

2-14-2001

Faculty Senate Minutes February 2001

UNO Faculty Senate

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/facultysenateminutes>
Please take our feedback survey at: https://unomaha.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8cchtFmpDyGfBLE

Recommended Citation

UNO Faculty Senate, "Faculty Senate Minutes February 2001" (2001). *Faculty Senate Minutes*. 79.
<https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/facultysenateminutes/79>

This Document is brought to you for free and open access by the UNO Faculty Senate at DigitalCommons@UNO. It has been accepted for inclusion in Faculty Senate Minutes by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UNO. For more information, please contact unodigitalcommons@unomaha.edu.

Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha
2000-2001 Senate Minutes
Wednesday, February 14, 2001, 2:00 p.m., MBSC Dodge Room

Attendees: Allen, N. Bacon, W. Bacon, Barron-McKeagney, Bartle, Baum, Carlson, Carroll, Coyne, DeLone, El-Rewini, Engelmann, Falconer Al-Hindi, Fawcett, File, Hagen, Irvin, Johnson, Landis, Mande, Metal-Corbin, Mitchell, O'Connell, Paterson, Shaw, Shroder, Smallwood, Smith, Sobel, Thompson, Tuan, Valle, Zhao Presiding Officer: Paterson (Constitution, Article IV & Bylaws, Article I, Section 1)
Parliamentarian: Bartle (Constitution, Article IV)
Excused: Chung, Elder
Unexcused: Haworth, Foster

Guests: Harvey Leavitt, Associate Professor, English
Mary Mudd, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs
Stan Schleifer, Manager, Environmental Health and Safety
Paul Kosel, Chairperson, Staff Advisory Council

Quorum: simple majority/19 (Constitution, Article IV)

Official Call To Order: Senator Paterson called the meeting to order.

Introduction of Guests: Senator Paterson introduced the following guests.

Dr. Mary Mudd, Vice Chancellor, Student Services

Harvey Leavitt, Associate Professor, English

Stan Schleifer, Manager, Environmental Health and Safety

Guest Presentations

Professor Harvey Leavitt

Endorsement for Annual Women's Theme: Professor Harvey Leavitt contacted Senator Paterson by e-mail on 01/30/01, requesting "some form of an endorsement for an annual theme, for the next academic year, which is about women." He provided the attached documents which represent where his thinking has taken him thus far. Professor Leavitt extended his thanks and encourages "the senate to adopt the idea of an annual theme but for now, endorsing a particular theme" based on the plan which follows the introductory piece entitled "A Working Paper...." (agenda attachments 1-4).

Solicit Steering Committee Members

Dr. Mary Mudd

Student Services' State of Affairs

Cheating: Senator Carroll has inquired about the World-Herald news service story within the past week on cheating by students asking if there are any trends in the incidence of cheating sufficiently severe to involve your office and if so, what has been done to support faculty who have identified persistent or flagrant cheaters?

Student Housing: Senator Carroll has asked to what extent the university is using campus housing to attract students with disabilities? To what extent are students with disabilities are using campus housing? Are they given any priority in campus housing, based for example on the limited number of apartments accessible to them?

Recruitment of Minority Students: Senator Landis asks what is being done to recruit more minority students to UNO?

Stan Schleifer

Campus Defibrillators (Automatic External Defibrillator = AED)

Where are the defibrillators currently located?

Stan Schleifer noted there are a total of eight AEDs on campus; one each in the Library, HPER, PKI, Health Services, Athletic Training. Campus Security has one AED in their office and two in patrol units.

Who is currently trained to use them?

Approximately seventy campus-wide as follows: Library 8; HPER 22, PKI 2, Health Services (all employees), and Athletic Training (all employees).

When was their training last updated?

July/August 2000

What kind of time frame does the operator of the defibrillator have to respond in for the treatment to be effective?

The faster the response time the better, however, results are less positive after 10 minutes.

When was the last training session?

February, 2001

How can one volunteer to become trained?

HPER has classes on a routine basis; posted through the Wellness Stampede. Red Cross offers a 4-hour training class for \$30. Contact Stan Schleifer for assistance.

Is anything being done to place a defibrillator in every building on campus and ...

Two more units have been requested from Chancellor's Cabinet discretionary fund (cost is \$3,000 each) for placement in the Fine Arts building and the Arts and Sciences Hall.

