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**Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha**  
**2000-2001 Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 10, 2001, 2:00 p.m., MBSC Dodge Room**

Attendees: Allen, N. Bacon, W. Bacon, Barron-McKeagney, Bartle, Baum, Carlson, Carroll, Chung, Coyne, Elder, El-Rewini, Engelmann, Falconer Al-Hindi, File, Foster, Hagen, Irvin, Mande, Metal-Corbin, O'Connell, Paterson, Shaw, Shroder, Smallwood, Smith, Sobel, Thompson, Tuan, Valle

Excused: None

Unexcused: DeLone, Fawcett, Haworth, Johnson, Landis, Mitchell, Zhao

Guests: Nancy Belck, Chancellor

Nancy Castilow

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.

Presentation and Approval of Minutes: Senator Paterson asked for approval of the December 13, 2000, minutes (agenda attachments 1-15). The minutes were approved as submitted.

Guest Presentation:

Chancellor Belck

State of UNOmaha

Chancellor Belck agreed to:

check into the status of the China Program and report back to the senate.

provide the senate with a list of the three different peer institutions: Coordinating Commission; Board of Regents; and UNOmaha.

Officers Reports

President's Report: Senator Paterson submitted the following:

Written Reports

Executive Committee and Administration Meeting: No report; the December meeting was canceled due to Chancellor Belck having shoulder surgery.

Chancellor's Council Meeting: No report; the council did not meet in December.

Board of Regents Meeting: No report; the regents do not meet until January 12 and 13.

2001-2002 Faculty Senate Representation by College (agenda attachment: 16)

#### Verbal Reports

Deans Forum: 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.

#### Announcements

New Minority Faculty Reception: Everyone should have received an invitation to the new minority faculty get-together on Tuesday, January 26, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Chancellor's Written Response to Senate Resolutions: The UNO Chancellor's Response to Faculty Senate Resolutions has not been received.

Wellness Stampede: David Daniels has requested time to make a presentation to the senate on the Wellness Stampede underway. Time on the February agenda is being considered.

Thank Yous: Verbal and/or written thank yous have been received from Bob Danenhauer, Shelton Hendricks and Senator Josie Metal-Corbin for resolutions passed in recognition of their outstanding contributions to UNOmaha. Certificates were recently distributed to all individual recognized by the senate in the 2000-2001 academic year: Hendricks, R2488; Metal-Corbin, R2514; Ali, R2515; Behrns, Klosterman, Mankenberg, Shires, R2521; Skrupa, R2522. Certificates will be issued as new resolutions are passed in the future.

NU Chancellor L. Dennis Smith and Provost Jones' Meeting with the Four NU Faculty Senate Presidents: The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room (UNL). Senators Paterson and W. Bacon to attend.

Annual Faculty Senate/Staff Advisory Council Banquet: Please reserve the evening of Thursday, May 10, for the annual banquet hosted by Chancellor Belck (spouses or significant others are included). Note the day had been changed from Wednesday to Thursday to accommodate the chancellor's schedule.

Search for Dean of CPACS: The senate's Executive Committee and Cabinet met with Dr. Philip Smith, candidate for the position of Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service, on Tuesday, January 9, at 3 p.m. in EAB 200. They will meet with a second candidate, Dr. B. J. Reed, on Friday morning, January 12 at 8:00 am in EAB 200. A faculty/staff forum is scheduled with both candidates on Tuesday, January 9, and Thursday, January 11, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the MBSC.

#### New Charges

Honorary Degree Recipient Guidelines: At the December 6, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting, Senator Paterson was charged with questioning the Board of Regents with why the examination of the senate's previous guideline "...that a Senate may disapprove a nominee for a year" is being eliminated in the new guidelines which are being drawn up for Honorary Degree Recipient Guidelines.

UNO Award Recipients At BOR Meetings: At the December 6, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting, Senator Paterson was charged with investigating why a UNO representative has not been present at recent BOR meetings to receive kudos on behalf of their good work. It was thought these recipients are winners of the Employee of the Month award.

