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Faculty senators urge involvement

"I'm amazed at the depth and breadth of faculty involvement in decision making," said Mike McGrath, one of the four CPACS representatives on the Faculty Senate. "I'm also amazed at the lack of awareness," he added.

Mike is one of four CPACS members of the senate. This year is his third and last, at least for a while, as he cannot succeed himself.

Currently he is a member of the academic and curricular affairs committee. He previously has served on the executive committee and as chairman of the committee on committees, a really powerful committee, he feels.

"The current administration really does seek the advice and consent of the senate," Mike said, "and they are responsive to it." He feels that the senate has far more impact than anyone would imagine.

As an example, he cited the adoption of new retention standards for students. This matter went the way the Faculty Senate proposed. Now students must achieve a grade point average of 1.75 for the first 60 hours and after that 2.0, they are dropped.

While the Constitution of the Faculty Senate notes that the faculty has designated the Senate to serve as its representative agency, Mike expressed concerns relative to collective bargaining.

"The senate has failed when it comes to the issue of collective bargaining," Mike said. "It has not provided the leadership."

Ron Ozaki, a second-year member of the senate, wonders where the Faculty Senate is going.

"Because of the AAUP, certain areas of the committee function have been taken over," he said. He feels the need for clarification of the role of the Faculty Senate.

Ron is a member of the resources and directions committee.

Currently he is taking a look at the budgets of the various UNO departments involving state funds. He has compiled tables showing the percent of increase or decrease in these budgets over several years and will present them to his committee.

"While the Faculty Senate is only a body to make recommendations," he pointed out, "these are pretty well accepted."

"However, the form used by students to evaluate their instructors was questioned, and it is still in use," he said.

Both Ron and Mike enjoy visiting with senators from other campus departments and feel it is a good thing to get involved with and to know them, a difficult thing to do in a commuter university.

Phil Secret is also serving as a CPACS representative for the second year. He is a member of the academic and curricular affairs committee.

He views the role of senator as an opportunity to reflect the needs and interests of the faculty.

"The senate's role is one of advice," he said. "It has no real clout, but the administration wants to feel the pulse of the faculty and provides us with a forum to let them know how we feel."

"The senate provides us with the opportunity to reflect the needs and desires of the minority student population," he continued. Phil is the only black person on the senate at present.

He was not in favor of the resolution that would establish a differential between graduate and undergraduate tuition because it would hamper minority students in paying their way to graduate school. This resolution was passed by the senate, however, sent to the chancellor,

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Gordon will miss Nebraska but he is going fishing

HAROLD GORDON

When Harold Gordon, associate professor of Public Administration, retires at the end of this school year, he will actually be doing so for the third time.

Two other careers have preceded his present one. In the 1940's he started out with Taxpayer Association work, left it to take charge of budgeting for Community Studies, Inc., a Kansas City research organization, and then later went into university teaching.

His son will also be retiring this year but from the Air Force.

Dr. Gordon and his wife, Mary, who live in a mobile home, plan to move their dwelling to Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Going Fishing

"We're anxious to get going," he says. "We are both active and enjoy fishing, and it's great in that part of the state."

Visiting their four children, the son who lives in Tillamook, Oregon, and three daughters in Ft. Worth, Texas, Boone, Iowa, and Denver, and their thirteen grandchildren (a "football team and two cheerleaders") are included in the Gordons' retirement plans.

They like to travel and have made two trips to Alaska and one to Europe, providing opportunities for Dr. Gordon to practice another of his hobbies, photography.

He also likes to read and "putter around the house." Mary has plans for him in that regard. She has a hobby, really a home industry, of making stuffed dolls with movable heads that turn by means of a cotter pin (a Gordon invention).

"Mary thinks I am going to make a doll house display," Dr. Gordon says. So he expects to keep rather busy after he retires.

Will Miss Contacts

Dr. Gordon, who has taught introduction to public organization and public finance courses at UNO since 1974, says he will miss the contacts with the state and city people in Nebraska.

