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UNO Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 1998, 2:00 p.m., Alumni Center Ballroom

The Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha met on Wednesday,
May 13, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Center Ballroom.
The president, Shelton Hendricks, presided.

In Attendance:

1997-98 Senators: Arbelaez, Bradshaw, Bruckner, Bykerk, Carlson, M. Carroll, Clute, Deichert, Diamond, Francke, Harland, Harrington, Hendricks, Hill, Kuhlman, H. Maher, Mundell, Newton, Reidelbach, Russell, Skreija, Stacy, Stolen, Valle

1998-99 Senators: Ali, Allen, Bartle, Baum, J. Carroll, DeLone, Irvin, Metal-Corbin, Paterson, Shaw

Those Excused: Aschenbrenner, Brown, Gessaman, Lee, Newton, Serenco, Schwer, Suzuki

Those Absent: Craiger, Johnson, Krause, Lewis, Maher, Parnell-Smith, Rech, Rogers, Sash

President L. Dennis Smith made a presentation during the senate meeting.

Senator Hendricks asked for approval of the April 8, 1998, minutes (attachments 1-8). The minutes were approved as submitted.

Officers Reports

President's Report: Shelton Hendricks

Chancellor's Council

Post-Tenure Review Committee Results

Friendly Amendment of the Constitution: Richard Wood, NU general counsel, contacted Senator Hendricks and suggested the following friendly amendment which Senator Hendricks accepted on behalf of the UNO faculty. The revised constitution is the on May 16th, board of regents' agenda.

ARTICLE IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE SENATE (Paragraph 7)

The senate shall hold at least one regular meeting at a stated time each month during the academic year. In the months of June and July, the Executive Committee and Cabinet (the chairs of the standing committees) shall meet in lieu of the senate and will attend to any matters of faculty interest and responsibility. All decisions taken by the Executive Committee and Cabinet

under this grant of authority must be presented to the senate at its next regular meeting and a motion of approval voted upon.

Vice Chancellor Carrico's Review Committee: Underway with review scheduled for Fall, 1998.

External Faculty Representation: Senator Hendricks announced that the external faculty election was still in process and noted the delay was due to UNL taking three weeks to provide the names of faculty who work at least 50% of their time on the UNO campus. Results will be announced at the next meeting.

Executive Committee and Administration Meeting: The chancellor has requested that the issues of "allocation of the technology fee" and using the MBSC Elmwood Room (faculty/staff lunchroom) as a student user room be discussed at the May 20th meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Gordon Mundell

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Senator Mundell presented the April 30, 1998, Budget Report (agenda attachment 9).

Vice President's Report: Judith Harrington

No Report

President Hendricks relinquishes floor to Vice President Harrington.

Executive Committee Report

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Senator Hendricks moved the following:

Resolution 2306, 05/16/98: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, she has presided over meetings of the Executive Committee with skill and patience; and

WHEREAS, her insights and perspectives have always been positive contributions to our deliberations, and

WHEREAS, she has effectively served as the faculty's representative on the UNO Alumni Board; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha extends to Senator Judith Harrington its deepest appreciation for her exemplary service as vice president during the 1997-98 academic year.

WHEREAS, he has approached his duties as secretary-treasurer of the faculty senate with devotion to substance and accuracy; and

WHEREAS, the literacy of the faculty senate's documents have been a positive reflection of his scholarship and attention to details; and

WHEREAS, his acumen and insights have been of significant value to the deliberation of the Executive Committee and Cabinet; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha extends to Senator Gordon Mundell its deepest appreciation for his exemplary service as secretary-treasurer of the faculty senate during the 1997-98 academic year.

WHEREAS, he has chaired the Rules Committee with a level of skill and determination that manifests his commitment to the principles of collegiality in a proper functioning of shared governance; and

WHEREAS, he has recruited faculty members to serve on a wide array of university committees, boards, and task forces, too often on short notice; and

WHEREAS, his advice and perspective within the deliberations of the Executive Committee have been forthright and valuable; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha extends its deepest appreciation to Senator Arthur Diamond for his exemplary service as chair of the Rules Committee during the 1997-98 academic year.

