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Faculty Senate Minutes May 2000

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UNO Faculty Senate
Wednesday, May 10, 2000, 2:00 p.m., Alumni Center

Presider: Paterson

Parliamentarian: Bartle (Senator)

99-00 Senators: Ali, Allen, Baum, Carroll, Chung, Clute, Craiger, Deffenbacher, DeLone, Ebdon, Engelmann, Foster, Gessaman, Harland, Irvin, Kuhlman, Landis, Lehrer, Lewis, Metal-Corbin, Mitchell, Parnell-Smith, Rajaram, Shaw, Shroder, Sindt, Sobel, Thompson, Tuan

99-00 Excused: Aschenbrenner, W. Bacon, Coyne, Nazem, Rech, Smith

99-00 Unexcused: Allen, Baum, Chung, Harland, Lehrer, Lewis, Mitchell, Rajaram, Thompson, Tuan

00-01 Senators: N. Bacon, Barone, Barron-McKeagney, Carlson, Elder, El-Rewini, Johnson, Smallwood, Valle, Zhao

00-01 Excused: None

00-01 Unexcused: Falconer Al-Hindi, File, Hagen, Mande, O'Connell, Ryalls

Guests: President L. Dennis Smith, Dr. Dale Krane

Quorum (19 Minimum) and Officially Call To Order: Constitution of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Article IV. Organization of the Senate: A quorum of the senate shall consist of a simple majority of the elected senators.

Introduction of Guests: Senate Paterson introduced NU President Dennis Smith and Dr. Dale Krane, chair of the Budget Advisory Committee.

Guest Presentation: President Smith addressed the senate as well as members of the UNOmaha faculty-at-large.

Guest Presentation: Dr. Krane reported on the activities of the 1999-2000 Budget Advisory Committee and its Health Care Subcommittee.

The faculty senate meeting officially began at 3:23 p.m.

Presentation and Approval of Minutes: Senator Paterson asked for approval of the April 12, minutes (agenda attachments 1-14). The minutes were approved as submitted.

Officers Reports

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

Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee: For several reasons, the membership of an ongoing case may be reduced from seven to five or even four. The bylaws require a minimum of five members, however, no guidelines are provided for replacing members under some of the existing circumstances. For this reason, Senator Paterson called for standby volunteers should the count drop below five. The next committee meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday at which time it will be known whether the service of the volunteers are needed.

Senators Clute and Sobel volunteered their services.

New Senators (10) Welcomed: Three-Year Terms, 05/10/00 - 05/14/03

Arts and Sciences (4): Nora Bacon, Robert Carlson, Andrew Smallwood, Angela Valle

Business Administration (3): Richard File, Vivek Mande, Vaughn Johnson

Fine Arts (1): Bonnie O'Connell

Information Science and Technology (1): Hesham El-Rewini

Public Affairs and Community Service (1): Theresa Barron-McKeagney

Plaque Presentations: Retiring/resigning Senators Ebdon, Kuhlman and Parnell-Smith were presented with plaques for their senate service since they were unable to attend the banquet. Remaining plaques were given to departmental colleagues to present.

Senators Going On Sabbatical or Retiring and Their Replacements: Bylaws, Article III. Vacated Senate Seats, Section 5: A senator on leave of absence for not more than one academic semester need not resign, but will be temporarily replaced by the person having the next highest number of votes cast in the previous election. If the senator will be absent longer than one academic semester, he/she will be replaced and will not be entitled to the seat upon return to the campus.

Thank You for Service: The senate extended its gratitude to Senator Juliette Parnell-Smith for her two years of service. Senator Parnell-Smith leaves the senate to go on sabbatical from August, 2000, to August, 2001.

Welcome New A&S Senator: The senate welcomed Professor Karen Falconer-Al-Hindi who generously agreed to complete Senator Parnell-Smith's term from May 10, 2000, through May 9, 2001.

Thank You for Service: The senate extended its gratitude to Senator Shireen Rajaram for her year of service. Senator Rajaram leaves the senate to go on sabbatical from August, 2000, to May, 2001.

Welcome New A&S Senator: The senate welcomed Professor Timi Barone who generously agreed to complete Senator Rajaram's term from May 10, 2000, through May 8, 2002.

Thank You for Service: The senate extended its gratitude and best wishes to Senator Duane Aschenbrenner for his year of service as a senator as well as his long-time service and devotion as the senate parliamentarian. Senator Aschenbrenner will retire from the university at the end of this semester.

Welcome New A&S Senator: The senate welcomed Professor James Hagen who generously agreed to complete Senator Aschenbrenner's term from May 10, 2000, through May 8, 2002.

Thank You for Service: The senate extended its gratitude and best wishes to Senator Henry Lehrer for his year of service on the senate. Senator Aschenbrenner will retire from the university at the end of this semester.

Welcome New A&S Senator: The senate welcomed Professor Jihong (Solomon) Zhao who generously agreed to complete Senator Lehrer's term from May 10, 2000, through May 8, 2002.

Thank You for Service: The senate extended its gratitude to Senator Janice Rech for her two years of service. Senator Rech changed her teaching status from full to part-time teaching effective with the fall semester thereby relinquishing her position on the senate.

Welcome New A&S Senator: The senate welcomed Professor Griffith Elder who generously agreed to complete Senator Rech's term from May 10, 2000, through May 9, 2001.

Sabbatical Announced and Welcome New A&S Senator: Senator Engelmann will be on sabbatical during the Fall, 2000, semester only. Senator Engelmann will return to the senate in Spring, 2001.

Welcome Temporary Replacement A&S Senator: The senate welcomed Professor Brigitte Ryalls who generously agreed to serve in Senator Engelmann's place while he is on sabbatical from May 10, 2000, through December 31, 2000.