"I think we have one of the best colleges and the best departments within this college anywhere," he says. "We have received wonderful cooperation from the state people who look to us for advice."

Although a Missouri native, Dr. Gordon first came to Nebraska to begin his education and received the B.S. degree from Creighton in commerce. Switching to a government major, he obtained the master's degree from the University of Denver in the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Program to which he received an 18-month fellowship. He was one of ten persons from around the nation so honored. His Ph.D. was obtained from the University of Colorado at Boulder when he was 55.

Contributions to State

In addition to his teaching here he has developed an accounting and budgeting system for Nebraska counties, has worked up a model procedural ordinance and a series of training modules for municipalities, has completed a procedural guide for clerks of district courts in Nebraska, and has worked with the state auditor in accounting and budgeting training conferences.

"Dr. Gordon has performed above and beyond the call of duty, and we will miss him tremendously in the program," says David Scott, department chairperson.

Dean John Kerrigan has this to say: "Dr. Gordon has been a valuable faculty member, not only in the classroom but outside it. He has contributed his talents as president of the American Society for Public Administration, Nebraska chapter, and he has provided outstanding professional service to the state auditor's office. His work with the state auditor's office will have a positive effect on local government for the next ten years."

Social Work staff attend conference

Ten faculty members of the School of Social Work attended the annual meeting of the Council on Social Work Education held in Louisville, Kentucky March 6 to 11.

Hobart Burch, department chairperson, attended a meeting of the deans and directors, presented a paper on the interrelationship of skills and teaching among macro fields at a special workshop, and gave another paper on evaluation, retention, and rewarding of social work faculty.

Also presenting papers were Ezra Kohn ("New Strategies in Social Development Practice") and Sunny Andrews ("Training for Social Work Practice in Health Settings").

Mary Adams represented UNO on a panel discussing the child welfare curriculum developed by the School of Social Work here.

Lucille Zelinsky attended the delegate assembly meeting, and Ezra Kohn, Herb Grandbois, and Sharon Elrod participated in the workshop for site visitors. The latter three will become national accreditation reviewers.

Other Social Work staff members attending included Don Dending, Bev Hartung, and Gwen Weber.

CAUR co-sponsors urban workshop

CAUR and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development are co-sponsors for the Urban Revitalization Workshop to be held March 20 at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

Jeff Jorgenson of the DED office is chairman of the meeting which is expected to attract about 200 business, government, and neighborhood leaders.

Joan Holley, CAUR, will give a presentation, "Downtown as a Neighborhood: Who Lives There Now? Who is Interested in Living in the CBD?" Jack Ruff, CAUR, will speak on "Choices for the Future."

Specific panels on commercial, industrial, housing, and neighborhood revitalization will also be part of the program.

The banquet speaker is Gary Stout of St. Paul, Minnesota. He has been actively involved with that city's revitalization program.

Anyone interested in urban revitalization is welcome to attend the workshop.
Kerrigan takes look at Sri Lanka service group

John E. Kerrigan, CPACS dean, and Ian Mayo-Smith of the University of Connecticut have just published a report of their recommendations in regard to the operations of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration.

At the invitation of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration and the U.S. Agency for International Development, they examined the mission, organizational structure, training programs, consultant work, research and publications, faculty, public relations, and facilities of SLIDA in November and December last year. SLIDA offers administrative, management, supervisory, and clerical training for the Sri Lanka civil service, numbering over 400,000 employees. It also provides consultancy services to public sector agencies and undertakes research on public service issues.

The two consultants spent three weeks in Sri Lanka working with the agency.

Among their recommendations were clarification of SLIDA’s mission and development of a three-year plan. At present, the agency’s energies are diluted in an effort to tackle too many tasks, they felt.

Sri Lanka, formerly called Ceylon, is a large island off the coast of India, a few degrees north of the equator. They have an 86 percent literacy rate and far fewer poverty problems than their neighboring country. Tourism is an important industry. Tea is the principal product, and they also raise rubber, coconut, rice, and pineapple.

On the return trip from Sri Lanka, Dr. Kerrigan spent two days in Cairo sightseeing.

The King Tut Museum was just across the street from his hotel, and he took advantage of this to visit it twice.

“The exhibit that toured the United States is only a modest fraction, perhaps a twentieth, of what is on display in Cairo,” he said. “The pyramids were impressive in the day time, but they were truly unbelievable in the evening with the sound and light show.”

While in Sri Lanka, Dr. Kerrigan visited several Rotary Clubs and subsequently was invited to local homes, adding a dimension to his visit that wouldn’t have been possible otherwise.

PHIL SECRET WEDS

Phil Secret, Goodrich Program assistant professor, was married February 14 to Tijuana Smith. She is a student at the Creighton University Law School.

D. C. internships now available

Internship opportunities for CPACS junior, senior, or graduate students in Washington, D.C. for the summer and fall semesters have been announced by Bill Wakefield of the Criminal Justice Department.

Although the March 1 deadline for applications for the summer program has passed, the fall program applications are due until April 15.

The internships have been developed in conjunction with the Washington Center for Learning Alternatives which develops the individual placements and provides supervision, evaluation, seminars, housing, and other support services for the students selected.

While on an internship for a full term, students remain enrolled at, and will receive credit from, U.C. Placements are available in a wide range of interests and are appropriate for majors in any discipline, says Dr. Wakefield.

Internships are available in congressional offices, executive agencies, public interest organizations, and judicial agencies. Other interest areas include the environment, consumer affairs, journalism and communications, the arts, business, and labor, and others.

Internships have become an increasingly popular component of academic programs as they provide an opportunity to integrate theory with practice. The internships enable students to develop professional skills and to explore career options, says Dr. Wakefield.

Students interested in pursuing the possibility of an internship in Washington, D.C. should contact Dr. Wakefield for more information as soon as possible.

GERONTOLOGY STAFF CONDUCTS WORKSHOP

Three Gerontology staff members, Bruce Horacek, Chuck Powell, and Joanne Lofton, conducted a workshop for social service personnel and staff of the Iowa Department of Social Service in Cedar Rapids on February 13.

DEAN JOHN KERRIGAN IS COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dean John E. Kerrigan was the Commencement speaker at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs on March 4. His topic was “The Decade of the 1980’s.”
UNO staff to participate in CUIUA annual meeting

David Dimartino, CUIUA conference chairman, works on last minute arrangements.

Nine CPACS and UNO faculty and staff persons will be participating in the program for the annual national meeting of the Council of University Institutes for Urban Affairs to be held at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center March 25-28.

Co-chairman of the meeting, which is expected to attract about 100 persons from throughout the country, is David DiMartino, CAUR. He will also be the convener for the panel, "Omaha Development: Private-Public Partnership."

Vincent Webb, CAUR director, will speak on "Applied Urban Research" at a breakfast roundtable on March 26, and Peter Suzuki, Urban Studies, will discuss "Urban Curricula" at the same session. Dr. Suzuki will also serve as convener of a panel on neighborhood revitalization that afternoon.

The first plenary session speaker will be James Kunde, director of the Urban Affairs Program of the Kettering Foundation. His topic will be "Negotiating Federalism."

Cassie Spohn, Goodrich Program, will serve as a discussant for the panel on "Reorganizing Metropolitan Structures."

Chancellor Del Weber will give a welcoming address to the entire CUIUA group at the luncheon on March 26. Gina Valdez, data user services officer with the U. S. Bureau of the Census, Denver Regional Office, will be the speaker.

The Center for Applied Urban Research will hold open house for the CUIUA meeting at its offices in the Kiewit Conference Center from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. that day.

Conference participants will then attend a reception at the Joslyn Art Museum.