WHEREAS, as chair of the Cabinet and member of the Executive Committee she has contributed greatly of her wisdom and time to our deliberations; and

WHEREAS, Senator Martha Bruckner has served ably as chair of the Professional Development Committee; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha commends Senator Bruckner for her dedicated service to the faculty and the university.

WHEREAS, Senator Robert Carlson has served ably and judiciously as chair of the Personnel and Welfare Committee and as a valued member of the Cabinet; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha commends Senator Carlson for his dedicated service to the faculty and the university.

WHEREAS, Senator Jack Newton has served ably and with competence and good will as chair of the Academic and Curricular Affairs Committee and as a valued member of the Cabinet; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha commends Senator Newton for his dedicated service to the faculty and the university.

WHEREAS, Senator John Reidelbach has served with commitment and expertise as chair of the Educational Resources and Services Committee and as a valued member of the Cabinet; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha commends Senator Reidelbach for his dedicated service to the faculty and the university.

WHEREAS, Senator Loree Bykerk has served with competence and good will for the university's future as chair of the Goals and Directions Committee and as a valued member of the Cabinet; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha commends Senator Bykerk for her dedicated service to the faculty and the university.

WHEREAS, the coordinator of the faculty senate, Sandy Jensen, has managed the office and related senate activities with professionalism, sensitivity, grace and good humor; and

WHEREAS, she has shown initiative in the development of her computer skills and has used these skills to develop other informational and managerial aids that promote greater operational efficiency in the senate office; and

WHEREAS, she continues to be an indispensable link to the continuity and smooth function of the senate office; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha extends its deepest respect and gratitude to Sandy Jensen for the excellence of her work as coordinator of the faculty senate.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice President Harrington Relinquishes Floor To President Hendricks.

Executive Committee Report - Continued

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Senator Hendricks moved the following:

Resolution 2307, 05/16/98: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, he has served with distinction and exemplary dedication to UNO's faculty and community as president of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha for the 1997-98 term, and

WHEREAS, he has shown, unwavering dedication to the principles of the faculty self-governance process and academic freedom, and

WHEREAS, he has presented the viewpoints of the faculty to the UNO administration, the University of Nebraska administration, the board of regents, and the legislature cogently and effectively, and

WHEREAS, he has played a central and highly productive role in establishing a strong working relationship between the faculty and the new chancellor; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska extends its deep appreciation to Professor Shelton Hendricks for his outstanding service to the faculty and the university as president of the UNO faculty senate.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Rules: Arthur Diamond, chair.

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

Resolution 2308, 05/16/98: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments (July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2001) to the University Committee on Research (UCR):

John Hill, Education
Douglas Paterson, Fine Arts
Roni Reiter-Palmon, Arts & Sciences
Jack Shroder, At-Large Representative

The motion was approved unanimously.

1998-99 Standing Committee Members Appointed: Bylaws, Article VI, Committees, Section 1: "Membership. At the last regular senate meeting of the academic year, the retiring Rules Committee shall submit to the senate for its approval a slate of nominees for university committees and the senate standing committees. Nominations may be solicited from all segments of the university for membership on university committees. Further nominations may be made from the floor."

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

Resolution 2309, 05/16/98: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following senators be appointed to the Faculty Senate Standing Committees as designated:

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs (6)

John Bartle
Philip Craiger
Warren Francke
Darryll Lewis
John Newton
Jill Russell

Committee on Educational Resources and Services (6)

Donald Baum
James Carroll
William Clute
Wilma Kuhlman
James Shaw
Peter Suzuki

Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare (6)

Robert Carlson
Margaret Gessaman
Deborah Irvin
Gary Krause
Susan Maher
Andris Skreija

Committee on Goals and Directions (6)

Jerome Deichert
Sufi Nazem
Juliette Parnell-Smith
Janice Rech
Sheri Rogers
TBA (New External Faculty Representative)

Committee on Professional Development (6)

Chris Allen
Larry Bradshaw
Joseph Brown
Martha Bruckner
Lynn Harland
Claudette Lee

Committee on Rules (6)

Angela Valle, College of Arts and Sciences
Arthur Diamond, College of Business Administration
Josie Metal-Corbin, College of Education
Douglas Paterson, College of Fine Arts
Hesham Ali, College of Information Science and Technology
Miriam DeLone, College of Public Affairs and Community Service

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare, Senator Carlson presented the April 29, 1998, minutes (agenda attachment 10).

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

On behalf of the Committee on Professional Development, Senator Bruckner presented the April 25, 1998, minutes (agenda attachment 11).

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

On behalf of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs, Senator Carlson presented the April 29, 1998, minutes (agenda attachment 12).

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

Resolution 2310, 05/16/98: Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs

WHEREAS, UNO depends heavily on part-time faculty, and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Panel has studied their use and support and has followed with a list of recommendations; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha recommends implementation of the panel's recommendations, with immediate attention to those which require no budget planning, and follow-up attention to those which require planned expenditures; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such improvements in use of and support for part-time faculty, while important, should not overshadow the greater need to increase reliance on full-time and reduce reliance on part-time faculty.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2311, 05/16/98: Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs

WHEREAS, many part-time faculty members provide valuable ongoing service to the university from semester to semester and year to year, and

WHEREAS, current practice requires a time-consuming semester-by-semester renewal procedure for obtaining their faculty identification cards, and

WHEREAS, this practice often restricts the access of part-time faculty members to university services which support their teaching; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that part-time faculty who are specifically designated by their departments as continuing part-time faculty be authorized to receive ID cards and related privileges on an annual rather than a semester basis, allowing twelve-month access to library and other support services.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2312, 05/16/98: Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs

WHEREAS, a number of part-time faculty issues, as identified by the Blue Ribbon Panel, are deserving of further study, especially clarification of: (1) categories of part-time faculty, and (2) benefits and compensation; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that appropriate committees of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha place this issue on their agendas for discussion and recommendations during the 1998-1999 academic year.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

No Report

Committee on Goals and Directions: Loree Bykerk, chair.

No Report

Budget Advisory Committee: John Newton, chair.

No Report

Other Reports

AAUP: Joseph Brown, senate representative.

No Report

Alumni Board: Judith Harrington, senate representative.

No Report

Graduate Council: Susan Maher, senate representative.

No Report

Old Business

None

For the Good of the Order

New Business

None

Selection of Standing Committee Chairpersons

1997-98 Standing Committees Assemble to Elect Chairpersons

1997-98 Committee Members: Bylaws, Article II, Section 7: "At a recess during the last regular senate meeting of the academic year, each retiring standing committee shall meet and select a continuing member to chair the committee for the subsequent year. Standing committee chairpersons must be members of the senate."

Constitution, Article III, Election of Officers: "These external faculty senators may not become senate officers, senate standing committee chairs or vice chairs, nor may they chair any ad hoc senate committees."

1998-99 Chairpersons: New chairs shall report election results to the senate president and coordinator.

Results: Jill Russell, Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs; William Clute, Committee on Educational Resources and Services; Robert Carlson, Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare; Sheri Rogers, Committee on Goals and Directions; Lynn Harland, Committee on Professional Development; Arthur Diamond, Committee on Rules.

Recognition of Cabinet and Appointment of 1998-99 Chairperson

Bylaws, Article IV., Section 3: "Cabinet of the Faculty Senate. The Cabinet of the faculty senate shall be composed of the chairpersons of the standing committees."

