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Wednesday, October 14, 1998, 2:00 P.M., MBSC Dodge Room

The Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha met on Wednesday, October 14, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. in the Dodge Room of the Milo Bail Student Center.
The president, Shelton Hendricks, presided.

In Attendance: Ali, Allen, Aschenbrenner, Bartle, Baum, Bradshaw, Brown, Bruckner, Carlson, Carroll, Clute, Deichert, Diamond, Gessaman, Harland, Hendricks, Irvin, Krause, Kuhlman, Lewis, Newton, Parnell-Smith, Paterson, Rech, Rogers, Shaw, Skrejija, Stergiou
Those Excused: DeLone, Foster, Lee, Lewis, Maher, Metal-Corbin, Nazem, Valle
Those Absent: Craiger, Engelmann, Suzuki

Guest(s): John Fiene, Janet West

Senator Hendricks asked for approval of the September 9, 1998, minutes (agenda attachments 1-8). The minutes were approved as submitted.

Guest Speaker: John Fiene, Interim Director of Computing and Data Communications.

Officers Reports

President's Report: Senator Hendricks reported on the following items:

Chancellor's Council Meeting

defeating Initiative 413: Flyers have been distributed by AAUP and postcards are available on the back table to mail to family and friends encouraging they vote against Initiative 413.. Professor Janet West will speak later in the meeting about this issue.

distance ed tuition: Distance education seems to be leading institutions toward equalizing all tuition with the option for continuing to access fees for individual class needs. This change will cause considerable shock to the budget. Regent Blank has taken a stand against the current differential for undergraduate tuition. Discussion followed. The four NU faculty senate presidents are scheduled to meet with President Smith later this month; distance education tuition is on the agenda.

First Fridays: Senator Hendricks attended a meeting with Jim Leslie, Alumni Center director, and Becky Murphy, Staff Advisory Council chair, to discuss the reinstatement of First Fridays. The activity was discontinued about a year ago due to lack of participation. Interest seems to be strong toward restarting First Fridays which was traditionally held at 4 p.m. on Friday in the Alumni House. According to Jim Leslie, the function must draw at least at least 100 faculty and staff in order to warrant funding. The current target restart date is January or February, 1999.

Comparative Enrollment Statistics, 1994-1998 (agenda attachments 9-12)

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Senator Claudette Lee

On behalf of the Senator Lee and the Executive Committee, Senator Bruckner presented the August 31, 1998, budget report (agenda attachments 13-14).

On behalf of the Senator Lee and the Executive Committee, Senator Bruckner presented the September 30, 1998, budget report (agenda attachments 15-16).

Vice President's Report: Senator Martha Bruckner

No report.

Executive Committee Report: Senator Martha Bruckner

No report.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Jack Newton, chair.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs, Senator Newton presented the September 30, 1998, minutes (agenda attachment 17).

Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator William Clute, chair.

On behalf of the Committee on Educational Resources and Services, Senator Clute presented the September 23, 1998, minutes (agenda attachment 18).

Senator Newton reported that the recipient of the part-time undergraduate Paul L. Beck Memorial Faculty/Staff Scholarship has become ineligible due to dropping below the required six credit hours. The only other candidate for this category did not enroll at UNO this semester. The issue is currently under reviewed by the committee. Future funding of the scholarship is being looked into.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare, Senator Carlson presented the September 30, 1998, minutes (agenda attachment 19).

Senator Carlson reported that Guy Conway, MBSC Director, has revealed five existing plans for obtaining regalia from the bookstore as follows:

disposable gowns

20 free gowns per year to new faculty

reduced rental rate of 39.35 (instead of 49.20) = no bookstore handling fee

one time purchase rate of gown only for \$100.00 through a group order for a special UNO gown (hoods remain \$99.00 each, hats were not priced)

combo package: \$20/\$20 = no handling fee by bookstore with reimbursement from commencement fee budget

On behalf of the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare, Senator Carlson moved the following:

Resolution 2343 10/14/98: Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare

WHEREAS, faculty participation at commencements is important to the institution; and

WHEREAS, obtaining academia regalia can involve a considerable expense for faculty; and

WHEREAS, individual faculty have differing needs and desires with regard to academic regalia; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the faculty senate calls upon the UNO administration in consultation with the manager of the UNO Bookstore to provide and publicize as many cost reduction options as possible for faculty to obtain academic regalia for commencement, but excluding options that would result in increases in student commencement fees.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Sheri Rogers, chair.

On behalf of the Committee on Goals and Directions, Senator Rogers presented the September 30, 1998, minutes (agenda attachment 20).

Committee on Professional Development: Senator Lynn Harland, chair.

On behalf of the Committee on Professional Development, Senator Harland presented the September 23, 1998, minutes (agenda attachment 21).

Rules Committee: Senator Arthur Diamond, chair.

On behalf of the Committee on Rules, Senator Diamond presented the September 30, 1998, minutes (agenda attachment 22).

Discussion Topic: Senator Newton reported that consideration should be given to drafting written guidelines for not appointing faculty who serve in administrative roles to the Academic

Freedom and Tenure Committee, the Faculty Grievance Committee and the Professional Conduct Committee. Discussion followed.