On March 27 Murray Frost, CAUR, will discuss "Applied Urban Research" at a breakfast roundtable, and Joan Holley, CAUR, will speak on "University/Neighborhood Relationships."

Milton Kotler, executive director of the National Association of Neighborhoods, will be the luncheon speaker that day.

That afternoon Daniel Boamah-Wiafe, Black Studies, will participate in a panel discussion, "Ethnic Studies and Urban Affairs Programs."

The conference will attend the Upstairs Dinner Theater that evening.

The conference will conclude March 28 with more breakfast roundtables and a tour of Strategic Air Command Headquarters.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PROVIDED BY CAUR

Weekly updates on 270 legislative bills of interest to CPACS staff members are available through CAUR.

Tim Himberger, CAUR liaison for Nebraska Unicameral activities, is in charge of providing the information to anyone who asks for it.

The bills are grouped by areas of concern in the weekly report, which is now being mailed to about 36 CPACS staff members plus deans of other colleges.

If anyone wishes to be placed on the mailing list, call Tim at X2764.

CAUR WILL INVESTIGATE PRIVATE INDUSTRY NEEDS

CAUR has signed a contract with the Private Industry Council of Omaha, Inc. to implement an occupational survey, previously designed by the Center, to create a data base for use in projecting employment and training needs in Douglas and Sarpy Counties.

The survey will collect information on the training, education, and experience needs for entry-level positions, both present and projected.

PIC is funded through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Agency (CETA) under a Title VII grant.

Sam Walker

Sam Walker's book, Popular Justice: A History of Criminal Justice, has been nominated for two major awards, one of them the Pulitzer Prize.

It has also been nominated for the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award.

Published last year in both hard and paperback by Oxford University Press in New York, the text sold completely out of its first printings and has been reprinted.

Dr. Walker worked on the book over a three year period. In it he examines the changing patterns of criminal activity, growth and development of the criminal justice system, and the major themes in the administration of justice.

He uses the book in the graduate course he teaches in administration of justice. Several other universities have also selected it for their courses.

The new history of criminal justice text is the second effort by Dr. Walker. His first, A Critical History of Police Reform, was published in 1977 by Lexington Books.

His newest textbook, The Police in America: An Introduction, will be published this summer by McGraw-Hill.

GOODRICH PROGRAM RECEIVES AWARD

The Goodrich Scholarship Program received an award for "Commitment to Excellence and Unity to the University Community" in January. The award, accepted by Jerry Cederblom, acting director, was presented at the First Annual Student Unity Day by the Human Relations Association of UNO.
**Staff Activity**

**BRUCE HORACEK**  
Gerontology  
"Coping with Death and Grief" was the topic for a talk given by Dr. Horacek at a meeting of Homemakers, Mothers, and Others, a women's support group, on March 13.

**HARRY REYNOLDS**  
Public Administration  
Dr. Reynolds has been appointed to the editorial board of a new national journal, *The American Review of Public Administration*. He has served as editor of a symposium entitled "Why Another Public Administration Journal?" which will appear in the new publication's first issue this spring.

**JOAN HOLLEY**  
CAUR  
Dr. Holley was the project director for a Neighborhood Land Revitalization Workshop held March 4 and 5 at the North Omaha Community Development Offices.  
Co-sponsors of the workshop, attended by 25 selected neighborhood leaders, were CAUR and the Omaha Housing and Community Development Department. The workshop was conducted by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior under a contract with the Trust for Public Land.

The objective of the workshop was to introduce community-based organizations and local government representatives to the techniques of nonprofit land acquisitions for open space and recreational purposes.

**HOBART BURCH**  
Social Work  
In February Dr. Burch attended the bi-regional meeting of the National Institute of Mental Health held in Iowa City, Iowa. He also recently served as chairperson of the advisory committee to the Department of Public Institutions on mental health/human resources planning group. Later this month he will speak on social work education at the meeting of the Lincoln area section of the National Association of Social Workers.