State Grants: At the December 6, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting, Senator Paterson agreed to follow through on checking into why 2/3 of all state grants go to private schools and career schools rather than state schools.

Work-Study for Senate Office: At the December 6, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting, Senator Paterson was charged with contacting Vice Chancellor Hodgson regarding securing a work-study student for the senate office.

Phased Retirement: At the December 13, senate meeting, Senator Paterson was charged with looking into the university's policy on phased retirement and whether it is mandated that only the Spring semester can be taken off or if faculty can choose between Spring and Fall.

Senior Faculty Work Load: At the December 13, senate meeting, Senator Paterson was charged with looking into whether there are currently senior faculty at UNO who carry a three course load with one load off for research (as practiced at UNL). Concern was shared that such circumstances are not allowed campus-wide which may have to do with individual faculty member's contracts.

NU Values: At the December 13, senate meeting, Senator Paterson agreed to invite Rod Oberle to update the Executive Committee and Cabinet on the issue of NU Values. Senator Paterson will in turn either report to the full senate or invite Rod Oberle to address the senate himself.

Vice President's Report: Senator W. Bacon

Announcement - NU Chancellor L. Dennis Smith and Provost Jones' Meeting with the Four NU Faculty Senate Presidents: The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room (UNL). Senators Paterson and W. Bacon to attend.

New Charge - January Meetings: On January 8, Senator Paterson charged (via e-mail) Senator W. Bacon with presiding over the January 17, Executive Committee and Administration meeting and also attending the January 18, meeting of the Chancellor's Council. Senator Paterson will be out of the state on those dates.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Senator El-Rewini

Written Reports: Budget Report, December 31, 2000 (agenda attachment 17)

Executive Committee Report: Senator W. Bacon

Verbal Report: Senator Bacon was unable to attend the January meeting and deferred reporting to Senator El-Rewini. Senator El-Rewini stated it was a good meeting with few reports. He further noted that Senator Paterson gave announcements on the latest BOR meeting and recruitment. Senator Paterson added that a healthy discussion was held on the transition in leadership in the College of IS&T. He also reported this issue will be readdressed later under For the Good of the Order. Senator Paterson charged the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare with looking into concerns surrounding the dean of the College of IS&T stepping down and the parameters behind it.

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 Bartle submitted the following:

New Charge - Academic Freedom Coalition: At the December 13, senate meeting Senator Paterson charged the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs with looking into whether some division of UNO should join the Academic Freedom Coalition stating it might be a good source of information, networking and membership.

Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Baum submitted the following:

Written Reports: The November 29, minutes (agenda attachments 18-19)

The committee did not meet in December.

Verbal Report: Senator Baum reviewed the high points of his attached report.

Discussion: Senator Elder questioned the unavailability of the Lotus Notes automatic forwarding feature stating those who use a UNIX based system could benefit from it. Senator Paterson inquired if the committee should look into this issue further. Senator Baum shared it was a university-wide decision not to use the feature. Senator Paterson charged Senators Baum and Elder with following up on this issue. Senator El-Rewini stated the decision not to use this feature was not an easy one and is more than likely a trade off based on a more complicated scenario than we are aware of. Senator Baum stated, as he understands it, this is not a security issue. Senator Elder stated a fellow math department faculty member has been forced to get an off-campus file server in order to have this ability.

Announcement:

Campus-Wide Recycling: Senators Paterson and Baum have agreed that Neil Morgensen, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Facilities Management and Planning Jim Veiga, Manager of Grounds and Environmental Services should be invited to the committee's January meeting to discuss campus-wide recycling rather than address full senate. A follow-up report will be given at the February meeting.

Spring Meetings: Meetings for the Spring semester are scheduled in CBA 510 at 2:30 p.m. on January 31, February 28, March 28, and April 25.

Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Shroder submitted the following:

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

New Charges

Release of IS&T Dean: At the January 3, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting, Senator Paterson charged the committee with formally looking into the release of IS&T Dean, Wayne Dyksen.