Executive Committee and Administration Meeting, April 19

Chancellor's Council Meeting, April 27

Agenda (agenda attachment 14)

Minutes

Considerable discussion of budget issues and the 'bump.' Minority-gender ratios are promising for UNO, though not for UNL or UN generally. The \$500,000 allocation for diversity from the legislature is very good, though it came out of the health insurance fund.

Verbal Report: The governor approved \$500,000 for minority hiring and turned around and cut the health budget by \$500,000.

Looking for suggestions for names for the Residential Housing units. Council voted for names of Nebraska rivers.

There has been some turmoil in university affairs and staff concerning the resignation of several staff members. Vice Chancellor Buck discussed the situation stating we are doing everything we can so that employees who are released can find another position or training for another one. A certain amount of tension is present for these employees, however, due to the confidentiality of his conversations with employees he did not feel free to discuss them.

Verbal Report: Additional information became available shortly before the meeting about the situation. Concern has also been voiced directly to Vice Chancellor Buck regarding the handling of the release of staff members. The Executive Committee is aware of and plans to stay on top of this issue. Senator Metal-Corbin noted staff has been under duress for some time and need the faculty's support.

John Nieman presented an overview of current special gift dollars coming UNO's way. The c. 16 current gifts amount to nearly 6.1 million, and involve 2 for PACS, 2 for A&S, 2 for BA, 3 for ED, and 4 for FA. Campaign Nebraska at first had a target of 50 million, raised it to 60 million, is currently at 69 million, and has a final target of 75 million for Dec. 31, 2000.

Budget Advisory Committee and Health Care Subcommittee Meeting, May 5: The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 5. Senator Paterson informed Senator Ali he would not be in attendance.

Verbal Report: Senator Ali recommended the committee be continued in the next academic year but suggested reducing its size to five at most so in order to accommodate regular meetings. Conflict of schedules amongst the large number of members made meeting difficult as the year progressed. Senator Paterson charged Senator Ali with following through on this request in the fall.

Board of Regents Meeting, May 12-13: The last meeting was held on March 31 and April and a report was given at the April 12, senate meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12-13. There was a certain enthusiasm to quite shooting for the middle-rate and start looking toward reaching for the upper range of excellence in all aspects of education.

Executive Committee and Administration Meeting, May 17, Meeting Canceled: The meeting was canceled since Chancellor Belck and Vice Chancellor Hodgson will not be in attendance and most of the vice chancellors are required to attend the Coordinating Commission meetings being held in Omaha.

Diversity and the \$500,000 Legislature Allocation: In conjunction with the following from Sandra Squires: "I think at this point it [request from Central Administration for all diversity mechanisms at UNO] is an information gathering process to see what might be out there. But YES the FS could really help by addressing the issues of gender equity and diversity in both hiring and retaining faculty and students through resolutions next year. The greatest need we have on campus in the faculty is to get more female chairs and chairs who are people of color. This is a major problem at UNOmaha, and I think you are just the body to influence this issue. I would be happy to explore this issue more with you folks next year or whenever is convenient to talk." The Executive Committee and Cabinet will referred this issue to a standing committee for further investigation in August.

Executive Committee and Administration Meeting, June 7: Senator Paterson will be out of town; the new senate vice president will preside over the meeting.

August Meetings:

Executive Committee & Cabinet Meeting: August 9 (2nd Wed. instead of 1st)

Retreat: August 16 (3rd Wednesday instead of 2nd)

Executive Committee & Administration: August 23 (no change)

Standing Committee Meetings: August 30 (no change)

Congratulation to Service Award Recipients:

Retirees: Duane Aschenbrenner, Henry Lehrer

30 Years: Margaret Gessaman

25 Years: Ann Coyne

20 Years: George Engelmann, Josephine Metal-Corbin

15 Years: Bonnie O'Connell, Janice Rech

10 Years: Hesham El-Rewini

5 Years: G. Griffith Elder, Wilma Kuhlman, Jihong Zhao

Candidates for Vice Chancellor of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies: The Executive Committee and Cabinet interviewed the two candidates, Dr. Shelton Hendricks and Dr. Carl Fox, on behalf of the senate. The committee's recommendation was forwarded to Chancellor Belck.

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

Budget Report, April 30 (agenda attachment 15-16)

Budget Advisory Committee and Health Care Subcommittee Meeting, May 5: The committee met on May 5, to review this year's activities and prioritize the agenda for the coming year.

New Charge, Intellectual Property Ownership and Scholarly Communication Conference, March 31: At the April 5, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting, Senator Ali was charged with obtaining a copy of the notes Robert Runyon said were available on the conference for the senate office.

Vice President's Report: Senator Rech reported on the following:

Dean's Forum (Council of Deans): No report has been submitted.

President Smith and NU Senate Presidents Meeting (December through April): No report; there was no meeting in April.

President Paterson Relinquishes Floor to Secretary-Treasurer Ali

Executive Committee Report

Resolutions: Appreciation for Service

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Senator Paterson moved resolutions 2443 through 2451.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Senator Paterson then asked those members present to come forward and be recognized as he read their resolution. Vice President and Senator Janice Rech, who also served as the Senate Representative to the American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

Resolution 2443, 05/10/00: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, she chaired the Executive Committee with vigorous leadership and a sense of efficiency, and

WHEREAS, she served the Executive Committee and Senate with perceptive, critical insights on a wide range of matters important to faculty, and

WHEREAS, she took a leave from the Senate to give birth to her fourth child and thereby perhaps felt more productive than doing Senate business in that important effort; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha commends Professor Janice Rech for her capable and happily interrupted service to the UNOmaha Faculty Senate in this, the 1999-2000 academic year.

