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other such committees as directed by the Executive Committee.

5.4 Committee on Educational Resources and Services. The committee shall elect its own chairperson and vice-chair in accordance with the procedure described in Section 1, and the chairperson shall then serve in the Cabinet. The responsibilities of the committee shall include those matters which pertain to policies involving the library, computer usage, international programs, and any other educational programs, resources, or services. In addition, the committee shall have oversight responsibility for the university committees on library and educational resources, computer usage, international programs, and special education, and any other such committees as directed by the Executive Committee.

5.5 Committee on Goals and Directions. The committee shall elect its own chairperson and vice-chair in accordance with the procedure described in Section 1, and the chairperson shall then serve in the Cabinet. The responsibilities of the committee shall include those matters which pertain to the future and development of the university, the public image of the university and community acceptance of higher education, development of grant and endowment policies, campus planning and utilization of facilities, academic implications of budgets and finance, and goals and mission of the institution. In addition the committee shall have oversight responsibility for university committees on planning, student affairs, and athletics, and any other such committees as directed by the Executive Committee.

5.6 Committee on Rules. Soon after the last regular senate meeting of the academic year, the incoming president shall appoint a member of the committee as chairperson. This senator shall also serve on the Executive Committee and Cabinet. The Committee on Rules shall serve as a broad coordinating body for the faculty senate. The committee shall take an active role in the delegation of issues to appropriate committees.

The Committee on Rules shall also be responsible to the faculty senate for recommending faculty for membership on university committees, standing committees, faculty committees, and ad hoc and advisory committees. The Committee on Rules shall use the following guidelines to develop the faculty membership of committees:

1. Every effort will be made to distribute the faculty membership of committees proportionally by college.
2. Every effort will be made to maintain continuity of membership on committees where possible or appropriate.
3. Every effort will be made to apprise faculty members of openings on committees and to allow them an opportunity to express a preference for committee assignments by means of an annual survey of the entire faculty or other appropriate procedures.
4. The Committee on Rules shall make the final appointments to standing committees.
5. Temporary appointments to other committees not to exceed 60 days may be made without prior senate approval.

Section 6: Faculty Committees

6.1 Faculty Grievance Committee. The entire senate shall elect a seven-member Committee on Faculty Grievances to fulfill the grievance functions of the senate, and this committee shall have the powers and duties outlined in Section 4.13 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents. This committee shall consist of two full professors, two associate professors, two assistant professors and one additional faculty member who shall be elected annually without regard to academic rank from the membership of the Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare. The term of service will be three years, and each year, at the September meeting of the Faculty Senate, new members will be elected from a slate of nominees which shall include one more candidate than the number of vacant seats created by reason of the expiration of the term of a member, resignation, or retirement. Members of the committee shall serve staggered terms, meaning that the term(s) of one class of members will expire each year. The committee member elected from the Faculty Senate Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare shall serve a maximum three year term or the remainder of his/her term on the Faculty Senate. Committee members shall be elected from faculty members eligible for election to the Faculty Senate. Within five days after the September meeting at which the new members are elected to the Grievance Committee, the Secretary/Treasurer of the Faculty Senate, or his/her designee, will call a meeting of the Grievance Committee for the express purpose of electing a grievance committee chair. The committee shall elect its own chairperson from among its tenured members. A committee with a case under consideration shall, when necessary, continue past September with its membership unchanged until the case is resolved; in such an event new cases shall be considered by the reconstituted committee.

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

6.3 Professional Conduct Committee. Professional Conduct Committee. This committee, composed of five (5) tenured UNO faculty members holding the rank of assistant professor or above, will consider all professional conduct cases arising under section 4.15 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. The election to fill committee vacancies due to resignation, retirement, or the expiration of a three-year term shall be held at the September meeting each year. The faculty senate shall choose committee members by plurality vote from a list of nominees prepared by the Committee on Rules. The ballot shall list one more nominee for each vacancy than there are positions to be filled and, insofar as feasible, wide representation of the faculty should be sought in the composition of the committee. Members of the committee shall serve staggered terms, meaning that the term(s) of one class of members will expire each year. Retiring members shall continue to serve for three (3) years as alternates who will be available as committee replacements should the need arise in a particular case. The committee shall elect its own chairperson from the membership. A committee with a case under consideration shall, when necessary, continue past September with its membership unchanged until the case is resolved; in such an event, new cases shall be considered by the reconstituted committee.

Section 7: Faculty Senate Advisory Committees.

The faculty president, in consultation with the Executive Committee, may appoint advisory committees that include but are not limited to the following: