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**Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha**  
**2000-2001 Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 8, 2000, 2:00 p.m., PKI 356**

SPECIAL NOTATION: The senate meeting was held in the Peter Kiewit Institute on our the South Campus to promote camaraderie between the two campuses.

Attendees: Allen, N. Bacon, W. Bacon, Barron-McKeagney, Bartle, Baum, Carlson, Carroll, Chung, Coyne, Elder, El-Rewini, Falconer Al-Hindi, Fawcett, File, Foster, Hagen, Haworth, Johnson, Landis, Mande, O'Connell, Paterson, Shroder, Smallwood, Smith, Sobel, Thompson, Tuan, Valle, Zhao  
Excused: Irvin, Metal-Corbin, Mitchell, Ryalls  
Unexcused: DeLone, Shaw  
Arriving Late: Haworth  
Leaving Early: Falconer Al-Hindi, Tuan

Guest(s): Vice Chancellor James Buck, UNOmaha University Affairs and Communication  
Linda Barritt, Director of Marketing, Metro Area Transit Representative  
Denny Hirz, Sales Person, Metro Area Transit Representative

Presiding Officer (Senator Paterson): Constitution, Article IV: The senate's presiding officer shall be the president. In the president's absence, presiding officer of the senate shall be the vice-president or, if the need should arise, as provided in the bylaws. Bylaws, Article I, Section 1: The faculty senate president shall be the presiding officer of the senate...and shall chair the Executive Committee and the Cabinet when they meet in lieu of the full senate during the months of June and July.

Parliamentarian (Senator Bartle): Constitution, Article IV: The president shall appoint a parliamentarian, who need not be a member of the senate

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

Dr. James Buck, Vice Chancellor for University Affairs and Communication

Linda Barritt, Metro Area Transit Representative

Guest Presentations

Vice Chancellor James Buck

Senate Points of Interest: At Vice Chancellor Buck's request, the following points of interest were compiled by the Senate Executive Committee and Cabinet for inclusion in his presentation.

Tuition Increases

how many students will we lose to our competitors if we push tuition up

how will financial aid for the truly needy students be affected

has consideration been given to charging more for the upper level and graduate courses rather than increasing tuition across the board (i.e., x for 100 and 200 level courses, 1.5x for 300 and 400, and 2x for graduate. This would help students get started, and then pay for the smaller, more specialized higher-level courses later.)

clarify projected range of \$8 to \$15 million to reach revenue of peers.

concern for lack of clarity in how the proposed increase works (i.e., 10% each year).

will percentage of increase be across the board for the entire NU system.

senate support -- should the senate play a role in supporting tuition hikes?

#### Research Task Force

Legislature/Board of Regents Relationship: Given the elections, how will our relationships with the individual legislators and members of the Board of Regents be affected?

Community Image: What changes, if any, to UNOmaha's image are occurring in the Omaha area and the wider region?

Linda Barritt

MAT Schedule Changes on Dodge Street (UNOmaha) Route: Service cut October 5th, 15 minutes intervals had previously run for approximately 30 years.

Fare Increase: \$ .90 to \$1.25 as of January, 2001.

Mass Transit in Omaha, Nebraska: Has been in our city 132 years, currently uses 3,000 gallons of fuel per day, and has a 6% drop in rider ship this year.

Presentation and Approval of Minutes: Senator Paterson asked for approval of the October 11, minutes (agenda attachments 1-20). The minutes were approved as submitted. Officers Reports.

President's Report: Senator Douglas Paterson

#### Written Reports

Executive Committee and Administration

Agenda, October 19 (agenda attachments 21-22)

Report, October 19 (agenda attachment 23)

Strategic Planning

Report, October 20: A written report was not submitted.

Chancellor's Council

Agenda, October 26 (agenda attachment 24)

Report, October 26 (agenda attachment 25)

Board of Regents

Report, November 3 (agenda attachments 26-28)

Verbal Report

Deans Forum, November 2: Per majority agreement by the full senate, the president's report on the activities of the Deans Forum will be given verbally only in order to respect and ensure the confidentiality of the issue discussed therein. No written report will be provided nor minutes taken.

Call for Senate Advise: Feed back is requested from the full senate regarding the recent Academic Freedom and Tenure ballots (deadline 11/10/00). A data base was requested from Personnel for the purpose of mailing the ballots to all qualifying full-time faculty, however, it was not until two part-time faculty and one chair contacted the senate office that it became known there was a flaw in the data (since only name and departments are provided there was no way to double-check the information). There are two issues at hand as well as the decision whether to re-run the election process or not.

