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UNO Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, February 11, 1998, 2:00 P.M., MBSC Dodge Room

The Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha met on Wednesday, February 11, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. in the Dodge Room of the Milo Bail Student Center.
The president, Shelton Hendricks, presided.

In Attendance: Arbelaez, Aschenbrenner, Bradshaw, Brown, Bruckner, Bykerk, Camp, Carlson, Carroll, Craiger, Deichert, Diamond, Francke, Harland, Harrington, Hendricks, Hill, Johnson, Lee, Lewis, H. Maher, S. Maher, Mundell, Nazem, Newton, Reidelbach, Rogers, Russell, Schwer, Skreija, Stacy, Stolen, Suzuki, Valle
Those Excused: Clute, Gessaman, Kuhlman, Serenco
Those Absent:

Senator Hendricks asked for approval of the January 14, 1998, minutes (attachments 1-6). The minutes were approved.

Officers Reports

President's Report: Shelton Hendricks

Meeting of the Board of Regents 01/16/98: Items of Particular Interest to UNO: Approved a ground lease with Nebraska Housing I Limited Partnership (with Century Development as the General Partner) to provide 576 beds of student housing on the UNO campus. Items of General Faculty Interest: Discussed a "Preliminary Estimate of Needs" as a step in the development of a budget proposal for the next biennium. (attachments 7-8) Received an extensive Gender Equity Report. (Available from senate office.) Approved the establishment of a public policy center at the University of Nebraska (Available from senate office.) Other Items: Declined to take action on a resolution endorsing the a constitutional amendment placing the University and the state colleges under a single governing board. (Available from senate office.) Declined to take action on a resolution regarding the future of Peru State College. (Available from senate office.)

Named the field of Memorial Stadium.

Chancellor's Council Meeting of 01/22/98: Discussed facilities plan that was submitted to the regents during their campus visit. (Available from senate office.) Discussed the "Florida Bank Project." Several members of the council had attended a meeting at UNL regarding this management technique. There was not much evidence of enthusiasm for this plan among those present. (Available from senate office.) Senator Hendricks commented that there are two problems with UNO's budget. First, the College of IS&T is not fully funded under the preliminary estimate of needs, and second, the renovation of the engineering building for use by the College of Public Affairs and Community Service is not included in the deferred maintenance bond issue. He further noted that the Arts and Sciences building and Allwine Hall are both on the on maintenance list. Senator Hendricks reported that Facilities Planning gave a very nice presentation (documentation) of the university's needs. Determined that members of

the council and the faculty senate executive committee would be the among first groups to go through the Pathways to Harmony training program. Discussed UNO's budget initiatives for the next biennium. (Available from senate office.) The installation of Nancy Belck as UNO Chancellor will be April 17, 1998 at Joslyn's Witherspoon Auditorium.

Faculty/Staff Lunchroom: A proposal to change this room to a computer user room has been referred to the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs and the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare.

Senator Resigns: Senator Ravichandran has resigned from the university. Philip Craiger will serve the balance of his term through May, 1998, representing the College of IS&T. Senator Hendricks introduced and welcomed Senator Craiger.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Gordon Mundell

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Senator Mundell presented the January 31, 1998, budget report (attachment 9).

Permanent Budget Transfer: Senator Mundell noted that \$3,277 will be transferred from the operating budget to operating supplies and materials budget.

Vice President's Report: Judith Harrington

No report.

Executive Committee Report

Results of the Election to Amend the Senate Constitution: On behalf of the Executive Committee, Senator Harrington reported that 53% of all full-time UNO faculty participated in the ballot election to amend the faulty senate constitution, resulting in 219 votes for the amendments, 19 against, and 9 disqualified ballots (i.e., envelope not signed, split votes, missed deadline, etc.). The amendments to the constitution passed and have been forwarded to the chancellor for presentation to the board of regents.

Bylaws Review Committee: Senator Harrington noted that the Bylaws Review Committee has already begun review of the senate's bylaws and will be presenting their amendments in the near future.

Vice Chancellor for External Affairs and Communication Search Committee: Members of the Executive Committee and Cabinet met with candidates for the position of Vice Chancellor for External Affairs and Communication as follows:

Dr. Jim Buck, January 23rd
Dr. J. Michael Slinker, February 3rd
Dr. Douglas Hartford, February 6th

Senator Hendricks encouraged everyone who participated in the interviews of the vice chancellor candidates to forward their opinions to the chancellor as soon as possible, noting that today is the deadline for input.

Standing Committee Reports

Rules Committee: Arthur Diamond, chair.

On behalf of the Rules Committee, Senator Diamond moved the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as appointments to a review committee for the awarding of foundation professorships:

Sam Walker

Lou Pol

The motion was passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Rules Committee, Senator Diamond moved the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as appointments to the Campus-Wide Scheduling Committee to address issues arising out of the expanded campus and the establishment of residence halls:

John Newton

Robert Carlson

Justin Stolen

The motion was passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Rules Committee, Senator Diamond moved the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as an appointment to the University Committee on Undergraduate Academic Appeals (UCUAA) to serve from February 11, 1998, through June 30, 2000:

Robert Blair

The motion was passed unanimously.

Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Robert Carlson, chair.

On behalf of the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare, Senator Carlson presented the January 28, 1998, minutes (attachment 10).

Professional Conduct Committee: Senator Carlson reported that the committee's proposed amendments to the Professional Conduct Committee's rules and procedures were officially presented to the senate at the November 12, 1997 meeting as agenda attachments 11-17. The revision of this document was in response to questions posed by the federal government concerning compliance with federal regulations. The committee then forwarded their recommendations to the chancellor for consultation with the university's legal representatives.

Senator Carlson noted that he just received a copy of a written response from John J. Butler, Compliance Review Coordinator for the Division of Policy and Education in the Department of Health and Human Services in Rockville, Maryland, to Mary Laura Farnham, director of UNO's Office of Sponsored Programs and Research. Mr. Butler stated that the proposed amendments have been reviewed and found to fully address all deficiencies and that approval of the amended rules and procedures will bring them into compliance with federal regulation 42 C.F.R., Part 50, Subpart A.

Senator Carlson encouraged everyone to review the amended document before the March 11th, meeting when it will be voted on. Senator Hendricks noted that the amended document is available for review on the senate home page.

Senator Carlson reported that Dave Castilow will meet with the committee later this month to discuss safety concerns, including the recent theft of two lap top computers from the College of Business Administration.

Committee on Professional Development: M. Martha Bruckner, chair.

On behalf of the Committee on Professional Development, Senator Bruckner presented the January 28, 1998, minutes (attachment 11).

Senator Bruckner reported that the committee continues to gather information on faculty development and plans to formulate a white paper and present a resolution before the end of the academic year.

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: John Newton, chair.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs, Senator Newton presented the January 21, 1998, minutes (attachment 12).

On behalf of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs, Senator Newton moved the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the faculty senate approves the revised bylaws of the College of Business Administration.

The motion was approved unanimously.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs, Senator Newton moved the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the faculty senate endorses the concepts for a post-tenure review policy outlined in the draft document presented to the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha on January 13, 1998.

Discussion followed. Senator Brown moved the addition of the following amendment:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the implementation of the policy involve both consultation with the faculty senate and negotiation with the UNO AAUP.

The motion to amend was seconded and passed unanimously.

Senator Newton moved the resolution as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Committee on Educational Resources and Services: John Reidelbach, chair.

On behalf of the Committee on Educational Resources and Services, Senator Reidelbach presented and summarized the January 28, 1998, minutes (attachment 13-16).

Senator Reidelbach reported that a donation of \$50.00 and two payroll deductions totaling \$162.00 have been received for the Paul L. Beck Memorial Faculty/Staff Scholarship sponsored by the faculty senate.

Senator Nazem questioned the awarding of one of the three scholarships to a part-time student. Discussion followed. Senator Reidelbach noted that the history of how/why this decision was made is not know. He suggested that if there is not enough contributions to award all three scholarships the committee could consider withdrawing the part-time one. Senator Hendricks added that since the senate created this scholarship, they retain the ability to change it. Senator Diamond supported offering scholarships to full-time students only.

Committee on Goals and Directions: Loree Bykerk, chair.

On behalf of the Committee on Goals and Directions, Senator Bykerk presented the January 28, 1998, minutes (attachment 17).

Senator Bykerk reported that the committee intends to present a resolution at the March meeting to support setting specific standards by which honorary degrees are awarded.

Budget Advisory Committee: John Newton, chair.

No report; the committee did not meet.

Other Reports

AAUP: Joseph Brown, senate representative.

No report.

Alumni Board: Judith Harrington, senate representative.

No report; Senator Harrington noted that the January meeting was canceled due to weather.

Graduate Council: Susan Maher, senate representative.

Senator Maher reported that the council met on February 2nd and that one of the main topics of discussion was the decline in enrollment in departments of the College of Arts and Sciences. Carla Frakes, graduate office, has been assigned to work half-time with the college on recruitment and retention.

Chris Reed expressed concern over the direction of post-secondary education and discussion followed.

Old Business

Faculty Data Base

Senator Hendricks reported on that he met with Mary Laura Farnham, who is working with the Illinois Research Institute to create a national faculty database. The data base, which would have search capabilities, would contain a profile of all faculty with world-wide accessibility via the Internet. According to Ms. Farnham, UNO could have its own version equivalent to a NIH bibliography. Senator Hendricks noted that he will continue to work with Ms. Farnham on this project.

Senator Hendricks noted that the senate office will create and maintain its own internal database, from the Rules Committee faculty survey, for use in selecting committee nominees.

For the Good of the Order

Residence halls were discussed.

New Business

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Mundell
Secretary-Treasurer