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Wednesday, January 13, 1999, 2:00 p.m., MBSC Dodge Room

The Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha met on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, 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, Baum, Bradshaw, Brown, Bruckner, Carlson, Carroll, Clute, Diamond, Engelmann, Gessaman, Harland, Hendricks, Irvin, Kuhlman, Lee, Maher, Metal-Corbin, Nazem, Newton, Parnell-Smith, Paterson, Rech, Rogers, Shaw, Skreija, Stergiou, Suzuki, Valle

Those Excused: None

Those Absent: Bartle, Craiger, Deichert, DeLone, Foster, Gessaman, Krause, Lewis

Guest(s): None

Senator Hendricks asked for approval of the December 9, 1998, minutes (agenda attachments 1 - 5). The minutes were approved as submitted.

Officers Reports

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

Board of Regents, December 12, 1998: The main topic of discussion concerned the long-range campus plans.

Chancellor's Council, December 17, 1998: The meeting was a reiteration of the master plan for campus. The strategic and academic plans were discussed.

Women's Studies Major Proposal: A proposal has been forwarded to the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs.

Faculty Senate Home Page: Various information, including all agendas, will be posted on the senate web site and an e-mail announcement sent out which includes a direct link. See item V, D, 1, b, below for an example. Senator Hendricks would like to see the senate move toward increasing the use of electronic media. An announcement of the posting of the agenda will be distributed campus-wide via ENOTES. If for any reason a hard copy is needed, contact the senate office.

Lotus Notes Calendars: If there are no objections, the senate office will begin putting the senate and standing committee meetings on everyone's Lotus Notes calendar. Feedback will be appreciated.

First Fridays begin February 5, 1999: An announcement will be distributed as details become available. All are encouraged to attend. Food and beverage will be provided.

Parking: The issue of space problems in the parking garage has re-surfaced. Information is being obtained from Campus Security on how often the structure is actually filled to capacity. Student center employees have been asked to park at Ak-Sar-Ben at least once, use the shuttle, and provide feedback on their experience.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Senator Claudette Lee

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Senator Lee presented the December 31, 1998, budget report (agenda attachments 6 - 7).

Vice President's Report: Senator Martha Bruckner

No report.

Executive Committee Report: Senator Martha Bruckner

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

Resolution 2352, 01/13/99: Executive Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following faculty be recommended for service on the College of Education Dean Search Committee: Counseling: Joe Davis, Scott Harrington; Educational Administration and Supervision: Martha Bruckner, Gary Hartzell; Health, Physical Education and Recreation: Marchell Austin, Kris Berg; Special Education and Communication Disorders: David Conway, Deborah Irvin; Teacher Education: Neal Grandgenett, Sheri Rogers, (Kathy Danielson); University-At-Large: Claudette Lee, Kim Sosin. Senator Hendricks reported that Vice Chancellor Hodgson requested two names from each of the six divisions in the College of Education. He then clarification that the extra name, in parenthesis, for Teacher Education was being submitted for consideration since that division is considerably larger than the others. A written explanation of such will be provided to Vice Chancellor Hodgson.

The motion passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports:

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

No report; the committee did not meet in December.

Senator Rogers reported that a letter from Vice Chancellor Hodgson and the Committee on Goals and Directions was distributed to all faculty and staff inviting them to help UNO's first-year students feel welcomed by volunteering to serve as a mentor in the new Adopt-A-Freshman Pilot Program. Attendance is encouraged at an organizational meeting on Friday, January 29th; the

registration deadline is Friday, January 15th. Anyone unable to attend the meeting should arrange to pick up an information packet from either Senator Rogers or Vice Chancellor Hodgson.

Other Reports:

Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Senator Sheri Rogers, senate representative

Senator Rogers reported that as of January 4th, the Division of Academic Affairs Strategic Plan Draft 5.0 was posted on the web and can be accessed as follows:

Access via UNO home page:

go to <http://www.unomaha.edu>

select "UNOmaha at a Glance"

select "Strategic Plan"

scroll to last item and select "Division of Academic Affairs Strategic Plan"

Access via link on faculty senate home page:

go to <http://www.unomaha.edu>

select "Academics"

select "Faculty Senate"

scroll down and click "Strategic Plan Draft 5.0 (Academic Plan)"

scroll to last item and select "Division of Academic Affairs Strategic Plan"

Senator Rogers also noted that an additional internal forum will be held on Friday, February 5th, in the MBSC.

