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**UNO Faculty Senate**  
**Wednesday, January 12, 2000, 2:00 p.m., MBSC Dodge Room**

Presider: Paterson

Attendees: Ali, Allen, Aschenbrenner, Bacon, Baum, Carroll, Chung, Clute, Coyne, Deffenbacher, DeLone, Engelmann, Gessaman, Harland, Irvin, Kuhlman, Landis, Lehrer, Lewis, Mitchell, Nazem, Parnell-Smith, Rajaram, Rech, Shaw, Shroder, Sindt, Smith, Sobel, Thompson, Tuan  
Late Arrival: Craiger, Metal-Corbin  
Excused: Bartle  
Unexcused: Foster, Suzuki

Guests: Vice Chancellor Hodgson

Minutes E-Mailed for Review: January 13, 2000

Presentation and Approval of Minutes: Senator Paterson asked for approval of the December 8th, minutes (agenda attachments 1-11). The minutes were approved as submitted.

China Program Presentation by Vice Chancellor Hodgson

Officers Reports

President's Report: Senator Paterson reported on the following:

Executive Committee and Administration Meeting, December 15th: A wide range of topics were covered including concerns with getting support for Lotus Notes and computer problems. The chancellor indicated that the resources previously dedicated to Y2K can now be shifted to more appropriate areas including troubleshooting. Family tuition remission was also discussed and remains on the back burner. The most essential issue being addressed right now is getting salaries caught up which may fall short in light of the budget reallocations. The China Program is moving ahead. The current commitment seems to be to strive to get the project up and running with a limited range of courses by August, 2000. Vice Chancellor Hodgson expressed concern for whether this non-contractual agreement can be met by fall but is in full support of moving ahead in good faith attempt. Budget reallocations were briefly touched on. Intellectual property was also discussed.

Board of Regents Meetings, December 10th, and 11th: A heated discussion took place focusing on UNMC's fetal tissue research issue.

Chancellor's Council Meeting, December 16th: The process for getting the budget reallocations implemented was discussed. The issue of faculty receiving salary increases last year resurfaced at which time Senator Paterson clarified the action was both valid and approved.

Creation of Special Committee: At the last meet and confer with administration, AAUP proposed the creation of a special committee to develop a campus policy on intellectual property. Vice Chancellor Hodgson agreed that administration would participate. On behalf of the UNO Chapter of AAUP, Donald Greer has requested that the senate appoint "about three members" from the senate to begin working on this issue during the spring semester. The national level of AAUP has some guidelines which AAUP proposes as a starting point.

Martin Luther King Luncheon on Wednesday, January 19th: All are encouraged to attend the luncheon scheduled for 11:30 a.m. in the MBSC Ballroom. Dr. Andrew Smallwood will be the guest speaker. Tickets for faculty are \$6.50 and must be purchased at the MBSC Business Office by January 18th. The cost of five tickets will be covered by the faculty senate if professors can submit a legitimate business purpose for attending as required by Accounting Services based on state regulations.

Discussion: A brief discussion surrounded the representation of the faculty senate being a valid reason in itself to attend, thereby fulfilling the business purpose.

Bylaws Update: The Executive Committee and Cabinet are currently revising the senate bylaws regarding the annual election of senators based on resolution 2422 which moved the election process from April to January in order to facilitate fall schedule changes for newly elected senators. When completed, the revised bylaws will be presented to the senate for viewing and vote.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Senator Ali reported on the following:

Budget Reports:

November 30th, budget report (agenda attachment 12-13)

December 31st, budget report (agenda attachment 14-15)

Budget Advisory Committee, Health Care Subcommittee December Meeting: The meeting with David Lechner, NU Vice President for Business and Finance, was postponed due to illness. Instead, both the committee and subcommittee met with Julie Totten, UNO Assistant Vice Chancellor of Finance. James Buck, Vice Chancellor of University Affairs and Communication, dropped into the meeting unexpectedly. Ms. Totten gave a thorough explanation of the budget and a good first discussion followed. Everyone present seemed to leave with a clear idea of the budget and its issues. Scheduling continues to be a concern for the committee due to the large number of members. The next meeting will be with Dr. Lechner and the full committee.

New Charge, Arrange Guest Speaker on Intellectual Property: Per a discussion at the January 5th, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting, Senator Paterson charged Senator Ali with looking into the possibility of working with UCAT and UNL to piggy-back a guest speaker in the field of intellectual property, Dr. Kenneth Crews from IUPUI University (Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis). Dr. Crews is already scheduled to appear at UNL in the near future.

