The meeting was called to order by President Miller at 7:03 pm.


Absent: Hewitt

Guests: Chris Triebsch and Sara Struckman (press); Allan Jenkins, Marvin Williams, Robert Price

1. President Miller welcomed the new senators.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 1 May 1997 were approved (motion by Davis, second by Powell) on a voice vote with the correction that ZikmundD was not the person elected to replace Robyn Hess on the Athletic Committee.

3. Reports of Councils.

   A. Graduate Council.
      Nothing to report.

   B. General Studies Council.
      Allan Jenkins gave a brief update on the Fall 1997 semester's quota of CD and WI courses. He reported that there were 60 CD sections with an enrollment of 1715 students and 105 WI sections with 1676 students enrolled. Senators were reminded that their packet for this month contained a copy of the recommendations of the 300/440 Course Committee and that those recommendations are consistent with what the Faculty Senate had earlier recommended. Dr. Jenkins pointed out that the General Studies Council had not yet acted upon the 300/400 Committee's recommendations.


   A. Strategic Planning Committee.
      President Miller discussed briefly the revised Mission Statement from the Chancellor and pointed out that it was quite similar to that which the committee had produced. A motion to approve the revised Mission Statement was made by Davis (Boeckl). In the course of discussion of the motion Senator YoungR asked why service had been omitted from the part that referred to excellence in scholarship and teaching; he asked if we were no longer expected to contribute service to the institution. Senator
Davis also expressed concern at the omission because service is still a component of the requirements for promotion and tenure. President Miller promised to inquire about the service expectation and he also brought to the attention of the senate the strengthening of the graduate component of the statement. Motion to approve passed.

Senator YoungR then moved (Fredrickson) that in paragraph four of the Mission Statement an appropriate reference be made to service and that such reference be included wherever else it was appropriate. After some discussion as to whether the service expectation was already taken care of in paragraph one, the motion was approved. Senator YoungR then moved (ZikmundD) that a statement about excellence in academic administration also be included in the Mission Statement. Motion passed.

B. Budget Committee.
Moved by German (Hodge) to go into closed session for further discussion of matters relating to the budget committee. Motion passed and all non-senators were escorted from the meeting room at 7:16 pm.

The senate came out of closed session on a motion to do so by Katsiyannis (Hill) at 8:35 pm.

Senator Wozniak then moved (Clark) the following resolution:

Whereas the faculty has the responsibility for advising the administration on budgetary decisions directly affecting the academic program, and

Whereas the initiatives listed in UNK's Operating Budget Request for 1997-1999 were constructed using a consultative process that included faculty, and

Whereas the purpose of establishing a prioritized list within the Operating Budget Request for 1997-1999 was to guide the allocation of funds for the 1997-1999 biennium, and

Whereas a clear budget review process was established last year that provided for faculty representation, and included a thorough review of the budget by every unit within the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and

Whereas the recommendations of the Chancellor's Budget Planning Committee were significantly altered in the final round of reallocation without Budget Committee or faculty review:

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate:
a. expresses its dissatisfaction that the current budget removes substantial amounts of money from areas that directly support the academic program, in particular, the Senior Vice Chancellor's capital equipment budget,

b. recommends that the budget losses to the SVCAA's capital equipment budget be reinstated for the current biennium from lower priority items as determined by the Budget Planning Committee,

c. reaffirms its support for a budget planning process that includes significant faculty participation, especially with regard to the allocation of funds that affect curriculum, instructional equipment, aspects of student life that relate to the educational process, and other issues relevant to the academic program,

d. recommends that any further changes made to the current budget be made under the auspices of a Budget Planning Committee that has significant faculty representation as chosen by the Faculty Senate,

e. recommends that changes in institutional priorities be made within a consultative process involving faculty and other members of the academic community with budget-recommending responsibilities.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Honors Council.
   Nothing to report. Still has not met.

D. Marketing Plan.
   Nothing to report.

E. Pew Round Table.
   Nothing to report.

F. University Calendar Committee.
   Senator Wozniak and AVCAA Anderson are the UNK representatives to this university-wide committee. Senator Wozniak reported that the committee met in August with Donal Burns from Central Administration as chair. The committee was impressed by the report submitted by Amy Kruse of UNK regarding a fall break. Senator Wozniak then outlined the Board of Regents' regulations regarding the calendar. He said that the committee had discussed two possible changes to the calendar - a fall break and a Martin Luther King holiday in the spring. One possible way to accommodate this schedule of breaks with a minimum damage to the academic program would be to reduce the number of Monday class days by one. President Miller then reminded the senate that the resolution passed last year by the senators was for one day at Labor Day, two days at mid-semester and two days at Thanksgiving (which would be the same number of vacation days as at present.) Senator YoungR moved (Davis) to
include a Monday holiday early in the spring semester. Motion to table by Fredericksen (Sluti) in order that senators could seek guidance from their constituents about the preferred length of the Labor Day break was offered. On a show of hands the house was equally divided and President Miller was able to cast the deciding vote against tabling. The motion favoring an early spring break day then passed.

5. Election Committee.
Senators were informed that a replacement was needed for Marsha Hewitt on the senate. No nominations were forthcoming. A replacement for Marsha Hewitt on the Artists and Lecture Committee and on the Academic Computing Committee was sought; Senator UmlandR was nominated and approved for both positions by acclamation.

A brief discussion was held on the status of the Post-Tenure Review document.

7. President's Report.

There was no separate report from the President of the Senate.

8. Standing Committees.
i. Academic Freedom and Tenure.
   Nothing to report.

ii. Grievance Committee.
   Nothing to report.

iii. Professional Conduct Committee.
   Nothing to report.

   The minutes of the last meeting were accepted without further discussion.

v. Academic Affairs Committee.
   The minutes of the last meeting were accepted without further discussion.

vi. Artists and Lectures.
   Senator Davis commended the committee for their call for proposals which had been issued at the beginning of the semester and encouraged faculty to assist the committee in its planning process. The committee still has difficulty in long-range planning due to the lateness with which it receives its budget information.

vii. Athletic Committee.
   Nothing to report.

viii. Library Committee.
   The committee will meet the week of September 8th and President Miller reminded senators to go back to their departments and encourage new faculty to approach their departmental liaisons about the possibility of acquiring materials to enhance the collection in their areas of scholarship.
ix. Student Life.
   Nothing to report.

   Nothing to report.

10. Old Business.
   No old business was noted.


   Senator YoungR stated that he has sent out across campus to the appropriate persons his update request for the listing of campus committees. President Miller reminded senators that the proposal for a Center for Teaching was in their packets and would be discussed at the Pew mini-round-tables that will be held in the colleges during this semester. Senator YoungR reiterated his previously expressed concern that before the senate votes on the UNK post-tenure review document the senators should have a chance to see the post-tenure review documents from UNL and UNO.

12. General Faculty Comments. There were none. Motion for adjournment was approved at 9:27 pm.

   Respectfully submitted,

   R. David Clark
   Secretary