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UNO Faculty Senate Minutes
The Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha met on
Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in East Boot Hall at the Alumni
Center. The president, Shelton Hendricks, presided.

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

Guest(s): Ryan Reeson, Student Government representative.

Senator Hendricks asked for approval of the February 10, 1999, minutes (agenda attachments 1-13). The minutes were approved as submitted.

Officers Reports

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

Student Government Representative: Senator Hendricks introduced Student Senator Ryan Reeson who will be attending the faculty senate meetings regularly and report back to student government.

Senate Representative at Student Government Meetings: Thought should be given to having a faculty senate representative attend the student government meetings. This was standard procedure a number of years ago.

1995-96 Senate President: David Corbin's mother passed away on Tuesday, March 9th. A collective card will be sent on behalf of the senate; individual cards were also encouraged.

Board of Regents, February 19th

University-Wide Committee on Gender Equity 1999: Copy available in senate office.

University of Nebraska Retention Statistics 1994-1999: Report on retention efforts on all three undergraduate campuses. Copy available in senate office.

Report on Academic Affairs Committee on general education requirements (flack): A luncheon is planned for Tuesday, March 15th, to discuss the general education requirements.

Meeting with Administration, February 24th: Discussed academic plan.

Executive Committee and Cabinet's Meeting with Vice Chancellor Hodgson, March 3rd

Discussion of the Division of Academic Affairs Strategic Plan Draft 5.0: Vice Chancellor Hodgson thanked the senate for the excellent attention given to reviewing the draft. He noted input from other governance groups as well as individuals is still forthcoming. Each senate resolution and the pertinent academic goal were discussed, background information was given on the reasoning behind the goals, and a productive discussion ensued.

The May 12th senate meeting will start at 1:30 p.m.; President Smith will speak at 2:00 p.m.

University of Nebraska Proposed 1999-2001 Biennial Budget Request: Linked to senate home page as of March 9th (<http://www.unomaha.edu/~sjensen/welcome.htm>).

Dramatic Arts Recognized for Excellence: Dramatic Arts has received national recognition from the American College Theater Festival which has been in existence for 30 years. UNO's Fall, 1998, production of "All in the Timing" was selected to open this years national festival at the Kennedy Center on April 19th and 20th. Three UNO students will represent their areas of expertise on behalf of our eight-state region. Kathy Bagby, who originally directed the play for her thesis under the advisement of Senator Douglas Paterson, will compete for best director. Additionally, a student who designed the scenery and another who designed the costumes will compete in their division finals. Another UNO student took second in the acting category; this student placed first at the nationals last year. Per Bob Welk, "This is a major sweep for UNO." Congratulations Senator Paterson!

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Senator Claudette Lee

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Senator Hendricks presented the February 28, 1999, budget report (agenda attachments 14-15).

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 February 24, 1999, minutes (agenda attachment 16).

Proposal for Women's Studies: Senator Newton reported that a notice was sent out which stated that the Proposal for Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Women's Studies is posted on the senate's

web site (<http://www.unomaha.edu/~sjensen/welcome.htm>) for review before voting on the following resolution (IV, A, 3).

Senator Maher explained that the program will be housed under the College of Arts and Sciences and the director will work out of the dean's office. The structure will be similar to the Environmental Studies program.

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

Resolution 2362, 03/10/99: Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approve the proposal for a new major in Women's Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Educational Resources and Services, Senator Clute presented the February 24, 1999, minutes (agenda attachments 17-18).

Paul L. Beck Memorial Faculty/Staff Scholarship: Senator Clute reported the committee is working to re-energize the scholarship which has been struggling for a number of years. He shared the committee's ideas on increasing fund raising and the idea that emphasizing that it is a "faculty/staff" scholarship might promote ownership campus-wide.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare Senator Carlson presented the February 24, 1999, minutes (agenda attachment 19).

DRAFT of Issue Resolution and Complaint Procedures for Prohibited Discrimination: Senator Carlson encouraged all to review the draft currently posted on senate home page (<http://www.unomaha.edu/~sjensen/welcome.htm>).

Senator Carlson reported that the revised draft has been sent to Vice Chancellor Hodgson who will in turn present it to administration and report back to the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare. The committee hopes to submit the final draft to the senate for approval in April.

