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Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha
2001-2002 Senate Minutes
Wednesday, December 12, 2001, MBSC Dodge Room

Attendees: N. Bacon, W. Bacon, Bishop, Bragg, Bruckner, Carlson, J. Carroll, M. Carroll, Chung, Coyne, Dickson, Dufner, Engelmann, Fawcett, File, Hagen, Helm, Johnson, Landis, Latchaw, Littrell, Nazem, Neathery-Castro, O'Connell, Paterson, Ryalls, Sadlek, Schulte, Shroder, Smallwood, Thompson, E. Williams, S. Williams, Zhao
Excused: Blair, Mande, Mitchell, Pedersen, Tuan, Valle, Wolcott

Guest Presentation: David Daniels and Marcy Ruckman of Campus Recreation introduced the Mav Tracks program.

Official Call To Order: Senator W. Bacon called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Presentation and Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as presented.

Officers Reports

President's Report: Senator W. Bacon reported on the following:

Chancellor's Council Meeting, November 29, 2001, with special attention directed to the choosing of sister universities. Senator Bacon charged the Committee on Goals and Directions with looking into this.

Board of Regents Meeting, December 7 & 8, 2001, with special attention to a brief discussion of an "exit test." Senator Bacon again charged the Committee on Goals and directions with looking into this.

2002-2003 Faculty Senate Representation by College. This will now be forwarded to the colleges.

Senator Bacon thanked Senator Paterson for serving as Past President these past 6 months, and for his years on the Senate.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Senator Bruckner reported:

Budget Report, November, 2001

Executive Committee Report: Senator Coyne reported:

There were no reports from the committees on Faculty Personnel and Welfare, Professional Development, and Rules, because the committees reported no business to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is pleased to report that two eligible Senators, Greg Sadlek and Bob Carlson, have indicated their willingness to serve as President-elect if nominated.

Standing Committee Reports

Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs:

Senator Landis submitted the minutes of the November 28, 2001, committee meeting. Topics included:

Changes to undergraduate catalog relating to C-

Tenure from University level rather than College?

Data gathering about Metro student performance at UNO

Use of Tech Fee for specialized science equipment

Committee on Educational Resources and Services:

Senator O'Connell submitted the minutes of the November 29, 2001, committee meeting. Topics included:

Distance Education Task Force to write policy and criteria

Draft language for a resolution regarding the implementation of consistent procedures for Dean searches throughout the university.

Concerns of atypical appointment of department chairs.

Moving the Beck Scholarship application dates forward to give more time for review

Committee on Goals and Directions:

Senator Hagen submitted the minutes of the November 28, 2001, committee meeting. Topics included:

Web based survey program

Updating and keeping the Faculty Senate web page current

Options for increased faculty involvement with the Senate and how the committee might facilitate this.

Non-Senate Committee Reports

Academic Planning Council: Senator E. Williams reported:

The next meeting of the Academic Planning Council is scheduled for Friday, December 14. The topic of discussion will be program reviews to take place during the next semester. All members of this year's APC program review teams have been appointed, and dates of the three program visits have been set, as follows: Criminal Justice (Feb. 11-12, 2002), ISQA (Feb. 13-14, 2002), and Mathematics (Feb. 6-7, 2003).

American Association of University Professors (AAUP): Senator Sadlek reported:

The Executive Committee of the UNO AAUP met for a full day retreat on November 17, 2001. The members worked with a representative of the national AAUP and discussed future directions of the UNO chapter as well as membership building.

The pre-bargaining questionnaires will go out in the spring, rather than waiting for fall, in order to make it possible for the negotiating team to go over them in the summer.

The AAUP does not know which faculty member(s) at UNL suggested that faculty forego their raises in order to help the University with the budget situation. The AAUP is not in favor of this.

Old Business: None

New Business:

On Behalf of the Assembly Senator Hagen moved the following two resolutions

Resolution 2607, 12/12/01: Honors Calculation

SINCE Resolution 2604 passed previously by the Senate respecting the removal of D or F grades states that all wording be changed on page 20 in the section "Removal of 'D' or 'F' Grades from Grade Point Average" to reflect the policy statement below: When a course is repeated, only the most recent grade will be computed into a student's overall Grade Point Average.

AND since this new "policy" could be taken to overturn the wording of paragraph 6 on page 20 viz.

This section does not apply to the computation of the GPA for determining eligibility for graduation with honors. All grades awarded are included in computing the GPA for honors graduation.

AND since this was not the intent of the previous motion,

AND since the Registrar should be given unambiguous direction regarding catalog copy in this respect,

BE IT RESOLVED that the wording of paragraph 6, page 20 of the Undergraduate Catalog remain unchanged.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Resolution 2608, 12/12/01: Scheduling of Commencement Ceremonies

WHEREAS all students and faculty are urged to participate in commencement ceremonies, and

WHEREAS the commencement ceremony for fall, 2002, has been shifted from its traditional date and time to Friday afternoon, setting a precedent for this shift in future semesters, and

WHEREAS final exams are scheduled before the beginning of the semester to avoid any conflicts, and

WHEREAS the rescheduling of graduation introduced a blatant conflict with Friday afternoon final exams,

WHEREAS this conflict imposes considerable public relations and proctoring burdens on the faculty whose finals are scheduled to overlap with graduation, since they must make special arrangements so that graduating seniors can attend the commencement ceremony,

BE IT RESOLVED that commencement ceremonies will not be scheduled to begin until at least two hours after the conclusion of the last scheduled final examination period.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Senators Carlson and Sadlek were nominated for the position of President-Elect. Both nominees presented statements as to how each would benefit the Faculty Senate if elected. Ballots were distributed, collected and tallied. Senator Shroder moved the following motion to ratify the election results:

Resolution 2609, 12/12/01: Ratification of President-Elect Election Results

BE IT RESOLVED, that the results of the election for President-Elect of the Faculty Senate be ratified. Senator Greg Sadlek has been elected.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.