The data base provided by Personnel does not meet the guidelines requested because it includes part-timers and excludes chairs.

A second ballot for chairs only can be distributed, however, there is no way to identify and remove part-time ballots since most faculty remove the ballot header before returning it.

Senator Sobel also reported that one of the candidates, Susan Suprenant, is listed as an instructor (as posted in the 2000-2001 Employee Telephone Directory), however, she is now an assistant professor. She is concerned whether this will affect the number of votes Professor Suprenant receives.

Motion: Senator Sobel moved holding a re-election for a number of reasons including the format of the ballot, the incorrect title of one of the nominees, and the errors on the mailing database provided by Institutional Research.

Second: Senator Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The motion was passed unanimously.

#### Announcements

Quality and Quantity of Honorary Degree Nominations: A number of excellent nominees were discussed and debated at the November 1, Executive Committee and Cabinet as required by senate Resolution 2349. Names will be forwarded to the chancellor on behalf of the senate for final consideration.

#### **Resolution 2349 11/11/98: Committee on Goals and Directions**

WHEREAS, the awarding of honorary degrees involves issues of confidentiality; and

WHEREAS, discussions of such should involve full and frank discussions of the particular merits of individual candidates; and

WHEREAS, full investigation of nominees will involve intense research into individual qualifications; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the faculty senate agrees that the awarding of honorary degrees conferred by the University of Nebraska at Omaha be discussed and debated in the senate Executive Committee and Cabinet before forwarding an opinion to the chancellor for final consideration.

Chancellor's Written Response to Senate Resolutions: The UNO Chancellor's Response to Faculty Senate Resolutions covering resolutions 2431 through 2440 passed by the senate from March 8, 2000, through October 12, 2000, was received in the senate office on October 31. Copies of resolutions 2433 and 2440 are attached since both have special notations on the response form. (agenda attachments 29-32)

Executive Committee and Cabinet (EC&C) Lunch with Dr. White: On November 2, the senate Executive Committee and Cabinet participated in and eat & meet with Dr. Joseph L. White, a consultant for the NU System. Dr. White has been hired to help achieve diversity and strategic planning goals and objectives. He has spent nearly 40 years lending his expertise to the education, development and training of young people and adults in addition to

serving as a professor of psychology, psychiatry and comparative culture at the University of California, Irvine. He has also held faculty and administrative appointments at San Francisco State University and California State University, Long Beach during 30 of those years. Dr. White is one of the pioneers in the contemporary Black psychology movement resulting in his thinking and writings literally reshaping and re-framing an entire discipline. His seminal article, "Toward a Black Psychology," was instrumental in beginning the modern era of African-American psychology. (Sections copied from Enotes.)

Congratulations and Thank You to Senator Hesham Ali: On behalf of the senate, congratulations are extended to Senator Ali who recently accepted the position of Associate Dean of the College of Information Science and Technology. Sincere thanks is also expressed for Senator Ali's solid representative of the IST&E college and faculty interests.

New Senator Welcomed: On behalf of the senate, a warm welcome is extended to Dr. Dwight Haworth, ISQA, who replaces Senator Ali on the Committee on Goals and Directions.

Thank You for Service: On behalf of the senate, a thank you is extended to Senator Timi Barone for her service as a representative for the College of Arts and Sciences from May, through September, 2000. Professor Barone withdrew her name due to scheduling conflicts.

New Senator Welcomed: On behalf of the senate, a warm welcome is extended to Dr. James Fawcett, Biology, who replaces Senator Barone on the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare.

New Charge

Chancellor's Response to Domestic Partnership Resolutions 2370 and 2440: At the October 11, senate meeting the assembly charged Senator Paterson with re-addressing the issue of domestic partnership with Chancellor Belck and requesting a written response to Resolutions 2370 and 2440 as soon as possible.

Chancellor's Response: See agenda section V, A, 3, b.

Vice President's Report: Senator Wally Bacon

Written Report: A report was not submitted.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Senator Hesham Ali

Written Budget Report: Senator Ali presented the October 31, budget report (agenda attachment 33).

Executive Committee Report: Senator Wally Bacon

Written Report, November 1: A written report was not submitted.

Action Required

Officer Resigns/Replacement Needed: Senator Hesham Ali submitted a written resignation to the senate office via e-mail on Tuesday, October 31, after accepting the position of Associate Dean of the College of Information Science and Technology (see V, A, 3, d above). The senate is required to fill the position of secretary-treasurer according to the following.