Consideration is being given to placing signs stating where the AEDs are located and who is trained to use them.

If not, how can the senate help get this done?

Presentation and Approval of Minutes: Senator Paterson asked for approval of the January 10, minutes (agenda attachments 5-11). The minutes were approved as submitted.

Officers Reports

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

Written Reports

Executive Committee and Administration, January 17: Senator W. Bacon attended on behalf of Senator Paterson who was out of town. See Senator Bacon's report later in the meeting.

Chancellor's Council, January 18: Senator W. Bacon attended on behalf of Senator Paterson who was out of town. See Senator Bacon's report later in the meeting.

Board of Regents

Written Report: January 12 & 13 (agenda attachments 12-15)

Verbal Report: There are two new regents on the board. The thought is there may be more micro-management as a result, particularly at UNMC. Next Meeting: March 2 & 3

UNO Peer Institution List: Chancellor Belck has provided Senator Paterson with a copy of UNO's three peer institution lists as requested at the January 10, senate meeting. Since the report was omitted from the February packet it will be included in the March 7, senate agenda packet.

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.

Student Center Issues: The MBSC Committee has asked for feedback from the senate on any issues of concern regarding the student center. Women's Studies Program: A brief presentation will be made by Senator Falconer Al-Hindi at the full senate meeting on the background of the Women's Studies Program, the focus on the new major, and suggest ways for senators and faculty to contribute to the program.

Immediate Action Required - NU Distance Education Strategic Plan: On February 5, Senator Paterson received a document concerning the NU Distance Education Strategic Plan from Chancellor Belck along with a request from President Smith and herself that it be reviewed and responded to by Wednesday, February 21st.

Senator Shroder clarified the Intellectual Property issue is posted in a separate document. He further noted he has already requested a copy forwarded to Senator Paterson. Senator Shroder stated there will probably be a push for a document similar to the University of Texas.

Announcements:

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.

Date Changes for March Senate Meetings: Because of Spring Break, the Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting has been moved to Monday, March 5th, at 2:00 p.m. in Fine Arts 318 and the full Senate meeting has been moved to Wednesday, March 7th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Center's Bootstrapper Hall.

Vice President/President-Elect's Report: Senator W. Bacon reported on the following items.

Written Reports

Executive Committee and Administration Meeting: January 17, minutes (agenda attachment 16)

Senator W. Bacon reported there is no earth shaking news at this time.

Chancellor's Council Meeting: January 18, minutes (agenda attachment 17)

Senator W. Bacon reported the committee has begun to discuss the process of coming to grips, once again, with the Shanghai Project. He further noted he has attended several meetings regarding this issue to gather questions that need to be addressed before proceeding with the program. A pilot program is already underway. Another cohort is

planned for this Fall, however, those involved are anxious to get a full program underway rather than continuing with the pilot program. Senator W. Bacon plans to report to the senate upon his return from Shanghai (trip February 24 - 26). He requested questions/concerns be forwarded to him via e-mail prior to February 22. Senator Shroder reported there seems to be a budget behind the project. He referred all to Resolution 2432 (copied below) and stated the senate will eventually have to take a firm stand on this issue.

Announcement - Shanghai Trip: Senator Bacon will accompany Tom Gouttierre, Derek Hodgson and Peter Ng to Shanghai at the end of this month. The invitation was extended on the initiative of Chancellor Belck. The purpose is to evaluate the pilot project in Shanghai and to initiate its second semester. Senator Bacon has told those involved that, even though I appreciate the opportunity to go, I will evaluate the project on the basis of the Senate's concerns expressed in last Spring's resolutions (copied below). Prior to the trip Prof. Ng would like to meet with as many of the senate's Executive Committee and Cabinet as possible. Dean Gouttierre will meet with him on Thursday, February 8 at 9 a.m. Senator Bacon is available at 10 and invites as many as possible to join him despite the short notice. Please see if your schedule will permit you to attend and tell Senator Bacon at the February 7, Executive Committee and Cabinet meeting. The Shanghai meeting will be in Dean Gouttierre's office, ASH 238.

