's meeting with Becky Means to discuss classroom assignments.

Committee on Goals and Directions Report

Chair Dalstrom reported the committee continues to gather information on UNO's relationship to Omaha's information system highway. Senator Akers, College of Education, and Professor Stolen, College of Business, met to discuss this subject and the colleges are making great headway with programs and instructional processes which relate to the information age. Senator West has organized two breakfast meetings with state legislators.

Committee on Rules Report

None

Other Committee Reports

Senator Camp reported on the committee on the renovation of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Senator West reported on the AAUP.

Old Business

None

For the Good of the Order

General discussion followed.

New Business

None

The meeting ended at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Smith-Howell
Secretary/Treasurer