I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Clark at 7:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The secretary called the roll.

Present

: Anderson, Benz, Boeckl, Cafferty, Clark, Comer, Davis, Emrys, Eshleman, Fleming, Fredrickson, Hartman, Hodge, Hoehner, Markes, Mena-Werth, Miller, Moorman, Slut, Tassi, Terry, Young (A), Young (B), Zikmund (D)

Absent:

Elder, Emal, Kelley, Peck, Smith, Wozniak, Ziebarth, Zikmund (A)

Guests:

Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, James Roark and Student Body Vice President Shon Lieske

III. Action on the minutes of the October 7, 1999 meeting

Senator D. Zikmund (Sluti) moved approval. Senator B. Young pointed out, regarding the insurance discussion, that someone had asked why was the Senate discussing insurance and Senator Young had replied that it is the Senate’s job to be aware of and informed about matters pertaining to general faculty welfare. Senator B. Young wished this to be included as part of the minutes.

Motion passed

with the above change.

IV. Discussion on Intellectual Property Rights of Faculty

Senator B. Young asked what the policy was in the past? The response was that there was no policy, except in the event of patents.

Senator Emrys pointed out that the Board of Regent’s Policy manual says that publications belong to faculty. President Clark responded that he suspects that the information we have received will be added to what is printed in the manual.
Senator Miller has an interview with an attorney, which addresses this very issue. He gave a copy to President Clark and the article will be copied and distributed to all senators.

*Senator D. Zikmund (Fredrickson) moved that the Senate establish an ad hoc committee to study intellectual property rights and report on the issue to the Senate in February or before.*

Senator Davis said that the Continuing Education Committee is studying this issue already, as it is one of its charges.

Senator B. Young said that what we need is a clear statement of what the current policy is (Regent’s policy) and what is going on?

Senator Fredrickson asked exactly what the Distance Education Committee is looking at. Are they looking at property rights only as far as distance education is concerned or are they looking at the subject in its entirety? Senator Davis said that they were looking at the whole thing.

Senator Emrys pointed out that the documents that we have seen so far are so muddy that it is unclear what the documents are discussing. The documents definitely need to be clear.

Senator Miller proposed an amendment to the previous motion. *Senator Miller (Mena-Werth) moved that this study on intellectual property rights be moved to the Continuing Education Committee.*

President Clark pointed out that he believes that this needs to be worked on quickly so that UNK has input. Senator B. Young asked if there were a legal question. Clark responded in the negative and that there just needs to be a policy.

Senator B. Young agrees that the documents that we have viewed are very unclearly worded. He asked Senator Davis if the Distance Education Committee is looking only at Distance Education related to these policies. Senator Davis said no, that the committee is looking at intellectual property rights in its entirety.

Senator Miller pointed out that his amendment makes some sense in that the Continuing Education Committee is composed of members from all of the colleges and he believes that this would be the most expedient means of getting the information back to the Senate.

Senator D. Zikmund asked of the committee could have a report to the Senate by December.
Senator A. Young suggested that perhaps the Continuing Education Committee could appoint a subcommittee to study this issue and the Senate could appoint a few people to assist with that effort.

Senator Emrys said that she thinks that the information is needed sooner than February particularly in light of comments in the discussion draft of the University of Nebraska Extended Education Policy for Credit Courses.

Senator Davis pointed out that the Continuing Education Committee is going to do the work anyway. Senator Anderson asked if the information would be available by February and Senator Davis responded that there is much data and the committee could probably get a report out sooner than that.

The motion to amend passed by voice vote.

The motion as amended passed by voice vote.

V. Reports from Academic Councils

A. Graduate Council.

Minutes of September 9, 1999 were included in the Senators’ packets. There were no comments.

B. General Studies Council. No minutes or report was available.

VI. Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees

A. Strategic Planning.

President Clark reported that this committee has met within the last ten days. Sr. VCAA Roark said that the last meeting was a discussion regarding the Board of Regent’s presentation.

B. Budget Committee. No meeting.

C. Honor’s Council. No meeting.

D. Information Technology Advisory Committee. President Clark reported that this committee met recently. It is looking at items identified in the committee’s plan. It also looked at the status of the various parts of the plan. No decision had been made on where the residual money from the plan will go. One idea that came forth was to use the residual money to help students buy computers.
Senator Fredrickson asked does this mean that some students would be subsidizing other students’ efforts to get equipment? He suggested that the committee check with Student Senate. That group may have some ideas.

Senator Anderson proposed that perhaps there could be some equipment purchased and student could check it out. And Senator Markes said that perhaps the money could be loaned to students to help with equipment purchases, but it would have to be paid back.

Senator Sluti said that he thought it was a good idea to stay away from subsidizing equipment purchases. The fees should benefit the general population rather than specific students.

Senator Moorman opined that if we have additional dollars lying around, perhaps we should reduce the fee.

E. Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Committee

In Senator Peck’s absence, Senator Miller reported that Senator Peck is doing an excellent job forming the Center. Her goal is to provide two events per month beginning in the spring. In addition, the Center plans to work very closely in training and preparing graduate assistants.