Resolution 2432, 02/09/00: On Behalf of the Assembly

WHEREAS, the China program has been a topic of conversation on campus for several months without any formal document available for faculty review, and

WHEREAS, UNOmaha faculty have a number of questions concerning the proposed UNOmaha degree program in China, and

WHEREAS, the faculty has not received sufficient detailed information about the proposed contract despite Vice Chancellor Hodgson's gracious presentation to the Senate on the proposal; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate respectfully requests that it be kept fully informed by the administration both concerning generalities and details of the contract as it takes shape; and that the Faculty Senate be consulted in those matters contained in the contract and its implementation over which the faculty normally has governance prerogatives.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Senator El-Rewini reported on the following items.

Written Reports: Budget Report, January 31 (agenda attachment 18)

Executive Committee Report: Senator W. Bacon

Standing Committee Reports (Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1)

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Bartle on the following items.

Written Report: January 31, minutes (agenda attachments 19-21)

Verbal Report: Resolutions are expected next month on the issues of Grade Trend Data and Plus Minus Grading.

Resolution 2530, 02/14/01: Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs

WHEREAS, academic units at UNO have requested that they be designated as schools, and

WHEREAS, the criteria distinguishing an academic department from a school are not defined; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha that the principles articulated in the attached document "'School' Designation for Academic Units@ be considered by the University of Nebraska central administration and by the Board of Regents for adoption as standing policy.

Motion: On behalf of the Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs, Senator Bartle moved the resolution.

Second: A second is not required since the committee moved the resolution.

Discussion: Senator Baum suggested adding a paragraph indicating this is a value judgment not a specific number and thereby spell-out the intention rather than getting stuck on a number.

Vote: The motion was approved; one senator abstaining.

New Charge - Graduate Certificate in Human Resources and Training Proposal: At the January 10, senate meeting, Senator Paterson charged the committee with reviewing the Graduate Certificate in Human Resources and Training Proposal as requested by Dr. Shelton Hendricks.

Committee on Educational Resources and Services: Senator Baum reported on the following items.

Written Reports: January 31, minutes (agenda attachment 22)

New Charge - Lotus Notes Automatic Forwarding Feature: At the January 10, senate meeting, Senator Paterson charged Senators Baum and Elder with following up on why the Lotus Notes automatic forwarding feature cannot be used.

Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare: Senator Shroder reported on the following items.

Written Reports: January 31, minutes (agenda attachments 23-24)

Resolution 0000, 02/14/01: Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare

REMANDED BACK TO COMMITTEE TO REVIEW & REPRESENT IN MARCH

WHEREAS, retirements from university service are commonly viewed as a means whereby the university can renew itself and also free up monies for the development of new programs, and

WHEREAS, some faculty who could retire have not done so because of various problems associated with benefits, or lack of possible continued engagement with the university to which they have devoted their professional lives, or other problems, and

WHEREAS, the appearance or fact of inequity in retirement may lead some faculty to needlessly delay retirement, and

WHEREAS, the university has instituted a phased retirement program ranging from 3-7 years with approximately 30 retirements expected each year for the next five years, and

WHEREAS, phased retirements require availability of a faculty office, and emeritus status may require same, and

WHEREAS, according to item RP-4.2.6 of the Board of Regents handbook on the Rights and Responsibilities of Professional Staff, Emeritus status is not automatic but special privileges accruing to retired staff may include office space, desk room, and/or research facilities where such is deemed especially desirable, and is recommended by the staff of the department, and the dean, or the director; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that formal, standardized procedures be developed for determining Emeritus status, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that faculty nearing retirement should petition their department, their chair, and their dean at any time for a vote to determine whether or not they will be granted Emeritus status, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all faculty in phased retirement or with Emeritus status be provided with guaranteed office space, telephone, and computer support for as long as they shall need it; such space to be commensurate and ongoing with evidence of productivity in terms of continued teaching, student advising,

research papers published, and grants obtained.

Motion: On behalf of the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare, Senator Shroder moved the resolution.

Second: A second is not required since the committee moved the resolution.

Discussion: Senator Shroder gave a brief background on the current process for awarding Emeritus status. Senator Carroll voiced concern for the lack of time limits in the resolution stating the resolution is a little open-ended as-is. Senator Shroder pointed out the resolution incorporates a request that formal guidelines to be established. Senator Coyne suggested separating some of the benefits so that anyone who retires can automatically use the Library and HPER facilities leaving the question about whether faculty get an office on campus up to the individual department/college. She reiterated some thing should be automatic for every faculty member who retires. Senator Smith moved to delete the third "Be It Resolved." Senator Shroder replied a faculty member specifically asked for this section. Senator Shroder suggested sending the resolution back to the committee to separate in two. Senator Coyne re-emphasized the need to give all faculty basic benefits. Senator Carlson requested the BOR Bylaws and was provided the senate booklet.