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

Resolution 2344 10/14/98: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from September 9, 1998, through June 30, 2001, to the University Committee on Library and Educational Resources to replace resigning member, Susan Maher:

Juliette Parnell-Smith

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2345 10/14/98: Committee on Rules (Ballot Vote)

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 1.1 of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Professional Conduct Committee's Rules and Procedures, the following four nominees (all tenured faculty ranked assistant professor or above) are brought forward by the Committee on Rules for ballot election by the full senate as follows:

One representative must be elected by ballot vote to serve a three-year term from October 16, 1998, through October 15, 2001 to replace outgoing member Julia Curtis. The newly elected representative will also serve as an alternate for three-years from October 16, 2001, through October 15, 2004. Julia Curtis will continue serving as an alternate for three-years from October 16, 1998 through October 15, 2001 per Resolution 2119.

Sunny Andrews, CPACS (elected)
Jane Woody, CPACS

One representative must be elected by ballot vote to serve a three-year term from October 16, 1998, through October 15, 2001 to replace outgoing member Carole Larson. The newly elected representative will also serve as an alternate for three-years from October 16, 2001, through October 15, 2004. Carole Larson will continue serving as an alternate for three-years from October 16, 1998 through October 15, 2001 per Resolution 2119.

Richard Stacy, ED (elected)
Carol Zoerb, Library

A motion was made and a vote taken to approve the slate of names. The motion was approved.

The ballots were distributed and then tallied by Senators Bruckner and Diamond.

Sunny Andrews and Richard Stacy were elected to the Professional Conduct Committee.

Senator Carlson readdressed his request for the submission of a brief biography on ballot candidates prior to voting.

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

Resolution 2346 10/14/98: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from September 9, 1998, through June 30, 2001, to the University Committee on Athletics (position previously filled by chancellor):

Leah Pietron

The motion was approved unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Professor Janet West spoke on Initiative 413.

Other Reports

AAUP: Joseph Brown, senate representative.

Senator Brown reported that the primary issue on the agenda concerned the status of full-time non-tenure track faculty on campus. The long standing policy only allows a professor to serve six years untenured. All agreed an issue this large should involve the faculty senate, therefore, a meeting is in the works for UNO's AAUP and the faculty senate Executive Committee and Cabinet. Progress reports will be made as information becomes available.

Alumni Board: Martha Bruckner, senate representative.

Senator Bruckner reported that effective January, 1999, Judy Harrington will step down as the faculty representative on the Alumni Board and she will step in.

Graduate Councils: Susan Maher, senate representative.

On behalf of Senator Maher, Senator Harland presented the September 14, 1998, minutes (agenda attachments 23-25).

On behalf of Senator Maher, Senator Harland presented the October 12, 1998, agenda (agenda attachments 26-27).

Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Senator Sheri Rogers, senate representative.

Senator Rogers reported that the committee's last meeting was on September 17th, and a retreat is scheduled for Monday, October 19th. Additional tables will be set up and students will be

available this year. Key issues that were identified at the quorums will be taken toward the goal. Senator Rogers handed out the proposed format.

Task Force on University Committees (university ad hoc): Senator Diamond

Senator Diamond reported that the committee is meeting every other week. He encouraged input on how to improve committee structures be forward to Sandy Jensen.

Committee on Initiative 413 (faculty senate ad hoc): Senator Bruckner

On behalf of the assembly, Senator Diamond submitted the following:

Resolution 2347 10/14/98: Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, Initiative 413 has been shown to be a Constitutional amendment deeply injurious to the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha has unanimously passed a resolution against Initiative 413, and

WHEREAS, actions speak louder than words, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that every faculty and staff member of UNO who wishes to make a difference in opposing Initiative 413 is urged to call ten (10) registered voters in the State of Nebraska before November 3rd, urging them to vote against Initiative 413 and/or make a generous contribution to UNO Faculty PAC and/or participate in the public discussions or debates on the subject.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Senator Paterson encouraged all to respond to the political position the *Gateway* has clearly taken on Initiative 413. He reported that the committee is considering distributing leaflets, writing chalk messages and setting up a phoning program. He noted the polls are increasing in support of 413 with the latest count at 51% for, 25% against, and 24% undecided. Senator Paterson expressed concern/apprehension about the city's ability to defeat the lid at this time, noting that there is a great urgency to be proactive, make donations, and contact others.

Old Business

None

For the Good of the Order: Bylaws, Article IV. Senate Agenda., Section 3: "This period of informal, unrecorded discussion is provided to encourage senators to voice opinions on timely issues and shall not normally exceed ten minutes."

New Business

On behalf of the assembly, Senator Bruckner submitted the following:

Resolution 2348 10/14/98: Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, James Saker was given the daunting task of composing an "Alma Mater" for UNOmaha, and

WHEREAS, the resulting composition is an impressive and meaningful piece of music; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha expresses its appreciation and congratulations to James Saker for "UNOmaha Chimes."

The motion was moved and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudette Lee
Secretary-Treasurer