Constitution of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, 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.

See Resolution 2513 below.

Resolutions

**Resolution 2513, 11/08/00: On behalf of the Assembly**

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 to complete Hesham Ali's term as secretary-treasurer from 11/08/00 to 05/09/2001. Senator Ali submitted his resignation after accepting the position of Associate Dean of the College of Information Science and Technology.

Hesham El-Rewini

Motion: Senator W. Bacon moved the resolution.

Amendment: Senator Shroder suggested adding "as secretary-treasurer" after "term."

Second: Senator Allen seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The motion to amend the resolution passed.

Motion: Senator W. Bacon moved the resolution as amended.

Second: Senator Sobel seconded the motion.

Discussion: Senator Smith said it would be nice to have a competitive election in the senate some times. Senator Paterson explained most of the senators asked to run declined.

Call: Calling the question was discussed but not acted upon.

Vote: The motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2514, 11/08/00: On behalf of the Assembly**

WHEREAS, Senator Josie Metal-Corbin and a group of University of Nebraska at Omaha faculty, staff and students participated in "Nebraska Dancing," celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the Omaha Modern Dance Collective, of which Senator Metal-Corbin was a co-founder, and also created "Kitchen Dancing and Other Recipes," thus fulfilling the Strategic Plan's commitment to intensified community involvement; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha congratulates Senator Metal-Corbin on her contributions to the arts and to the Omaha community.

Motion: Senator W. Bacon moved the resolution.

Second: The motion was seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2515, 11/08/00: On behalf of the Assembly**

WHEREAS, Professor Hesham Ali has meritoriously served the University of Nebraska at Omaha Faculty Senate as Secretary-Treasurer as well as in numerous other capacities, and

WHEREAS, Professor Ali has been named Associate Dean of the College of Information Science and Technology and must resign his Senate seat, and

WHEREAS, his insightful observations combined with his gentle manner have enriched numerous senate meetings and discussions; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate thanks Professor Ali for his outstanding service to the faculty and wishes him well in his new responsibilities.

Motion: Senator W. Bacon moved the resolution.

Second: The motion was seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The motion was passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports: Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Article IV, Section 1: All committee recommendations addressed to the faculty senate must be put on the agenda and presented to the senate without substantive alteration.

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator John Bartle

Written Reports

Agenda, October 25 (agenda attachment 34)

Minutes, October 25 (agenda attachments 35-37)

New Charge

Plus/Minus Grading System: At the October 4, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting, Senator Paterson charged the committee with readdressing the plus/minus grading system and preparing a resolution for presentation at the November senate meeting.

Resolutions

**Resolution 2516, 11/08/00: Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs**

WHEREAS, service-learning has been demonstrated to improve students' comprehension of course content, to help them appreciate the relevance of academic learning to life outside the university, to strengthen their sense of civic responsibility, to sharpen their abilities to think critically and work collaboratively, and to provide hands-on experience valued by employers, and

WHEREAS, service-learning faculty consistently find that service-learning invigorates their teaching and opens the door to opportunities for applied research, and

WHEREAS, service-learning benefits our community by bringing the talents and energies of students to bear on community problems, and

WHEREAS, these benefits have particular relevance to UNOmaha's goals of ensuring excellence in teaching and of strengthening the connection between the university and the community, and

WHEREAS, the UNOmaha Service-Learning Academy performs the essential function of coordinating the campus-wide service-learning effort and supporting faculty in developing well- designed, rigorous service-learning courses; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha commends the Service-Learning Academy for its advocacy and support of service-learning, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the senate urges academic departments and colleges to support service-learning, especially by granting reassigned time as appropriate for program development and by recognizing service-learning teaching and scholarship in the faculty reward structure (merit pay, teaching awards, reappointment, tenure, and promotion).

Action: Senator Bartle turned the floor over to Senator N. Bacon who explained the reasoning behind the resolution.  
Motion: Senator N. Bacon moved the resolution.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The motion was passed unanimously.

Action: Senator N. Bacon relinquished the floor back to Senator Bartle.

**Resolution 2517, 11/08/00: Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha moves approval, without change, of the proposed "Master of Public Health, A Joint Degree of the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Submitted to the Graduate Committee in August, 2000" and reviewed by the senate's Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs.

Motion: Senator Bartle explained the reasoning behind the resolution and moved it.

Discussion: Senator Valle announced a copy of the document is on file in the senate office.