Standing Committee Reports - Continued:

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

No report; the committee did not meet in December.

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

No report; the committee did not meet in December.

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

Senator Carlson presented the December 16, 1998, minutes (agenda attachment 8), noting that committee focused on reviewing the "Issue Resolution and Complaint Procedures for Prohibited Discrimination at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Because the committee has many concerns with the document, Senator Carlson met with Vice Chancellor Hodgson on Tuesday, January 12th, and discussed the document line by line; both concluding it needs to be totally rewritten. Senator Carlson will attempt a revised draft to be discussed at the committee's January 27th, meeting.

Committee on Professional Development: Senator Lynn Harland, chair.

No report; the committee did not meet in December.

White Paper Discussion (agenda attachments 9 - 11): Senator Harland reminded those present that the White Paper on Faculty professional Development at UNO presented at the last meeting for discussion today and moved the following resolution:

Resolution 2353, 01/13/99: Committee on Professional Development

WHEREAS, the professional development of its faculty is a key component to any effort to enhance the quality and reputation of an institution of higher education, and

WHEREAS, such efforts at UNOmaha are widely distributed over administrative responsibility making summative description and/or evaluation of professional development efforts difficult; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha endorses the document titled White Paper on Faculty Professional Development at UNO and recommends it to the university community as a guide to the current status of faculty development efforts at UNOmaha and the basis for plans for their improvement.

Discussion followed during which a number of concerns were voiced. Senator Diamond moved to returned to resolution to the committee for amending.

Discussion followed regarding the definition of professional development, integrating faculty's need for technical support and internet access into the resolution, the risk of separating research from development was discussed, accountability, increasing the budget, equalizing opportunities faculty, etc. Senator Diamond officially moved sending the resolution back to the committee to be reworked. Senator Bradshaw seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Rules Committee: Senator Arthur Diamond, chair.

No report; the committee did not meet in December.

Other Reports - Continued:

AAUP: Joseph Brown, senate representative

Senator Brown reported that the final contract offer between AAUP and Central Administration has taking place resulting in a considerable discrepancy of 3.8 vs. 4.45 over the next for two years. AAUP considers this to be a reasonable offer (about \$150,000 difference in each of the two years). It is very likely the contract will go into arbitration this Friday during which time neither offer can be changed without the other's permission. The final recommendation will be binding. Senator Brown stated that he believes this is an extremely reasonable offer and that the only issue on the table is the amount of the raise. Discussion followed.

Senator Hendricks expressed thanks on behalf of the faculty for the coffee and donuts supplied at commencement by AAUP. He encouraged continuation of the practice.

Alumni Board: Martha Bruckner, senate representative.

No report.

Graduate Councils: Arthur Diamond, senate representative.

Senator Diamond reported that the council's next meeting will be Monday, January 18th. Christine Reed gave a brief report on graduate admissions being moved to the Graduate Department. Proposed changes in IS&T's master degrees were passed. The academic plan was discussed with Vice Chancellor Hodgson. A forum to discuss the modification of procedure for recommending graduate members will be held on Thursday, January 14th, at 2:00 p.m.

Old Business

Division of Academic Affairs Strategic Plan Draft 5.0 (Academic Plan): All six standing committees must review the academic plan at their January 27th, meeting and submit findings in their minutes at both the February 3rd, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting and the February 10th, senate meeting. Senator Hendricks open the floor for general discussion of the academic plan. Discussion followed resulting in the standing committees agreeing to review the plan and make recommendations via resolutions to be presented at the February senate meeting. At that time the senate will decide whether to endorse as-is or send the plan back to be re-written.

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."

Campus Closings: Referred to the Committee on Educational Resources and Services.

Political Activity of State Employees

Parking

Senate Elections

New Business

None

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:XX p.m.