Secretary-Treasurer and Senator Hesham Ali, who also served as the Senate Representative on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee:

Resolution 2444, 05/10/00: Executive Committee

WHEREAS he kept track of the Senate Budget and dutifully reported our status from month to month, and

WHEREAS he has brought a wonderfully measured and thoughtful analysis to difficult matters, and

WHEREAS he has been a leader in helping the Senate understand a broad spectrum of concerns and opportunities in UNO's newest College, the College of Information Science and Technology; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha expresses its sincere appreciation to Professor Hesham Ali for his work as Secretary-Treasurer in this academic year 1999 ? 2000, and for his tireless efforts to make UNOmaha a continually better educational institution.

Chair of the Cabinet and Chair of the Committee on Educational Resources and Services, and Senator William Clute

Resolution 2445, 05/10/00: Executive Committee

WHEREAS he has chaired the Committee on Educational Resources and Services as well as the Cabinet with a precision and passion characteristic of his teaching and his life, and

WHEREAS he brought both institutional wisdom and personal vision to matters such as the Paul Beck Scholarship and the rapidly transforming whirlwinds of educational technology, and

WHEREAS he represents, as he has for many years, the finest possible commitment to UNOmaha education and to meeting the needs of a vibrant faculty; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha commends Professor William Clute for exemplary service to UNOmaha both as a Senator in this 1999-2000 Academic Year and, over many years, as an exemplary teacher.

Chair of the Committee on Rules Senator Miriam DeLone

Resolution 2446, 05/10/00: Executive Committee

WHEREAS she has risen to one of the most difficult and unheralded tasks the Senate requires as Chair of the Rules Committee, and

WHEREAS this activity often resembles not only herding cats but trying to find cats to herd, and

WHEREAS she has executed this demanding Chair position with professionalism and cool reason while still contributing her formidable insight to the discussions of the Executive Committee; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha expresses its appreciation to Professor Miriam DeLone for her leadership of the Rules Committee during this the 1999-2000 Academic Year.

Chair of the Committee on Professional Development Senator Chris Allen

Resolution 2447, 05/10/00: Executive Committee

WHEREAS he has assumed leadership for a wide array of discussions on the Professional Development Committee, and

WHEREAS he has advocated effectively for institutional support of outstanding research and excellence in teaching at UNOmaha, and

WHEREAS he has graced the Executive Committee with a buoyancy and humor essential for effective group action; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha commends Professor Chris Allen for his Senate leadership and faculty advocacy in this academic year 1999-2000.

Chair of the Committee on Goals and Directions Senator Sufi Nazem

Resolution 2448, 05/10/00: Executive Committee

WHEREAS he has provided effective leadership to the Goals and Directions Committee, and

WHEREAS he and his committee pursued relentlessly the idea of a percentage of gifting to the university being designated for basic university needs, and

WHEREAS his wit, skepticism, and graciousness have enlivened the deliberations of the Senate and Executive Committee and Cabinet; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha express its sincere appreciation to Professor Sufi Nazem for his professionalism and his zest for life in all his Senate activities during this 1999-2000 Academic Year.

Chair of the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare Senator Kenneth Deffenbacher

Resolution 2449, 05/10/00: Executive Committee

WHEREAS he has as Chair of the Personnel and Welfare Committee energetically taken on numerous tasks remanded to his committee, and

WHEREAS he has initiated several important analyses and investigations concerning issues such as intellectual property and faculty safety, and

WHEREAS he has been and remains one of UNOmaha's most dedicated and thoughtful defenders of faculty rights; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha expresses its deep appreciation to Professor Kenneth Deffenbacher for his leadership both in this 1999-2000 Academic Year and for his many years of service in many capacities to UNOmaha.

Chair of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs Senator John Bartle, who also served as Senate Representative on the Academic Planning Council

Resolution 2450, 05/10/00: Executive Committee

WHEREAS he has provided confident and capable leadership to the Academic and Curricular Affairs Committee, and

WHEREAS his analysis has been sought out by Officers and Senators alike on many matters confronting the UNOmaha faculty, and

WHEREAS his insistence that excellence and accessibility in education cannot be separated; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha sincerely thanks Professor John Bartle for the solidity of his leadership and for his dedication to the integrity of the university in this, the 1999-2000 Academic Year.

Parliamentarian Duane Aschenbrenner

Resolution 2451, 05/10/00: Executive Committee

WHEREAS he has served the University of Nebraska at Omaha in more ways than anyone can remember, and

WHEREAS he has served as Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate over literally decades, and

WHEREAS his contributions to the Senate and to the larger university have been always marked by integrity, patience, and an unfailing desire to serve; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha commend Professor Dwayne Aschenbrenner for his exemplary service to the Senate as Parliamentarian in this 1999-2000 Academic Year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha bestow upon Professor Dwayne Aschenbrenner the title Parliamentarian Emeritus, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.

Coordinator Sandra Jensen

Resolution 2452, 05/10/00: Executive Committee

WHEREAS she has managed the day-to-day business of the UNO Faculty Senate with extraordinary competence, and

WHEREAS she brings humor, diligence, professionalism, initiative, and a breathtaking capacity to remember and address detail, and

WHEREAS the UNO Faculty Senate would likely not function nearly as effectively were it not for her exceedingly capable efforts on our behalf; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha sincerely and deeply commends Sandy Jensen for her ongoing and essential service to the Faculty Senate in this 1999-2000 Academic Year.

Secretary-Treasurer Ali Relinquishes Floor To President Paterson Executive Committee Report Continued

Resolutions: Appreciation for Service

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Senator Ali moved the following resolution:

President

Resolution 2453, 05/10/00: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, he has provided keen leadership with a dramatic flair, and

WHEREAS, he has served as a principal voice defending faculty interests in the reallocation process and budgetary matters within the University of Nebraska system, and

WHEREAS, he has provided a social voice and a social conscience for the academic community, and

WHEREAS, he has expressed the concerns and appreciation of the faculty both honestly and passionately, and

WHEREAS, he has maintained an open and amicable relationship with the administration and the media, and

WHEREAS, his vision has encouraged the faculty and administration to look toward and enter the new millennium with anticipation and just concern; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha extends its deep appreciation to Professor Doug Paterson for his outstanding service to the faculty and the university as president of the UNOmaha Faculty Senate in the 1999-00 academic year.