West Campus Access: At the December 13, senate meeting, Senator Paterson charged the committee with looking into issues of concern surrounding the locked gate on the west end of campus. He further suggested the committee review the twenty year agreement with campus neighbors not to allow campus traffic through their property noting it is the neighbors themselves who are complaining about access, not students. Caution was advised regarding unmonitored traffic and exposure to street traffic so close to the UNO Child Care Center.

Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Coyne submitted the following:

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

Committee on Professional Development: Senator Allen submitted the following:

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

Committee on Rules: Senator Sobel submitted the following:

Written Reports: No report; the committee did not meet in December due to the holiday break. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 31, in DS Room 298 at 2:00 p.m. Senator File stated a number of committee members teach until 2:30 and asked if the starting time could be moved to 2:30. Senator Sobel agreed and said she'd notify Senator DeLone who was not present at the senate meeting.

Resolution 2529, 01/10/01: Committee on Rules (Held Over from 12/13/00)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following name go forward to complete the remainder of Janice Collins' term (R2507) on the Student Activities Budget Commission from December 13, 2000, through July 31, 2003. Professor Collins is unable to complete her three-year term due to schedule conflicts.

Kenneth Dick (to replace Janice Collins)

Motion: On behalf of the Committee on Rules, Senator Sobel moved the resolution.

Second: No second required since presented by the committee.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Faculty Senate Advisory Committee Reports (alphabetical)

Budget Advisory Committee: Senator Douglas Paterson

Written Report, December: No report; the committee did not meet in December. Senator Paterson stated he will contact Dale Krane, chair, to discuss the option of combining the meeting the Intercampus Resource Advisory Committee from now on.

Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee: Senator James Carroll

Written Report, December: No report; the committee did not meet in December.

Verbal Report: Senator Carroll thanked Senator Paterson for the new monthly charges he has been sending the committee. Senator Paterson stated he is always glad to keep a committee busy.

Announcement: The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 15.

New Charges

Consensus on Presider in Absence of Vice President and Lack of Guidance in Bylaws: On January 2, Senator Paterson charged the chair (via e-mail) with having the committee address the presiding order at the Executive Committee and Cabinet meetings in the absence of the vice president based on circumstances at the 01/03/01 meeting.

Timing of Senate Election: On January 9, Senator Paterson charged the chair (via e-mail) with having the committee discuss the possibility of holding the election in December with the results due in the senate office by the first week in January. This section of the bylaws was changed during the last revision, however, it appears the new deadline will still not allow adequate time for deans to take the election results into consideration when creating the teaching schedules for the fall semester.

Intercampus Resource Advisory Committee: Senator Douglas Paterson

Non-Senate Committee Reports (alphabetical)

Academic Planning Council: Senator Melodee Landis

Alumni Association, Board of Directors: Professor William Wakefield

American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator James Shaw

Verbal Report: Senator Shaw reported negotiations are down to the wire noting the final round should be held on Thursday, January 11. He further stated communication is in a delicate state, therefore, he's not free to reveal hard numbers but he did encourage all to be optimistic. Senator Shaw said there is a sense the regents are serious about improving faculty salaries. He also indicated the process has taken a long time and there is a possibility negotiations may not be ready to go to binding arbitration noting if that reverses it could be held as soon as Saturday, January 27. Senator Shaw reported AAUP has only lost one arbitration the last 20 years. He encouraged faculty to make a point to thank both Bill Pratt and Joe Brown for the years of skilled experience they bring to the table as well as all the time and effort they have put in on the faculty's behalf. Senator Paterson stated anyone interested in getting involved with the AAUP leadership are encouraged to do so.

Graduate Council: Senator Angela Valle

Written Reports: November 13, minutes (agenda attachments 21-23)

Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Senator Franklin Thompson:

Old Business

Updated Senate Chart (agenda attachment 25)

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.

Senator Thompson: City Council, District 6 Election

IS&T: Release of Dean

UNL: Confronting Mediocrity

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).

Graduate Certificate in Human Resources and Training Proposal: Dr. Shelton Hendricks requested senate approval of the Graduate Certificate n Human Resources and Training Proposal. Senator Paterson charged the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs with reviewing the document,

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hesham El-Rewini  
Secretary-Treasurer