Bylaws, Article IV., Section 3: "The faculty president shall appoint one of the members of the Cabinet as chairperson, and the chairperson shall be a member of the Executive Committee."

Cabinet Chair: Robert Carlson

Change of Senate Membership

1997-98 Retiring Senators: President Hendricks thanked the retiring senators for their service and excused them.

1998-99 New Senators: President Hendricks welcomed the new senators and invited them to be seated at the senate table.

Bylaws, Article II, Section 7: "Elected senators shall assume their duties at an officially designated point during the last senate meeting of the academic year in which they are elected and shall hold office until the corresponding point in the last meeting of the academic year in which their successors are elected. Prior to the vote for officers for the following year, newly elected senators shall replace senators whose terms have expired."

President-Elect Assumes Office

Constitution, Article IV., Organization of the Senate: "The president shall first serve as president-elect for a term beginning at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the spring semester, which will be followed by a regular one-year term as president beginning at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the academic year. The president-elect shall be elected at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the fall semester from among the membership of the senate. The president may serve successive terms through re-election, in which case there will be no president-elect for that spring semester and no past-president until the incumbent president completes his or her final term."

Senator Shelton Hendricks served as the 1997-98 senate president and will continue on as the 1998-99 president.

Election of New Officers

Constitution, Article III, Election of Officers: "After election results have been approved, senators shall themselves elect the officers of the senate except for the president, who shall be elected as provided in Article IV of this constitution. A simple majority of votes eligible to be cast shall be sufficient to elect each officer. "These external faculty senators may not become

senate officers, senate standing committee chairs or vice chairs, nor may they chair any ad hoc senate committees."

Vice President: Nominations are made and seconded by the assembly.

Constitution, Article IV., Organization of the Senate: "The vice-president shall serve a term of one year, assuming office at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the academic year. The vice-president shall be elected from among the membership of the senate. The person serving in this office may serve successive terms through re-election."

Senator Diamond nominated Senator Bruckner. Senator Carlson moved the nomination. Senator Francke seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer: Nominations are made and seconded by the assembly.

Constitution, Article IV., Organization of the Senate: "The secretary-treasurer shall serve a term of one year, assuming office at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the academic year. The secretary-treasurer shall be elected from among the membership of the senate. The person serving in this office may be re-elected for successive terms."

Senator Carlson nominated Senator Lee. Senator Diamond moved the nomination. Senator Valle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Appointment of 1998-99 Committee on Rules Chairperson

Bylaws, Section 5, Standing Committees, Item 5.6: Rules Committee. Soon after the last regular senate meeting of the academic year, the incoming president shall appoint a member of the committee as chairperson. This senator shall also serve on the Executive Committee and Cabinet.

Senator Hendricks appointed Senator Diamond as chair of the Committee on Rules.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Constitution, Article IV., Organization of the Senate: "The president shall appoint a parliamentarian, who need not be a member of the senate."

Senator Hendricks announced that Professor Duane Aschenbrenner has agreed to continue as the 1998-99 senate parliamentarian.

Selection of Standing Committee Vice Chairs

1998-99 Standing Committees: Committees assemble and select vice chairs.

1998-99 Vice Chairs: New vice chairs report election results to senate president and coordinator.

Results: Darryll Lewis, Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs; James Shaw, Committee on Educational Resources and Services; Andris Skreija, Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare; Jerome Deichert, Committee on Goals and Directions; Chris Allen, Committee on Professional Development; Angela Valle, Committee on Rules.

Last Meeting Until August Retreat: Reminder that this is the last senate meeting until the annual retreat in August per the following amendment to the senate constitution:

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Faculty Senate/Staff Advisory Council Banquet: Senator Hendricks reminded those present that the annual banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the MBSC ballroom, followed by dinner at 7:15 p.m and a brief presentation. He noted the room change from the Alumni Center ballroom to the MBSC ballroom.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Mundell
Secretary-Treasurer