The motion was passed unanimously followed by a standing ovation.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Bartle reported on the following:

Agenda, April 26 (agenda attachment 17)

Minutes (agenda attachments 18-19)

1999-2000 Final Report: Chairs are required to submit a summary of the committee's activities to the senate office by May 31.

New Charge: Call for CPACS Departments to be Changed to Schools: At the April 12, senate meeting the committee was charged with looking into Vice Chancellor Hodgson's requested that the senate give consideration toward the College of Public Affairs and Community Service's recommendation that the Departments of Criminal Justice and Public Administration become schools, thereby making their status similar to that of the School of Social Work. Vice Chancellor Hodgson clarified that, if the proposal is approved locally by the senate and administration, the change would also require regental approval. He further shared concern and appreciation that academic and curricular changes requiring regental approval should first come to the senate and that such changes, while primarily administrative, have a significant impact on the academic units involved. Vice Chancellor Hodgson asked that this issue be addressed before the end of the 1999-2000 academic year.

Proposal for Reorganization within the College of Public Affairs and Community Service (agenda attachments 20-26)

Verbal Report: A show of support for the proposal was moved from the floor by Senator Bartle, without a resolution, to be brought to the attention of administration.

Motion: The motion was seconded by Senator Shroder.

Vote: The motion was approved; one senator abstained.

New Charge, Criteria Guidelines: At the May 3, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting the chair, Senator Bartle, requested that the 2000-2001 Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs be charged with looking into establishing specific criteria for what constitutes a department and a school for future reference.

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

Agenda, April 26: No report was submitted.

Minutes, April 26 (agenda attachment 27)

1999-2000 Final Report: No report was submitted. The deadline is May 31.

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

Agenda, April 26: No report was submitted.

Minutes, April 26 (agenda attachment 28)

1999-2000 Final Report: No report was submitted. The deadline is May 31.

Resolution:

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

Resolution 2454, 05/10/00: Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a temporary appointment to replace Donald Dendinger on the Faculty Grievance Committee for the current case only:

John Shroder

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

New Charge, Resolution Supporting Formation of a Search Committees for Faculty Positions: At the April 5, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting the committee was charged with looking into the following issue and determining if a resolution should be brought forward to the full senate at the May meeting:

At the March 1, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting Vice Chancellor Hodgson's suggestion that the senate pass a resolution in support of the formation of a committee to encourage equity when hiring new faculty was discussed. It was agreed further discussion that a possible resolution supporting this issue be placed on the April agenda. The following items were suggested for inclusion in the resolution: approaching hiring creatively (i.e., Senator DeLone's colleague who doesn't hold a Ph.D. yet is fully qualified for tenure); asking for an additional line to bring in a high profile minority faculty member; concern surrounding the NU system being required to bring in an additional 60 minority faculty by either 2001 or 2002 or suffer the lost of federal funding; and stressing that UNO needs to be intentionally welcoming to prospective and new faculty. Discussion: All agreed this should have been dealt with long before now and made part of the strategic plan. The Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare was charged with looking into it rather than having a hurried resolution drawn up by the Executive Committee and Cabinet.

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

Agenda, April 26 (agenda attachment 29)

Minutes, April 26 (agenda attachment 30)

1999-2000 Final Report (agenda attachments 31-40)

Committee on Professional Development: On behalf of Senator Chris Allen, Senator Engelmann presented the following:

Agenda, April 26: No report was submitted.

Minutes, April 26 (agenda attachments 41-42)

1999-2000 Final Report: No report has been submitted. The deadline is May 31.

Resolutions:

On behalf of the Committee on Professional Development, Senator Engelmann moved the following:

Resolution 2455, 05/10/00: Committee on Professional Development

WHEREAS, UNOmaha has always prides itself on excellence in teaching, and

WHEREAS, the Center for Faculty Development continues to be an excellent resource for new and experienced faculty, and

WHEREAS, the University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT) has provided opportunities for summer fellowships for faculty to develop their courses and money to further pedagogical research, and

WHEREAS, UCAT has also provided travel funds for faculty members to attend teaching conferences, often the only money available for such conferences, and

WHEREAS, funding of both has been seen as a means to budget savings in the past, and

WHEREAS, budget reallocations raise again the possibility that either program or both could suffer further cuts; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha urges the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to maintain funding for both the Center for Faculty Development and the University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

On behalf of the Committee on Professional Development, Senator Engelmann moved the following:

Resolution 2456, 05/10/00: Committee on Professional Development

WHEREAS, research is the foundation of academic growth, and

WHEREAS, funding of academic research varies widely among the disciplines, and

WHEREAS, securing adequate funding is fundamental to research activities, and

WHEREAS, the University Committee on Research (UCR) has provided valuable seed money for research projects across disciplines, and

WHEREAS, UCR has also offered support for presentation of research results at academic conference by both faculty and students, and

WHEREAS, UCR has been the target of budget cuts in the past, and

WHEREAS, the current budget situation threatens UCR again; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha urges the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to refrain from any cuts to the UCR budget due to reallocation of funds for the next fiscal year.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Committee on Rules: Senator DeLone reported on the following:

Agenda, April 26: No report was submitted.

Minutes, April 26: No report was submitted.

1999-2000 Final Report: No report was submitted. The deadline is May 31.