Vote: The motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution 0000, 11/08/00: Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs**  
WITHDRAWN

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha moves approval, with changes, of the proposed "School Designation for Academic Units" upon the request of Associate Vice Chancellor John Farr and reviewed by the senate's Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs.

Motion: Senator Bartle moved the resolution.

Discussion: Senator Smith suggested the document be taken back to each senator's department for further review and discussion instead of passing it as-is. He requested Senator Bartle withdraw his motion. Senator File agreed. Senator Bartle withdrew his motion and asked for feedback regarding the word smithing of the document, especially the last paragraph. Senator Smith agreed to the informal withdrawal of the resolution.

Further Discussion: Senator Smith spoke to the issue of grade trends stating there is grade inflation based on the percentages looked at. Mark Byrd, Institutional Research, has been asked to provide data on a percentage level for 1985 through 1998, four year increments, rather than just grade level.

Announcement: On behalf of the committee, Senator Carroll informed Senator Paterson the committee did not have adequate time to prepare a resolution on the plus/minus grading system for presentation at the November meeting but will strive to have one by December.

Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Donald Baum

Written Reports

Agenda, October 25 (agenda attachment 38)

Minutes, October 25 (agenda attachment 39)

Announcement

Beck Bucks: Contributions of \$713.00 in checks/cash and \$122.00 in payroll deductions have been deposited into the Paul L. Beck Memorial Faculty/Staff Scholarship fund bringing this year's total to \$835.00. Senators who participated in fund-raising and still have contributions and/or pledges are in the senate office. The deadline was Monday, October 30.

New Charges:

Broader Notification to Students of Beck Scholarship: At the October 4, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting, Senator Baum agreed to take Senator Bartle's suggestion for expanding student advertisement, especially via e-mail, back to the committee for discussion.

Loaner Computers for Faculty: At the October 4, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting, Senator Paterson charged the committee with checking into loaner computers for faculty to use when their computers break down.



Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Jack Shroder

Written Reports

Agenda, October 25 (agenda attachment 40)

Minutes, October 25 (agenda attachment 41)

Resolution

**Resolution 2518, 11/08/00: Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare**

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha is the elected faculty body charged with responsibility of determining topics and concerns important to the faculty as a whole and communicating these issues to various constituencies, and

WHEREAS, salary issues are a critical factor in recruiting and retaining faculty and are important variables in determining faculty morale, and

WHEREAS, low starting salaries in some areas and inflexibility or limited options in previous contracts between the university administration and the UNO Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) has made recruiting and retaining faculty in some areas difficult and has led to salary compression and, in some cases, salary inversion, and

WHEREAS, the faculty senate is appreciative of recent opportunities to express Senate views to both the UNO AAUP and the UNO Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the faculty senate encourages continued and regular direct communication concerning faculty salary issues between both the UNO AAUP and university administration and the Faculty Senate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UNO administration fund a study of faculty salaries by rank and by department in comparison to peer institutions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Faculty Senate urges that all colleges offer fair and competitive faculty starting salaries, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that innovative mechanisms such as new monies, reallocated monies, or other sources be included in contracts between the AAUP and the administration to address salary inequities among and within university faculty units, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the AAUP and the administration constructively address salary compression and inversion that has occurred and that will continue to grow even worse if starting salaries are universally made fair and competitive within the marketplace.

Motion: Senator Shroder moved the resolution.

Amendment: Senator Allen moved to drop "or limited options" and "such as new monies, reallocated monies, or other sources" and un-italicize "inflexibility."

Second: The motion was seconded.

Discussion: Senator Allen stated he does not feel there have been limited options since he has been at UNO and thinks the innovative mechanism should be between the union and administration.

Clarification: Senator Baum called for clarification that the word "inflexibility" remain intact. Senator Allen agreed.

Discussion: Senator Carroll pointed out that, based on chairing the Bylaws and Constitution Review Committee, the Executive Committee and Cabinet's ability to amend resolutions has gotten out of hand. He further stated the full senate has the power to amend resolutions brought forth by the standing committees but not the Executive Committee and Cabinet.

Vote on Amendment: The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion: Discussion continued on the resolution as amended. Senator Shroder gave additional background on the reason for the resolution and noted the last three "BE IT RESOLVED," were split out of one paragraph.

Vote: The motion passed with one nay and one abstained vote.

Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Ann Coyne

Written Reports: No report; the committee did not meet in October.

Committee on Professional Development: Senator Chris Allen

Written Reports

Agenda, October 25 (agenda attachment 42)

Minutes, October 25: A written report was not submitted.