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

Resolution 2363, 03/10/99: Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Grievance Committee is a committee with faculty senate oversight that currently does not have provision for notification of committee decisions and actions to the faculty senate president, and

WHEREAS, the other faculty personnel committees with faculty senate oversight (i.e. the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee and the Professional Conduct Committee) have provisions for notification of committee decisions and actions to the faculty senate president; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the following statement be added as section VII. H. to the "Faculty Grievance Committee Policies and Rules of Procedure":

The president of the faculty senate shall be informed of all actions taken by the committee including all advice and recommendations given to the chancellor or other university administrators by the committee.

Senator Carlson explained that the Faculty Grievance Committee is currently the only committee which does not allow for faculty senate oversight which is the reason for the above resolution.

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 February 24, 1999, minutes (agenda attachment 20).

Committee on Professional Development: Senator Lynn Harland, chair.

On behalf of the Committee on Professional Development, Senator Harland presented the February 24, 1999, minutes (agenda attachment 21).

Committee on Rules: Senator Douglas Paterson, member.

On behalf of the Committee on Rules, Senator Paterson reported that the committee did not meet but instead communicated via e-mail regarding the following faculty appointments.

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

Resolution 2364, 03/10/99: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2002, on the University Committee on Research (UCR) to replace outgoing members Larry Bradshaw (at-large), Harmon Maher (A&S), and Mark Wohar (BA):

Donald Greer, at-large representative
Jeremy Lipschultz, Arts and Sciences/Humanities

Sufi Nazem, Business Administration

The process used to select nominees was discussed.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2365, 03/10/99: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from July 1, 1999, through June 30, 2002, on the new Wellness Program Task Force:

David Corbin

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2366, 03/10/99: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward to complete the remainder of resigning member Susan Pendleton's three-year term from March 10, 1999, through June 30, 2001, on the University Committee on Student Affairs. Susan Pendleton served from July 1, 1998, through March 9, 1999, per senate resolution 2333.

Joe Davis

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2367, 03/10/99: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following faculty be recommended for service on the College of Information Science and Technology Dean Search Committee:

Hesham Ali	IS&T, Computer Science
Michael Hinchey	IS&T, Computer Science
Stanley Wileman	IS&T, Computer Science
Quiming Zhu	IS&T, Computer Science
Dwight Hayworth	IS&T, ISQA
Leah Pietron	IS&T, ISQA
Yong Shi	IS&T, ISQA
Pamela Specht	IS&T, ISQA
J. Philip Craiger	IS&T, CMIT

Daniel Peak IS&T, CMIT
Alexander Stoyan IS&T, CMIT
Margaret Gessaman outside (non IS&T) representative
John Shroder outside (non IS&T) representative

Senator Hendricks thanked the Committee on Rules for their extra effort in obtaining the nominees for this committee under such short notice.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Other Reports

AAUP: Joseph Brown, senate representative.

Senator Brown reported that the non-economic portions of the contract are undergoing ratification today until 4 p.m. in the MBSC State Room. The special master imposed 4.45%. He also noted the board of regents has the right to appeal but such action is not expected.

Alumni Board: Martha Bruckner, senate representative.

Senator Bruckner presented the January 19, 1999, minutes (agenda attachment 22). Senator Bruckner noted that the February meeting are not yet available but will be included as an agenda attachment when they are.

Graduate Councils: Arthur Diamond, senate representative.

Senator Harland reported there was no meeting and the next scheduled meeting will be March 29th. Discussion of the academic plan will be an agenda item.

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

Senator Rogers reported that the last forum will be held on Friday, March 12th, at 3 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center. She encouraged anyone who has not already attended to do so.

Senator Rogers presented the UNOmaha Strategic Planning Initiatives Feedback from the Community Forums, January, 1999 (agenda attachment 23).

Senator Rogers presented the UNOmaha Strategic Planning Chart (agenda attachment 24) noting that this information is also available on the UNOmaha home page under "At A Glance."

Senator Rogers reported that the First Year Connection packets were distributed to those who signed up for the program prior to the meeting thanking everyone who volunteered.

Old Business

Blue ribbon report on part-time faculty: The status of this issue will be discussed with administration next week as nothing has been done since the report was initially accepted.

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

Issues to be brought to the attention of administration:

Centralized recruiting (i.e., examples given by Senator Allen)

Concerns with Bookstore Issues: Problems with bookstore was referred to the Committee on Educational Resources and Services to research.

Monday night cancelled classes.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudette Lee
Secretary-Treasurer