**SHIRLEY WASKEL**  
Gerontology  
"Phases in a Woman's Life" was the title of a presentation given for the Housewives, Mothers, and Others' group by Dr. Waskel on February 25. She also held a one-day workshop, "Planning and the Third Age—Especially for Women," for the Women's Group of the Tifereth Israel Synagogue in Lincoln on March 3.

**JIM THORSON**  
Gerontology  
Dr. Thorson conducted in-service training programs for chaplains at Methodist Hospital and for staff at Skyline Manor in January. He has recently been appointed to KVNO-FM's Community advisory board.

**DONNA FARLOW**  
Dean's Office  
Donna has resigned her part-time position as acting administrative assistant to the dean. She received her B.S. degree in business administration and has taken a position in the personnel department of the Metropolitan Utilities District.

**DON DENDINGER**  
Social Work  
Dr. Dendinger conducted a workshop on supervision for Douglas County Social Services personnel in January.

**PAUL LEE**  
CAUR  
Dr. Lee's article, "A Computerized Demonstration of the Central Limit Theorem in Statistics," has been accepted for the annual publication of *Modules and Monographs in Undergraduate Mathematics and Its Applications Project*, published by the University of Rochester, New York.

**LARRY SIEGEL**  
Criminal Justice  
With Joseph J. Senna of Northeastern University as co-author, Dr. Siegel has written two recently published textbooks. The second edition of *Introduction to Criminal Justice and Juvenile Delinquency: Theory, Practice, and Law* have both been published by West Publishing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota.

**ACJS conference held this month**

Several CJ staff members were on the program at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences held in Philadelphia March 11 to 14, but Ineke Haen Marshall was particularly busy.

As a member of the program committee, Dr. Marshall arranged the sessions on women, minorities, and the elderly; deterrence and victimology; and civil liberties. She gave a paper, "Testing Juvenile Delinquency Theories: A Comparative Perspective," and with her husband, Chris Marshall, presented another paper, "Differences in Legal Processing Between Status Offenders and Non-Status Offenders." She also served as discussant for a panel on women as offenders and victims, which Julie Horney chaired.

Larry Siegel served as discussant on two panels and as chairman of another, "Mentor, Leader, Professional: A Rose by Any Other Name."

Pete Kuchel presented a paper, "Two Losers Don't Make a Winner," in the session on "Women in Prison" which was chaired by Jim Kane.

The title of Bill Wakefield's paper was "The Cognitive-Affective Impact of Field Excursions on the Criminal Justice Student."

Vince Webb, CAUR, also served on the program committee, chaired a session on "Criminal Justice Education: The State of the Art," and with Dennis Hoffman presented a paper, "Legal and Scientific Fictions in the Crime Policy of Sterilization."

Professor Hoffman also served as a discussant for the session, "Impacting Criminal Justice Processes and Policy."

Jim Henkenius, a graduate student, was one of the presenters in the session on domestic violence. He and Debbie Caulfield led the group of about 20 students who attended.

**MUNICIPAL CLERKS' SCHOOL TO BE IN GRAND ISLAND**

The sixth annual Municipal Clerks' School, conducted by Public Administration, will be held in Grand Island at the I-80 Holiday Inn March 16 to 21.

Dr. David F. Paulsen is the director, and Ken Adams, administrative assistant in PA, is assistant director.

The school is aimed at enabling clerks in Nebraska municipalities to achieve certification and provide training for finance officers.
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and has been “acknowledged for information.”

He, too, is concerned about the
evaluation instrument used by
students to rate their instructors.
He wonders whether or not this
instrument is suitable for the pur-
pose for which it was designed and
wants to seek input from the
students themselves on this matter.

Shirley Waskel is serving as a faculty
senator for the first year. She is a member
of the committee on faculty personnel
and welfare which is looking into the
feasibility and planning the use of tele-
communications.