Verbal Report: Senator Allen reported the committee is looking for a way to obtain a summary of UNO's peer institution's learning circles. He further stated the committee will also look at ways the senate can help encourage the use of teaching and learning technology centers.

Committee on Rules: Senator Sharon Sobel

Written Reports: No report; the committee did not meet in October.

Resolution

#### **Resolution 2519, 11/08/00: Committee on Rules**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward to complete the remainder of Joe Davis' term from November 8, 2000, through July 31, 2001, on the University Committee on Student Affairs (Davis retired from the university). The affected three-year term was previously been filled by Sue Pendleton (original nominee/R2333) from July 1, 1998, through March 9, 1999, and Joe Davis (replaced Pendleton who resigned/R2366) from March 10, 1999, through November 8, 2000.

Barbara Simcoe

Motion: Senator Sobel moved the resolution.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **Resolution 2520, 11/08/00: Committee on Rules**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following faculty be recommended for service on the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences as requested by Vice Chancellor Hodgson. (Two student representatives, one representative from administration, one staff representative and one community representative will also be added to the membership of the committee by the vice chancellor.)

Alphabetical by A&S Divisions followed by Faculty-At-Large

Humanities: Black Studies, Communication, English, Foreign Languages, Philosophy and Religion (at least four faculty members)

Jim Conyers, Black Studies

Robert Carlson, Communication

William Blizek, Philosophy and Religion

Gregory Sadlek, English

Natural Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics/Materials Science (at least four faculty members)

Bruce Chase, Biology

Jack Heidel, Mathematics

Roger Hoburg, Chemistry

Glenn Sowell, Physics

Social Sciences: Geography/Geology, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology (at least four faculty members)

Wally Bacon, Political Science

Karen Falconer Al-Hindi, Geography/Geology and Women's Studies

Lourdes Gouveia, Sociology and Chicano/a-Latino/a Studies

Joseph Brown, Psychology

Faculty At-Large (at least two faculty members)

Richard Stacy, HPER, ED

Janet West, Economics, BA

Motion: Senator Sobel moved the resolution.

Discussion: Senator Sobel thanked her committee for again meeting the call for nominees within a very limited time frame.

Amendment: Senator W. Bacon asked for "Philosophy and Religion" to be added after William Blizek's name. On behalf of the committee, Senator Sobel accepted the friendly amendment.

Vote: The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **Resolution 0000, 11/08/00: Committee on Rules HELD OVER TO DECEMBER**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following faculty be recommended for service on the University Committee on Excellence in Teaching to serve three-year terms from November 8, 2000, through July 31, 2003. Two members should be recipients of the award and one member should be untenured, if possible. This is also the first time the new position of 'first year faculty member holding a Ph.D.' is added as charged by the chancellor's Task Force on University Committees (Committee on Committees). Continuing committee members are Andrew Smallwood (A&S, 08/01/97 to 07/31/00) and Philip Secret (PACS, 08/01/98 to 07/31/01) both of whom were appointed by the chancellor prior to this responsibility being turned over to the faculty senate.

TBA, Business Administration

TBA, Education

TBA, Fine Arts

TBA, IS&T

TBA, First Year Faculty Member Holding a Ph.D.

Withdrawn: Senator Sobel withdrew the resolution until nominees were secured.

Faculty Senate Advisory Committee Reports (alphabetical)

Budget Advisory Committee: Senator Douglas Paterson

Written Report, October (agenda attachment 43)

Agenda, November 6 (agenda attachment 44)

Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee: Senator James Carroll

Written Report, November 1 (agenda attachment 45)

Intercampus Resource Advisory Committee: Senator Douglas Paterson

Written Report, October 27 (agenda attachment 46)

Non-Senate Committee Reports (alphabetical)

Academic Planning Council: Senator Melodee Landis

Written Report, October 25 (agenda attachment 47)

Alumni Association, Board of Directors: Professor William Wakefield

Written Report: A written report was not submitted.

Announcement: On October 23, Dr. Wakefield notified the senate office via e-mail that the committee has not met this academic year. He confirmed he will forward agendas and minutes as they become available.

American Association of University Professors (AAUP): On behalf of Senator James Shaw, Senator Paterson presented the following:

Written Report, October 13 (agenda attachments 48-49)

Graduate Council: Senator Angela Valle

Minutes, October 9 (unofficial, to be approved at 11/13/00 meeting / agenda attachments 50-52)

Agenda, November 13 (agenda attachment 53)

Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Senator Franklin Thompson

Written Report, October 25 (agenda attachments 54-56)

Old Business

Administration to Address Senate: As announced at the October 11, senate meeting, administration has been invited to address the faculty senate through the academic year. Senators are asked to provide specific points of interest they would like addressed.