Election Revisions: Report on the committee's finding regarding the election procedures for the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, the Faculty Grievance Committee and the Professional Conduct Committee per 08/31/99 charge (copied below):

New Charge: Senator Paterson charged the committee with comparing the three senate faculty committee's guidelines as defined in the senate bylaws particularly in regards to the procedure and timing of the new member elections. The faculty committees are: Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, Faculty Grievance Committee; and Professional Conduct Committee. This review is originally initiated by a call from Michael O'Hara, current chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, who asked the senate to consider moving the starting date for new members from April 16th, to August or September in order to prevent them from occurring at the same time most reappointment appeals are being submitted (i.e., tenure appointments are submitted to Vice Chancellor Hodgson by the end of January, complaints are usually filed in February or March and the committee receives new members on April 16th). Unification of all three senate faculty committees was then requested by the senate coordinator after reviewing the three committee's supporting documents and noting the similarities and discrepancies in their bylaws.

Resolutions:

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

Resolution 2457, 05/10/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the terms of the following members of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee be extended from April 16, 2000, through October 15, 2000, due to changing the election process from April to October:

Jerry Cederblom
Sheri Rogers

Discussion: Senator DeLone explained the circumstances. There was no discussion.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2458, 05/10/00: Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, most cases are historically filed with the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee during the Spring semester which corresponds with the changing membership of the committee, and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha requires that the committee membership under which a case is filed be maintained until the case is resolved, and

WHEREAS, the chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee is thus compelled to manage two separate committees throughout the summer, depending on when the cases are filed, and

WHEREAS, a slate of nominees that shall include for each vacancy to be filled one more candidate than the number of vacant seats must be presented to the senate prior to the full-faculty election; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha hereby changes the date of the election of members from April to October to allow the Committee on Rules time to present the ballot at the September meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the faculty senate coordinator run the election to be tallied by the Committee on Rules and presented at the October meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the senate Bylaws, Article VI, Section 6, 6.2 be amended as follows: 6.2 Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee. This committee, composed of five (5) tenured and two (2) non-tenured members of the UNO faculty, will sit on all cases covered by sections 4.14 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. Members of the committee shall be elected by the faculty to a term of three (3) years. Every year at the April September meeting, the Committee on Rules shall present a slate of nominees that shall include for each vacancy to be filled one more candidate than the number of vacant seats created by reason of resignation, retirement, or the expiration of the term of a member. The senate shall be notified of the newly elected members by way of a resolution presented by the Committee on Rules at the October senate meeting. Non-tenured faculty members who receive tenure shall resign at the end of the academic year in which it is conferred and be replaced in the manner previously described. Elections to this committee shall be conducted in the same way and at the same time that faculty senators are elected. The committee shall elect its own chairperson. A committee with a case under consideration shall, when necessary, continue past April September with its membership unchanged until the case is resolved; in such an event, new cases shall be considered by the reconstituted committee.

Motion: The motion was seconded.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2459, 05/10/00: Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, members of the senate's Faculty Grievance Committee and Professional Conduct Committee are elected by ballot vote of the senate, and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Grievance Committee's election is currently held in the month of September while the Professional Conduct Committee's election is currently held in the month of October; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha hereby changes the Professional Conduct Committee's election to the month of September to run concurrent with the Faculty Grievance Committee's election, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the senate Bylaws, Article VI, Section 6, 6.3 be amended as follows:

6.3 Professional Conduct Committee. This committee, composed of five (5) tenured UNO faculty members holding the rank of assistant professor or above, will consider all professional conduct cases arising under section 4.15 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. The election to fill committee vacancies due to

resignation, retirement, or the expiration of a three-year term shall be held no later than October 15th of at the September meeting each year. The faculty senate shall choose committee members by plurality vote from a list of nominees prepared by the Committee on Rules. The ballot shall list one more nominee for each vacancy than there are positions to be filled and, insofar as feasible, wide representation of the faculty should be sought in the composition of the committee. Members of the committee shall serve staggered terms, meaning that the term(s) of one class of members will expire each year. Retiring members shall continue to serve for three (3) years as alternates who will be available as committee replacements should the need arise in a particular case. The committee shall elect its own chairperson from the membership. A committee with a case under consideration shall, when necessary, continue past September with its membership unchanged until the case is resolved; in such an event, new cases shall be considered by the reconstituted committee.

Second: The motion was seconded.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution(s):

Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Article VI. Committees., Section 1: Membership. At the last regular senate meeting of the academic year, the retiring Committee on Rules 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.

The size and composition of standing committees will be such as to maintain broad representative points of view, or as specially provided in these bylaws for particular committees. 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. Standing committees will determine their own rules of procedure, including selection of additional officers (such as vice-chair) and appointment of subcommittees. Minutes shall be forwarded to the secretary-treasurer of the senate through the Executive Committee.

2000-2003 University Committee Appointments (3 Year Terms) On behalf of the Rules Committee, Senator DeLone moved the following resolution:

Resolution 2460, 04/12/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/00, through 07/31/03, to the Adjudicatory Panel:

James Carroll (to replace Maria Arbelaez)
Jayaram Betanabhatla (reappointed)
Robin Ogle (to replace Deborah Irvin)
Lotfollah Najjar (reappointed)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2461, 04/12/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/00, through 07/31/03, to the University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT):

Amy Rodie, BA (to replace Roger Sindt)

Nicholas Stergiou, ED (to replace James Dick)
Lotfollah Najjar, IS&T (to replace Hesham Ali)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2462, 04/12/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/00, through 07/31/03, on the University Committee on Research (UCR):

Lisa Boucher, A&S (to replace Bruce Chase)
Hesham El-Rewini, IS&T (to replace H. Saiedian)
John Bartle, PACS (to replace Pamela Smith)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2463, 04/12/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/00, through 07/31/03, to the Educational Policy Advisory Committee:

Leah Pietron, IS&T (to replace Pam Specht)
Laura Dickson, Library (to replace James Shaw)
Imafedia Okhamafe, PACS (to replace Cassia Spohn)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2464, 05/10/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/00, through 07/31/03, to the Chancellor's Commission on Multicultural Affairs:

Carol Mitchell, ED (reappointed)
Sharon Sobel, FA (reappointed)
TBA, IS&T (to replace Quiming Zhu)
Michael Carroll, PACS (to replace Miriam DeLone)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2465, 05/10/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/00, through 07/31/03, to the University Committee on Computer Usage:

Sara Martin (to replace Gary Day)
Kenton Bales (to replace Stan Wileman)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2466, 05/10/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from 08/01/00, through 07/31/03, to the University Committee on Facilities Planning:

William Clute (to replace Harvey Leavitt)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2467, 05/10/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 08/01/00, through 07/31/03, to the University Committee on Honors and Awards:

Wally Bacon, one-year term (to replace Thomas Lorsbach)
Jeannette Seaberry, two-year term (to replace Owen Mordaunt)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2468, 05/10/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from 08/01/00, through 07/31/03, to the University Committee on Library and Educational Resources:

Kathleen Henebry (to replace Shuanglin Lin)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2469, 05/10/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as an appointment on the Student Activities Budget Committee. Due to the unexpected replacement of two members due to retirement, terms are being staggered as indicated. Future terms should all be for three-years.

Carol Ebdon, one-year term (to replace David Volkman)
G. Griffith Elder, two-year term (to replace Duane Aschenbrenner - retired)
James Carroll, three-year term (to replace Frank Zahn - retired)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Resolution 2470, 05/10/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward as a three-year appointment from 08/01/00, through 07/31/2003, on the University Committee on Undergraduate Academic Appeals (UCUAA):

Pamela Smith (to replace Robert Blair)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

2000-2001 Faculty Senate Standing Committees

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

Resolution 2471, 05/10/00: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following senators be appointed to the 2000-2001 faculty senate standing committees as designated:

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs (6)

1. Nora Bacon, A&S
2. John Bartle, PACS
3. James Carroll, A&S
4. Melodee Landis, ED
5. Carol Mitchell, ED
6. Robert Smith, A&S

Committee on Educational Resources and Services (6)

1. Donald Baum, BA
2. Deborah Irvin, ED
3. Bonnie O'Connell, FA
4. Karen Falconer Al-Hindi, A&S
5. James Shaw, Library
6. Andrew Smallwood, A&S

Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare (6)

1. Timi Barone, A&S
2. Robert Carlson, A&S
3. G. Vaughn Johnson, BA
4. Vivek Mande, BA
5. John Shroder, A&S
6. Christopher Tuan, NU Rep

Committee on Goals and Directions (6)

1. Hesham Ali, IS&T
2. Ann Coyne, PACS
3. E. Terence Foster, NU Rep
4. James Hagen, A&S
5. Franklin Thompson, ED
6. Angela Valle, A&S

Committee on Professional Development (6)

1. Chris Allen, A&S
2. Theresa Barron-McKeagney, PACS
3. Joong-Gun Chung, A&S
4. G. Griffith Elder, A&S
5. Bridget Ryalls, A&S

6. Jihong (Solomon) Zhao, PACS

Committee on Rules (6)

1. Wally Bacon, A&S
2. Miriam DeLone, PACS
3. Richard File, BA
4. Josie Metal-Corbin, ED
5. Sharon Sobel, FA
6. Hesham El-Rewini, IS&T

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Other Reports

Academic Planning Council: Senator Bartle reported the following:

Written Report By Senate Representative, April 21 (agenda attachment 45)

Alumni Association, Board of Directors: On behalf of Professor William Wakefield, Senator Paterson presented the following report:

Written Report By Senate Representative, April 19 (agenda attachment 43)

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

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

Graduate Council: Senator Lynn Harland, senate representative

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

Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Senator Ali reported the following:

Written Report By Senate Representative (agenda attachment 44)

Old Business

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: Bylaws, Article IV. Senate Agenda., Section 3: Final action on new business shall not include decisions on matters requiring approval by the chancellor or the governing body of the university until thirty days shall have elapsed after introduction, and the opportunity is provided for appropriate committee recommendation except when such business is an "emergency matter." The expression "emergency matter" used in Article IV of the constitution shall apply to any new business at any meeting of the faculty senate when two-thirds of the members present and voting approve. The vote on the question of "emergency matter" and all votes on the substantive question under consideration shall be roll-call votes).

Official End of the 1999-2000 Faculty Senate Meeting

Official Start of 2000-2001 Faculty Senate Meeting

Selection of Standing Committee Chairpersons

1999-2000 Standing Committees Assemble to Elect 2000-2001 Chairs

1999-2000 Committee Members Select Chairs: Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1:

"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."

External Faculty Cannot Hold Office: 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."

Officers/Chairs Must Commit To Meeting Year Round: Constitution, 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.

In addition, special meetings may be convened at any time by the senate president's initiative and shall be convened by the president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president: 1. when requested by the chancellor; 2. when requested in writing by seven senators and submitted to the president; 3. when requested by written petition of at least ten percent of the faculty members and submitted to the president."

2000-2001 Chairs: New chairs come forward immediately and report election results to the senate president and coordinator.

President Announces New Chairs: When the selection process is complete the president announces the names of the new chairs.

On behalf of the Assembly, Senator Paterson moved the following:

Resolution 2472, 05/10/00: On behalf of the Assembly

BE IT RESOLVED, that according to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska, Article VI, Section 1, the retiring standing committees have met and selected the following chairs from their continuing members:

John Bartle, Academic and Curricular Affairs
Donald Baum, Educational Resources and Services
Jack Shroder, Faculty Personnel and Welfare
Ann Coyne, Goals and Directions
Chris Allen, Professional Development
Sharon Sobel, Rules

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Recognition of Cabinet and Appointment of 2000-2001 Cabinet Chair: Bylaws,

Article VI. Committees. Section 3: Cabinet of the Faculty Senate. The Cabinet of the faculty senate shall be composed of the chairpersons of the cabinet committees of the faculty senate. 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. The Cabinet of the faculty senate shall advise the faculty president and the Executive Committee on matters of collective interest and shall assist in the preparation of the agenda.

On behalf of the Assembly, Senator Paterson moved the following:

Resolution 2473, 05/10/00: On behalf of the Assembly

BE IT RESOLVED, that according to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska, Article VI, Section 3, the senate president appoints the following senator chair of the Cabinet:

Jack Shroder (to replace Senator William Clute)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Change of Senate Membership

1999-2000 Retiring Senators Step Down: President thanks senators for their service and excuses them. Retiring senators are welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting, however, they should leave the senate table and relocate to the extra seating. Retiring senators may keep their name tents.

2000-2001 New Senators Take Their Places: 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 welcomes new senators and invites them to the senate table.

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.

Election of 2000-2001 Officers: One-Year Appointments (05/10/00 - 05/09/01):

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.

Officers/Chairs Must Commit To Meeting Year Round: Constitution, 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.

In addition, special meetings may be convened at any time by the senate president's initiative and shall be convened by the president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president: 1. when requested by the chancellor; 2. when requested in writing by seven senators and submitted to the president; 3. when requested by written petition of at least ten percent of the faculty members and submitted to the president.

Vice President: 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.

Resolution 2474, 05/10/00:

On behalf of the Assembly, Senator Ali move the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that according to the Constitution of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska, Article IV, the faculty senate elects the following senator as their 2000-2001 vice president:

Wally Bacon (to replace Senator Janice Rech)

nomination seconded

nomination(s) made from floor: None

nomination(s) seconded

vote taken: The motion was approved unanimously.

president congratulates new vice president: Senator Paterson congratulated Senator Bacon on his new appointment.

Secretary-Treasurer: 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.

Resolution 2475, 05/10/00: On behalf of the Assembly, Senator Clute move the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that according to the Constitution of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska, Article IV, the faculty senate elects the following senator as their 2000-2001 secretary-treasurer:

Hesham Ali (reappointed)

nomination seconded

nomination(s) made from floor: None

nomination(s) seconded

vote taken: The motion was approved unanimously.

president congratulates new secretary-treasurer: Senator Paterson congratulated Senator Ali on his reappointment.

2000-2001 Senate Representatives on Non-Senate Committees: Representatives must put forth every effort to attend all meetings for their designated non-senate committee, submit written reports to the Executive Committee, and present said reports at the following senate meeting.

Academic Planning Council: Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs representative

On behalf of the Assembly, Senator Ali moved the following:

Resolution 2476, 05/10/00: On behalf of the Assembly

BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president appoints the following member of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs as the senate representative to the Academic Planning Council:

Melodee Landis (to replace Senator John Bartle)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Alumni Association, Board of Directors: Association prefers a senator that is also a UNO Alum; a non-senate faculty member can be appointed if a senate representative is not available.

On behalf of the Assembly, Senator Ali moved the following:

Resolution 0000, 05/10/00: On behalf of the assembly

BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president appoints the following UNOmaha alum as the senate representative to the Alumni Association, Board of Directors:

TBA (to replace Professor William Wakefield)

Discussion: The resolution was held over until August pending the name of a nominee.

UNO Chapter of AAUP: senator and AAUP member preferred

On behalf of the Assembly, Senator Ali moved the following:

Resolution 0000, 05/10/00: On behalf of the assembly

BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president appoints the following senator, who is also a AAUP member, as the senate representative to the UNO Chapter of AAUP:

TBA (to replace Senator Janice Rech)

Discussion: The resolution was held over until August pending the name of a nominee.

Chancellor's Council: senate president

On behalf of the Assembly, Senator Ali moved the following:

Resolution 2477 05/10/00: On behalf of the assembly, Senator Ali moved the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the president, Senator Douglas Paterson, will continue to serve as the senate representative to the Chancellor's Council.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Deans Forum (Council of Academic Deans): senate vice president.

On behalf of the Assembly, Senator Ali moved the following:

Resolution 2478 05/10/00: On behalf of the assembly

BE IT RESOLVED, that the president appoints the vice president as the senate representative to the Dean's Forum (Council of Deans):

Wally Bacon (to replace Senator Janice Rech)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Graduate Council: graduate faculty member of the senate.

On behalf of the Assembly, Senator Ali moved the following:

Resolution 0000, 05/10/00: On behalf of the assembly

BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president appoints the following senator, who is also a graduate faculty member, as the senate representative to the Graduate Council:

TBA (to replace Senator Lynn Harland)

Discussion: The resolution was held over until August pending the name of a nominee.

Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Committee on Goals and Directions representative

On behalf of the Assembly, Senator Ali moved the following:

Resolution 0000, 05/10/00: On Behalf of the Assembly

BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate president appoints the following member of the Committee on Goals and Directions as the senate representative to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee:

TBA (to replace Senator Hesham Ali)

Discussion: The resolution was held over until August pending the name of a nominee.

Appointment of 2000-2001 Chair of the Committee on Rules: Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Article VI.

Committees., Section 5.6 Committee on Rules.: 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. The Committee on Rules shall serve as a broad coordinating body for the faculty senate. The committee shall take an active role in the delegation of issues to appropriate committees.

On behalf of the assembly, Senator Ali moved the following:

Resolution 2479, 05/10/00, On Behalf of the Assembly

BE IT RESOLVED, that according to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska, Article VI, Section 5.6, the senate president appoints the following senator to serve as chair of the Committee on Rules:

Sharon Sobel (to replace Senator Miriam DeLone)

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

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.