Vice President's Report: Senator Janice Rech

No report.

Executive Committee Report: Senator Janice Rech

No report.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: On behalf of Senator Bartle, Senator Gessaman reported on the following:

Minutes: No report; the committee did not meet in December due to the holiday break.

Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Clute reported on the following:

Minutes: No report; the committee did not meet in December due to the holiday break.

New Charge, Grade Submission Deadlines: Per a discussion at the December 8th, senate meeting, Senator Paterson charged the committee with looking into why the time allowed for submit grades to the Registrar's Office for the Fall, 1999, semester was shortened so dramatically.

Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Deffenbacher reported on the following:

Minutes: No report; the committee did not meet in December due to the holiday break.

New Charge, Commencement Parking: At the January 8th, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting, the committee was charged with looking into the ever present issue of parking problems at commencement. Senator Rech can be contacted for additional input regarding campus security turning away faculty who attempted to park in the platform area even though there were plenty of spaces available.

Discussion: Vice Chancellor Hodgson confirmed all future commencements will be held at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. Senator Deffenbacher questioned whether this issue needs the attention of an entire committee and instead offered to look into it himself. Vice Chancellor Hodgson offered to get back to the senate with the name of the individual currently in charge of commencement parking since Guy Conway recently left the university.

Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Nazem reported on the following:

Minutes: No report; the committee did not meet in December due to the holiday break.

Verbal Report: A representative from the University Foundation has been invited to speak at the committee's January 26th, meeting. An invitation was also extended to all members of the senate.

Agenda: January 26th, agenda (agenda attachment 16)

Committee on Professional Development: Senator Allen reported on the following:

Minutes: No report; the committee did not meet in December due to the holiday break.

Committee on Rules: Senator DeLone reported on the following:

Minutes: No report; the committee did not meet in December due to the holiday break.

Resolution:

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

Resolution 2424, 01/12/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following faculty, at least two from each college, be recommended to Vice Chancellor Hodgson for service on the University Library Dean Search Advisory Committee:

College of Arts and Sciences: Marshall Prisbell

TBA

College of Business Administration: Shuanglin Lin

TBA

College of Education: Nicholas Stergiou

Gary Hartzell

College of Fine Arts: James Czarnecki

TBA

College of Information Science & Technology: Leah Pietron

Hesham El-Rewini

College of Public Affairs & Community Service: Ineke Marshall

Carol Ebdon

University Library TBA

TBA

Discussion: Senator Shaw inquired why the University Library was not represented. Vice Chancellor Hodgson indicated he sent a memo to the senate asking for representation. Senator DeLone stated she did not receive said memo but would add representation at the approval of the senate. A friendly amendment to add the University Library was approved.

The motion was approved unanimously pending the approval and insertion of the additional nominees by the Executive Committee.

Resolution 2425, 01/12/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha empowers their Executive Committee to fill the remaining TBA positions in Resolution 2424 before submitting said resolution administration.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2426, 01/12/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following senators be recommended to the UNO Chapter of AAUP for service on a special Intellectual Property Committee to develop campus policy:

Douglas Paterson  
John Shroder  
Michael O'Hara

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2427, 01/12/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following faculty is recommended for service on the Milo Bail Student Center Director Search Committee:

Mike Carroll

The motion was approved unanimously.

Other Reports

Academic Planning Council: Senator Bartle, senate representative

Written Report By Senate Representative: A report has not been submitted as yet.

Alumni Association, Board of Directors: Professor Wakefield, non-senate representative

Written Report By Senate Representative: A report has not been submitted as yet.

Discussion: Senator Paterson stated he would contact Professor Wakefield since no reports have been submitted to date.

American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator Rech, senate representative

Written Report By Senate Representative: A report has not been submitted as yet.

Verbal Report: Senator Rech reported that the main issue being addressed at this time is intellectual property.

Graduate Council: Senator Harland, senate representative

Written Report By Senate Representative: A report has not been submitted as yet.

Verbal Report: The committee voted to approve the principal of a dual masters degree with restrictions on overlapping course work.

Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Senator Ali, senate representative

Written Report By Senate Representative: December 8th (handout 1-2)

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."

Bellevue University: On-line Degrees

Faculty Maternity Leave Concern/Policy: Vice Chancellor Hodgson agreed to address this issue in the next Dean's Forum.

New Business

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hesham Ali  
Secretary-Treasurer