She also serves as a member-at-large of the
intercampus faculty advisory com-
mitee and on the faculty grievance
committee.

“One of the things the Faculty Senate
has been investigating has been the rate
differential between duplicating services
on the three University of Nebraska
campuses,” Shirley said.

“We are here to serve and appreci-
ate the opportunity to do so,”
Shirley said. “Utilize us.”

The four CPACS representatives on the
Faculty Senate unanimously agreed
that they would like to have more input
from their constituents.

“The CPACS faculty should be
encouraged to talk to their representatives
to bring issues forth.”

“People don’t come to you with
issues.”

“We try to get ideas from the faculty
whenever it is needed, but it should be a
two-way street.”

“The faculty members should inquire
what’s going on or [tell us] if they have
some areas that they would like to
explore or some resolutions that they
would like to have introduced.”

“What I have done has not been as a
representative of a constituency.”

All urged the faculty to read the
Senate Review. Here may be found
all the resolutions passed by the
Senate, the response to these by the
administration, a message from the
president (currently Harvey
Leavitt), copies of correspondence
pertaining to resolutions, and other
matters of interest.

According to the Bylaws of the
Faculty Senate, the Senate Review is to
be printed monthly and distributed to
the faculty and administrative staff
within two weeks following the senate
meeting for the month. The executive
committee is responsible for this pub-
lication.

CPACS will be electing one senator
next month to join the other 33 presently
constituting the group.

Allocation of representation is accord-
ing to the numbers of faculty in each
college. One representative is allowed for
each ten full-time faculty members of the
rank of instructor or above.

While instructors may be elected to the
senate after teaching three years at
the university, those who have attained
professorial rank may be chosen after
one year of service.

Both a primary and a final election
will take place. The dean of the college
will call for nominations from the list of
eligible faculty, and the two receiving
the largest number of nominations will
then compete in the final election.

CHINESE PROFESSOR
TO VISIT CAMPUS

Xia Shuzhang, professor of political
science at Sun Yat-sen University in
Canton, People’s Republic of China, will
be visiting UNO and other University of
Nebraska campuses next month.

Professor Xia also visited UNO two
years ago on a tour with a number of
his colleagues.

Persons who wish to request time on
his schedule should contact the office
of international studies through their
department chairpersons.

DEAN NAMES COMMITTEE
ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Shirley Waskel will serve as chairman
of an ad hoc committee to investigate
the utilization of telecommunications for
CPACS.

Other members of the committee,
appointed by Dean John Kerrigan, are
Don Dendinger, Ezra Kohn, Janet Porter,
and Bill Wakefield.

Affirmative action
committee reports

The ad hoc committee on minorities
and affirmative action in CPACS,
appointed last fall by Dean Kerrigan, has
recommended the establishment of a
permanent working committee.

This group would function as advisor
to the dean in matters of minority
faculty recruitment, review of termi-
nation, and evaluations. It would also
assist in orienting new faculty members
to the university community and develop
sources where minority faculty might
be recruited.

The ad hoc committee, in its report
to the dean, advanced the idea that
affirmative action is best served by
preventative measures rather than
reacting to a situation after the fact.

Dean Kerrigan has termed the report
of this committee “outstanding.”

Chairman of the ad hoc committee
was Herb Grandbois. Other members
were Phil Secret, Ed Twardy, Larry
Siegel, JoAnne Lofton, and Jack Ruff.

CPACS SECRETARIES
SET UP MEETINGS

C-line personnel at CPACS have
started a series of meetings aimed at
gaining information useful to them in
their jobs.

Kathy Young-Ratliff, Goodrich depart-
mental secretary, organized the most
recently held meeting when a represen-
tative of the personnel department
spoke about fringe benefits.

Edna Miller, Gerontology, is in charge
of setting up the next meeting. Notices
will be sent to all CPACS C-line employees
on both the Omaha and Lincoln campuses
about the time, place, date, and topic.

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