Proposed Schedule

August: Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Belck & Hodgson)

September: Open

October: Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Derek Hodgson)

November: Vice Chancellor for University Affairs and Communication (James Buck=confirmed)

December: Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance (Gary Carrico)

January: Chancellor (Nancy Belck = declined, shoulder surgery)

February: Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (Mary Mudd=confirmed)

March: Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Derek Hodgson=confirmed/week of Spring break)

April: Open  
May: NU President (L. Dennis Smith)

January Speaker: Discuss whether to switch Chancellor Belck to another month since she will be unable to address the senate in January due to shoulder surgery. Call for Points of Interest: Senator Paterson called for topics the senate would like Vice Chancellor Carrico to address in his December presentation. None were given; e-mails were encouraged prior to the December 13, meeting.

For the Good of the Order: Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, 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.

#### Election of President-Elect

Official Written Notice of Upcoming Election and Call for Nominations: The president-elect must be elected at the December 13, senate meeting. Interested candidates or those wishing to nominate a fellow senator should forward names to the senate office via e-mail no later than Thursday, November 30. Questions may be directed to the senate president, Douglas Paterson. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the December 13, election.

#### Constitution of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Article IV, Organization of the Senate:

The officers of the senate shall consist of the president, the vice-president, and the secretary-treasurer, and, in the spring semester, the president-elect if there be one. The senate shall conduct its business through committees as described in this constitution and in the bylaws.

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.

#### Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Article I. Duties of the Officers:

Section 1: The faculty senate president shall be the faculty's spokesperson. The faculty senate president shall be the presiding officer of the senate, attend all meetings of the board of regents as the official representative of the faculty senate, refer items to committees for consideration, and perform other duties appropriate to the office. He/she shall be the faculty spokesperson when the Executive Committee meets with the chancellor and the chancellor's staff and shall chair the Executive Committee and the Cabinet when they meet in lieu of the full senate during the months of June and July

Section 4: Upon election, the president-elect shall become a member of the Executive Committee. He/she shall endeavor to become thoroughly familiar with the senate's operating procedures and its role as the faculty's voice in the campus system of shared governance. The president-elect shall perform such other duties from time to time as may be delegated by the president or the Executive Committee.

New Business: Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, 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).

Shuttle Bus Shelter (Held over from 10/11/00 due to time.): This issue was discussed at the September 20, Executive Committee and Administration meeting and needs to be assigned to a standing committee to pursue. Note a

permanent bus shelter is currently located on the east side of Kaiser Hall (similar to city bus shelters) which may serve as a model or source of information on cost, etc.

Possible New Charge for Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee -- Eligibility of Senator to Continue Service after Promotion to Administration: Inclusion of clarification of procedure under these circumstances in bylaws. See VI, A, 2, Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee.

New Charge: Senator Paterson charged the committee with addressing the above issue as they review and update the senate's bylaws and constitution.

Tuition Raises: A discussion is encouraged on the issue of tuition raises per the Executive Committee's meeting with administration on Thursday, October 19.

Tuition Remission: Dan Sullivan sent the following e-mail to Senator Paterson, "The University-Wide Fringe Benefits Committee may consider tuition remission for dependents at its next meeting (probably in December or late November). If the faculty senate would care to make a statement or resolution, it might help. I'm not optimistic about getting it done now, but I believe it could occur in the future. It would be a great way to help recruiting of all employees, even if only on a limited basis. I'd also like to extend the benefit to senior citizens. Metro offers half tuition to seniors."

Revised Version of UNOmaha Demonstration Policy and Operating Regulations: This issue has already been discussed at the Executive Committee and Administration meeting and the Chancellor's Council meeting resulting in administration requesting a response from the senate by December 1. This task must be put on the fast-track and the review process assigned to either a standing committee or handled within Executive Committee and Cabinet.

Condolences: Senator Allen called for a resolution of condolence for Vice Chancellor Hodgson in the passing of his mother. The majority agreed a card be sent on behalf of the senate instead.

Campus-Wide Recycling: Concern for the lack of recycling on campus was addressed. Senator Paterson charged the Committee on Educational Resources and Services with investigating the current system, inviting Neil Morgensen and Jim Veiga to address the senate in January, and follow through on the implementation of campus-wide recycling, if possible.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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