On behalf of the assembly, Senator Ali moved the following

Resolution 2480, 05/10/00: On behalf of the assembly

BE IT RESOLVED, that according to the Constitution of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska, Article VI, Section 5.6, the president appoints the following faculty member as the 2000-2001 senate parliamentarian:

John Bartle (to replace Senator Duane Aschenbrenner)

Vote: The motion was approved; Senator Bartle abstained.

Selection of Standing Committee Vice Chairs

1999-2000 Standing Committees: Committees assemble and select vice chairs.

External Faculty Cannot Hold Office: 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."

Special Meetings: Constitution, Article IV. Organization of the Senate, Paragraph 7: In addition, special meetings may be convened at any time by the senate president's initiative and shall be convened by the president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president: 1. when requested by the chancellor; 2. when requested in writing by seven senators and submitted to the president; 3. when requested by written petition of at least ten percent of the faculty members and submitted to the president."

2000-2001 Vice Chairs: Bylaws, Article VI. Committees. Section 1: Membership. Standing committees will determine their own rules of procedure, including selection of additional officers (such as vice-chair) and appointment of subcommittees. Minutes shall be forwarded to the secretary-treasurer of the senate through the Executive Committee.

New vice chairs come forward immediately and report election results to the senate president and coordinator. When the selection process is complete the president announces the names of the new vice chairs.

On behalf of the assembly, Senator Ali moved the following

Resolution 2481, 05/10/00: On behalf of the Assembly

BE IT RESOLVED, that according to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska, Article VI, Section 1, the standing committees met and selected the following vice chairs:

James Carroll, Academic and Curricular Affairs
Andrew Smallwood, Educational Resources and Services
Robert Carlson, Faculty Personnel and Welfare
James Hagen, Goals and Directions
G. Griffith Elder, Professional Development
Miriam DeLone, Rules

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Reminder: Executive Committee (Officers) and Cabinet (Chairs) Meets Year Round: Constitution, Article IV. Organization of the Senate (Paragraph Seven): "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."

Reminder: Last Meeting for Non-Officers/Non-Chairs Until 2000-2001 Retreat in August: Constitution, 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.

This is the last full senate meeting until the annual retreat in August per the senate constitution. Reminder: Newly elected members of the Executive Committee and Cabinet (officers and standing committee chairs) are required to meet throughout the summer as noted in sections

New Business

Resolution: On behalf of the Assembly, the Executive Committee and Cabinet presented the following:

Amendment of Senate Bylaws Per Resolutions 2459 and 2460: As required by Article VII, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the Executive Committee and Cabinet hereby officially announce their intent to introduce a motion (resolution) to amend the bylaws at the August 16, 2000, senate meeting. As required, the proposal has been reduced to writing as follows:

Resolution XXXX, 08/16/00: On behalf of the Assembly, the Executive Committee and Cabinet (Senator DeLone) presented the following:

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha approved Resolutions 2459 and 2460 on May 10, 2000, in an effort to coordinate the election process of the three faculty committees (Academic Freedom and Tenure, Faculty Grievance and Professional Conduct), and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2000, the Executive Committee and Cabinet announced its intent to introduce a motion to amend said bylaws at the August 16, 2000, meeting as required by Article VII, Section 1; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha be amended as follows:

FACULTY SENATE
OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

amendments by Bylaws Review Committee, February 27, 1998
amendments presented to the faculty senate, March 11, 1998
resolutions 2296 and 2305 presented to the faculty senate, April 8, 1998
approved by the faculty senate, April 8, 1998
resolution 2422 presented and passed by the faculty senate, Dec 8, 1999
proposed amendments presented to the faculty senate, February 9, 2000
resolution 3434 presented and approved by the faculty senate, March 8, 2000
resolutions 2459 and 2460 presented and passed by the faculty senate, May 10, 2000
proposed amendments presented to the faculty senate, May 10, 2000
resolution XXXX presented and approved by the faculty senate, August 16, 2000

Article VI. Committees. Section 6: Faculty Committees

6.2 Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee. This committee, composed of five (5) tenured and two (2) non-tenured members of the UNO faculty, will sit on all cases covered by sections 4.14 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. Members of the committee shall be elected by the faculty to a term of three (3) years. Every year at the ~~April~~ *September* meeting, the Committee on Rules shall present a slate of nominees that shall include for each vacancy to be filled one more candidate than the number of vacant seats created by reason of resignation, retirement, or the expiration of the term of a member. *The senate shall be notified of the newly elected members by way of a resolution presented by the Committee on Rules at the October senate meeting.* Non-tenured faculty members who receive tenure shall resign at the end of the academic year in which it is conferred and be replaced in the manner previously described. Elections to this committee shall be conducted in the same way ~~and at the same time~~ that faculty senators are elected. The committee shall elect its own chairperson. A committee with a case under consideration shall, when necessary, continue past ~~April~~ *September* with its membership unchanged until the case is resolved; in such an event, new cases shall be considered by the reconstituted committee.

6.3 Professional Conduct Committee. This committee, composed of five (5) tenured UNO faculty members holding the rank of assistant professor or above, will consider all professional conduct cases arising under section 4.15 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. The election to fill committee vacancies due to resignation, retirement, or the expiration of a three-year term shall be held ~~no later than October 15th of~~ *at the September meeting* each year. The faculty senate shall choose committee members by plurality vote from a list of nominees prepared by the Committee on Rules. The ballot shall list one more nominee for each vacancy than there are positions to be filled and, insofar as feasible, wide representation of the faculty should be sought in the composition of the committee. Members of the committee shall serve staggered terms, meaning that the term(s) of one class of members will expire each year. Retiring members shall continue to serve for three (3) years as alternates who will be available as committee replacements should the need arise in a particular case. The committee shall elect its own chairperson from the membership. *A committee with a case under consideration shall, when necessary, continue past September with its membership unchanged until the case is resolved; in such an event, new cases shall be considered by the reconstituted committee.*

Adjourn: 4:40 p.m.