VII. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

A. Election Committee. Senator Miller reported that there is still some unfinished business from the election process. Neither Glen Powell nor Jean Ramage is eligible for Senate this year. We replaced Powell with P. Hoehner and now must replace Ramage. Kathryn Falconer’s name was brought forth from the College of Education and Miller (Fredrickson) moved approval.

A unanimous ballot was cast for K. Falconer

Miller said that Joan Blauwkamp needed to be replaced on Academic Computing due to excessive absences from meetings. The Election Committee recommended Barton Willis as her replacement.

A unanimous ballot was cast for B. Willis

Melanie Mason was elected to the Professional Conduct Committee from FAH. She is not eligible because she does not have tenure. The runner-up in the election was Gary Davis and he is interested in the position.

A unanimous ballot was cast for G. Davis

Jean Ramage also needed to be replaced on the Artists and Lecturers Committee. Senator Miller (D. Zikmund) moved that her replacement be Lillian Larson.
A unanimous ballot was cast for L. Larson

Senator Miller pointed out that there are F.S. representatives to non-senate committees. Senate appoints some of these by request. In other instances, there are committees where membership includes Senate members who were selected/elected by some means other than Senate selection methods. In some instances, Senate has no right to select/elect membership to these committees. We seek information only and elect to do this through sitting members of those committees. Senator Miller suggested that the brochure listing Senate Committees be modified to clarify the distinction between these groups.

B. Executive Committee Report

. Available at the meeting.

It was pointed out that salary guidelines for Senior Lecturers must go through UNKEA rather than KSCEA.

Senator Fredrickson asked about the status of the Computer Services position search. How would the change in title impact duties and salary? President Clark responded it would not.

Senator Mena-Werth asked whether or not the search for a Dean for the College of Natural and Social Sciences had begun and President Clark said no it had not.

Senator A. Young asked if the Director of Computer Services’ salary would be equal to the salaries of the people holding this position on the other campuses. Senator Miller said no. The purpose of the change in title is to give this person an equal title to those who hold this position on other campuses.

President Clark said that VC Haack gave the Executive Committee a progress report on construction around campus. If anyone wants this information, he/she can contact any Executive Committee member for the data.

C. President’s Report

President Clark said that he did not have much to report. The next Regent’s meeting is tomorrow (11-5-99) and it looks like a quiet one. The Facilities Plan for UNK goes before the Regents for adoption. The Prioritization Committee met last Friday (10-29-99). It received its charge and an overview from President L. Dennis Smith. The committee identified procedures that it would adopt. President Smith wants a report by the end of the spring semester. There will be one hearing at each of the campuses and it will meet again tomorrow (11-5-99) and one week from tomorrow (11-12-99). The meetings are closed to the public but summaries will be available.

D. Academic Freedom and Tenure
This committee has met and Bob Young is the Chair. Senator Davis asked about the status of the guidelines from promotion and tenure that this committee is supposed to be looking over. Senator Young responded it is still in the committee.

E. Grievance Committee

. No report.

F. Professional Conduct Committee

. This committee met yesterday (11-3-99). The chair is Stan Dart and the secretary is Kathryn Falconer.

G. Academic Computing Committee

. Has met but the minutes were misplaced. The Committee will discuss its function at the upcoming meeting. Is it still viable? If anyone has any feelings please contact a Scott Fredrickson. President Clark said that he believes that this is a viable committee and plays an important role in the academic community.

H. Academic Affairs Committee

. The shift of power has not occurred yet in this committee, but it will at the next meeting.

I. Artists and Lecturers Committee

. Senator Comer reported that this committee has spent 85% of its budget. It contributed to funding for all applications to some degree, but not fully.

J. Athletic Committee

. Has not met.

K. Library Committee

. Senator Miller reported that faculty should have received information regarding the grant program. The Committee expects grants from departments rather than from individuals.

L. Student Life Committee

. Has not met.

M. Continuing Education Committee
Senator Davis reported it has met. Membership is finally aligned. The committee is looking at intellectual property rights of faculty, loss of regional territory as defined by the Post Secondary Coordinating Commission and funds available for distance learning. The next meeting is December 4 at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. Reports of Faculty Senate Special (Ad Hoc) Committees

A. CEET. Senator Anderson reported that this committee is looking at Student Evaluations, not for uniformity, but summatively and formatively. It hopes to have much information in its report that will be helpful to faculty. The report should be ready in the spring.

B. Faculty Senate Orientation Committee

. Has not met.

IX. Unfinished Business

Senator Eshleman brought up the tabled poster signature policy from the last meeting. He has been trying to find this policy. Where should he look? Senator Zikmund responded that perhaps Sharon Pelc would know about it. Senator Young suggested the Student Life Handbook.

X. New Business

President Clark said that he has pictures and information about the new College of Education building. He said that the architecture and style should blend well with the Health and Sports Center.

The University of Nebraska Extended Education Policy for Credit Courses was included in the Senators’ packets for information. Lee Jones is seeking input on this. If you have any comments, please contact David Clark. This will be on December’s agenda for discussion.

Senator D. Zikmund asked if the policy was view in the Graduate Council or in the Distance Education Committee?

Several comments followed.

XI. General Faculty Comments

Being none, Senator D. Zikmund (Sluti) moved adjournment. Motion passed and Senate adjourned at 8:17 p.m.
Respectfully submitted

Kay Hodge

Secretary