Motion: Senator Bartle moved striking the last "Be It Resolved.

Vote on amendment: The motion passed with one senator abstaining.

Discussion: Senator Carroll questioned the mechanism for implementing this issue. Senator Shroder said the resolution itself will inform administration there is concern particularly in light of the growing number of retiring faculty. Senator Carroll brought up concern that if the last "Be It Resolved" is struck it's not as powerful as it would otherwise have been and suggested the resolution be sent back to the committee and returned as two separate resolutions next month.

Motion: Senator Carroll moved to postpone any further consideration and remand the resolution back to the committee for consideration of a second resolution to accompany it. He further requested the amended resolution and possible new resolution be presented at the March senate meeting.

Seconded: Senator Smith seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion to postpone passed.

Resolution Remanded: Senator Paterson formally remanded the resolution back to the committee.

Verbal Report - Intellectual Property Meeting, February 8 (High Priority Issue): Senator Shroder attended the Intellectual Property meeting on February 8, and obtained the website address which has the University of Texas' contract posted on it. He informed Senator Paterson that the "faculty own everything but university cost shares to develop and splits profits 50/50." and noted the document currently in UNO's Office of Academic Affairs not nearly so nice. There is some questions on whether this issue has been evolving without faculty input since it's early draft.

Senator Shroder expounded on the information listed above. Senate Shaw reported the UNO Chapter of AAUP just negotiated that administration must negotiate with them as a means of preventing administration from imposing anything without AAUP's involvement. Senator Shroder encouraged all to visit the following website: www.utsystem.edu/OGC/INTELLECTUALPROPERTY/

New Charges (2) - Intellectual Property/High Priority for Critical Action: By e-mail on February 9, Senator Paterson charged Senator Shroder with distributing copies of the Intellectual Property document distributed at the February 8, meeting (see 2 A above) to the senate's Executive Committee and Cabinet. He also charged the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare with advising the senate on their perspectives and what action needs to be taken. Senator Paterson requested these charges be considered "high priority" for "critical action."

New Charge - Dean of IS&T: At the January 10, senate meeting, Senator Paterson charged the committee with looking into concerns surrounding the dean of the College of IS&T stepping down, the parameters behind it, and the lack of faculty involvement in the issue. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Coyne reported on the following items.

Senator Coyne informed the senate that the committee is developing what faculty at-large see as the most important issues the senate should be addressing. Results will be announced when ready.

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

Written Reports: January 31, minutes (agenda attachment 25)

Committee on Rules: Senator Sobel reported on the following items.

Announcements: Senator Sobel informed the senate that faculty appointments to the Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee were adjusted based on changes in the Internal Operating Procedures for that committee.

Resolutions:

Resolution 2531, 02/14/01: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as appointments to review the Professorship Review Committee no later than March 1, 2000. Per Associate Vice Chancellor Farr, the committee will review three colleagues for reappointment this year and appoint three named professorships at the beginning of the next academic year.

James Johnson, College of Fine Arts (Music)
Bruce Johansen. College of Arts & Sciences (Communication) TBA

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

Second: A second is not required since the committee moved the resolution.

Discussion: Senator Sobel explained the removal of James Johnson who was never intended for placement on this committee. She further requested the senate grant the committee permission to fill the TBA prior to March 1st.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously including allowing the Committee on Rules to add the name of the second nominee.

Resolution 2532, 02/14/01: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following tenured representative has been elected by ballot vote of all full-time UNO faculty to serve a three-year term from February 14, 2001, through October 15, 2003, to replace Jerry Cederblom on the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee.

Dale Krane

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following non-tenured representative has been elected by ballot vote of all full-time UNO faculty to serve a three-year term from February 14, 2001, through October 15, 2003, to replace Sheri Rogers on the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee.

Janice Collins

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

Second: A second is not required since the committee moved the resolution.

Discussion: Discussion followed as to why a resolution is necessary to announce the results of a ballot vote. Senator Paterson charged the Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee with checking into the matter.

Motion to Call: Senator Carlson called the question.

Second: Senator Valle seconded the motion.

Discussion: Not allowed under these circumstances.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution 2533, 02/14/01: Committee on Rules

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following names go forward as three-year appointments from 02/14/01, through 07/31/01, to the University Committee on Honors and Awards:

Bruce Johansen (reappointed)

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

Second: A second is not required since the committee moved the resolution.

Discussion: None.

Friendly Amendment: Senator W. Bacon offered a friendly amendment to change the dates to 02/14/01 through 07/31/01 stating he would encourage Professor Johansen to re-up for an additional three-year term when this partial term ends.

Accepted: On behalf of the Committee on Rules, Senator Sobel accepted the friendly amendment.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.

Faculty Senate Advisory Committee Reports (alphabetical)

Budget Advisory Committee & Intercampus Resource Advisory Committee (combined meetings): Senator Paterson

Verbal Report: No report; the committee did not meet in February.

Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee: Senator Carroll reported on the following.

Verbal Report: Senator Carroll announced the committee anticipates putting forward their recommendations at the March senate meeting to be voted on at the April meeting.

Non-Senate Committee Reports (alphabetical)

Academic Planning Council: Senator Landis reported on the following.

Written Report: January minutes (agenda attachment 26)

Alumni Association, Board of Directors: On behalf of Professor Wakefield, Senator Paterson reported on the following.

Verbal Report: Senator Paterson stated he would contact Professor Wakefield for a report.

American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator Shaw reported on the following.

Written Report: January minutes (agenda attachment 27)

Discussion: Senator File inquired whether anything is written down defining job classifications. Senator Shaw indicated job classification are locked in as part of the negotiating contract and noted the union has to continually work on this issue. He further stated that the union's Executive Committee closely parallels the national definitions. This information can be found in the "Definition of the Unit" section of the contract. Senator Shaw informed the senate that if someone falls outside of those definitions Bruce Garver, President of the UNO Chapter of AAUP, should be contacted. He noted UNO maintains a pretty hard line for adhering to the established Red Book standards. Senator Shaw also added that Bruce Garver should be contacted as soon as possible if there's an actual issue in play so he can get start investigating it. Senator Shroder explained there are five post-doctorates on the UNO campus which are probably not covered in the bargaining unit. Senator Carroll shared that administration informed his division they are covered. Senator Shaw confirmed this. Senator O'Connell voiced concern that all faculty are benefiting from this contract and yet AAUP's membership has dropped threatening the chapter meeting national requirements. She encouraged anyone who is not already a member to consider joining. Senator Shaw stated a membership drive is coming soon. Senator Paterson indicated some faculty will never join. Feedback suggested that perhaps those faculty should not automatically get the negotiated raise. Senator Smith raised concern about a post-doctorate faculty member in his area who is not expected to get a raise.

Graduate Council: Senator Valle reported on the following.

Written Report: January 8, minutes (agenda attachments 28-30)

Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Senator Thompson reported on the following.

Written Report: January minutes (agenda attachment 31-33)

Verbal Report: Senator Thompson reported the highlight of the upcoming May 7th, advance will be discussion of the prioritization issue. Senator Paterson inquired how prioritization is going campus-wide. The March 1st, deadline was also discussed.

Old Business

For the Good of the Order: (Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3)

Granting of Professor Emeritus

15 Credit Hour Tuition Waiver for Spouse and Dependent Children of NU Faculty and Staff

Equal Tuition remission for Gay and Lesbians

Deadline for submission of class schedules in relationship to the not having hard copy schedules as of this fall

Support for Annual Themes Starting with a Women's Theme

Attend Othello!

New Business (Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3): On behalf of the assembly, Senator Paterson reported on the following item.

Senate Web Site: Senator Carlson raised concern that the agenda and minutes are not current the senate web page. Senator Paterson reported the senate office is overloaded and web posting has been put on the back burner. He further stated a student worker has been approved for this Fall which should help but in the meantime he will work with the coordinator to see what can be done. Senator Carlson requested hard copies be distributed if the web cannot be kept current. He also indicated he wanted this matter included in the senate records.

Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities (Draft): On behalf of Dr. Mudd, Rita Henry has requested comments on the current draft of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities by Friday, February 9.

Verbal Report: Senator Paterson gave background information on the prohibitive language contained in the draft concerning demonstrations noting there was too strong of an emphasis on disruptive behavior. He indicated the senate forwarded suggestions to reformat the document for clarification purposes and to lessen emphasis on inappropriate behavior. Senator Paterson asked that the resolution be passed with the stipulation that permission be given to him to work with Dr. Mudd's office to resolve these concerns. Senator DeLone questioned the passing of the resolution since it's not currently laid out to the senate satisfaction. Senator Bartle suggested the senate vote against the document if the wording is not acceptable as-is. Senator O'Connell asked for clarification of whether it's the graphic design of the document or the actual content that's in questions. She further noted that it sounds like the objections are based on problems with the details of the document. Senator Paterson clarified he thinks it is more of a formatting problem than anything. Senator Shroder inquired if the senate should passed the resolution with the stipulation that Senator Paterson work with Dr. Mudd in order for the document to be meet the BOR agenda deadline. Senator Hagen questioned why the senate was readdressing this issue wince the document was already approved in December. He suggested one of the standing committees be charged with reviewing the issue if there truly are serious problems.

Senator Hagen called for discontinuation of action since there was no longer a quorum.

Parliamentarian Bartle confirmed the lack of a quorum and called the meeting to an end.

No further action was taken; the following items will be held over to March.

Resolution 0000, 02/14/01: On behalf of the Assembly

NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM; HELD OVER TO MARCH MEETING.

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Cabinet have considered the revised UNOmaha Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities proposed by Dr. Mary Mudd, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and have found nothing objectionable; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha has no objections to the implementation of the revised UNOmaha Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Student Code of Conduct (Draft): On behalf of Dr. Mudd, Rita Henry has requested comments on the current draft of the Student Code of Conduct by Friday, February 9.

Resolution 0000, 02/14/01: On behalf of the Assembly

NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM; HELD OVER TO MARCH MEETING.

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Cabinet have considered the revised UNOmaha Student Code of Conduct proposed by Dr. Mary Mudd, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and have found nothing objectionable; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha has no objections to the implementation of the revised UNOmaha Student Code of Conduct.

Status: No action taken since lack of quorum called. Carry resolution over to March 14, 2001.

Wish List: Dan Sullivan contacted Senator Peterson stating the University-Wide Fringe Benefits Committee is soliciting items for a "wish list." Discussion is encouraged regarding "the sort of things you'd like to see changed about or added to our benefits program."

NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM; HELD OVER TO MARCH MEETING.

Honorary Doctorate Candidates: Senator W. Bacon would like to discuss approval of three or four candidates for honorary doctorates.

NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM; HELD OVER TO MARCH MEETING.

Enhancing Instruction in Urban Schools Graduate Certificate: Dr. Shelton Hendricks, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research & Dean for Graduate Studies, requested the senate review and comment on this document. Committee B of the UNO Graduate Council approved the certificate at their January 25, meeting and has been placed on the February 12, Graduate Council agenda for full approval. A standing committee needs to be charged with reviewing this document as soon as possible. Note it is already on the BOR agenda for February 12. Committee Chair: Please see senate coordinator after meeting for copies of document.

NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM; HELD OVER TO MARCH MEETING.

Review of UNL's "Motion to Revise UNL's Grading System": A standing committee needs to be charged with reviewing this document and reporting back to the senate. Committee Chair: Please see senate coordinator after meeting for copies of document.

NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM; HELD OVER TO MARCH MEETING.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hesham El-Rewini
Secretary-Treasurer

Resolution 2530

Discussion: Senator File voiced concern for the term "majority." Senator Shroder suggested using the words "substantial number" instead. Senator Paterson offered the words "significant number."

Amendment: Senator File moved to amend the resolution by adding the following, "significant number."

Second: Senator Valle seconded the motion to amend.

Discussion: Senator Bartle spoke in favor of leaving the wording as-is. Senator Baum suggested adding a paragraph indicating this is a value judgment not a specific number and thereby spell-out the intention rather than getting stuck on a number.

Vote on Amended Resolution: The motion was approved; one senator abstaining.

Vote on Amendment: A show of hands was taken; 13 yea vs. 11 nay. The motion to amend was approved.

Recount Offered: Senator Paterson offered to recount since the results were so close; the offer was declined.

Discussion: None.