The Faculty Senate was called to order by President Wozniak at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Boeckl, Bridges, Brown, Burlingame, Conrad, Craig, Curry, Damon, Davis, Eshleman, Fredrickson, Hartman, Hodge, Hof, Kelley, Kruse, Lewis, Lillis, Luthans, Mena-Werth, Miller, Moorman, Obermier, Scott, Terry, Unruh, Wozniak, Zikmund Absent: Barua, Hoehner, Seshadri, Tracy, Volpe Guests: Dale Zikmund, Faculty Assistant to the SrVCAA; Bob Young, Asst. Dean, Business and Technology; Kim Schipporeit, Registrar; Stan Dart, Geography; Kate Benzel, English; Abranda Schwengen, Student Body Vice President

Davis/Miller moved approval of the minutes from February 7; motion passed.

Stan Dart presented the report of the First Year Experience Committee, which included background on the formation of the committee. The committee has met in its current form since September; some members have received funding from the SrVCAA to attend conferences. The committee asked approval of the concept of the First Year Experience and of a trial run this fall, which would consist of 10 sections taught by invited faculty who would be trained this summer. The cost may be $50,000-85,000; a grant request to the University of Nebraska Foundation has been prepared. Assessment questionnaires will be prepared for all freshmen, both participants and nonparticipants in the First Year Experience courses. Several departments have agreed to participate with courses: Journalism/Mass Communications, English Composition, History, Biology, and Family and Consumer Science. Several others are considering participation. There were questions about assessment, guidelines, and adding content to existing courses which were discussed. Kelley/Miller moved to endorse the concept as outlined in the report; motion passed. Miller/Bridges moved to endorse the trial run; motion passed.

Fredrickson/Hodge moved to suspend the agenda for the presentation of the report of the advising committee; motion passed. Prof. Bob Young distributed the final recommendations of the Academic Advising Committee after giving some background of the committee. There are a total of nine recommendations; recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 5 are philosophical change, addressing what UNK advising should be. The others are more specific and could be implemented without philosophical change. Advising should focus on developmental issues, and should be considered part of teaching, rather than service. It is the responsibility of the department chair to address problems of misadvising. Miller/Davis moved to postpone action on the report; motion passed.

REPORTS FROM ACADEMIC COUNCILS

There was no discussion on the minutes of the Graduate Council (Feb. 14).

REPORTS OF SENATE REPRESENTATIVES TO NON-SENATE COMMITTEES
There was no discussion of the minutes of the Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Committee (Feb. 13).

**REPORTS OF FACULTY SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Oversight Committee**: Fredrickson/Hodge moved to change the ratio for Senate representatives to 17 1/2 faculty members per Senator; motion passed. The ballots for nomination for Senator-at-Large which were mailed are incorrect; a correction will be sent via e-mail.

**Executive Committee** (Feb. 27): Pres. Wozniak added some information about student GPA's; the effect of the new grading system appears to be very minimal.

**President's Report** (March 7): Pres. Wozniak made a correction to his report. Grade appeals by students who received an F because of failure to withdraw by the deadline go to a faculty committee, which is chaired and convened by the registrar, not to the registrar. Finalists for the positions of UNK Chancellor and for University of Nebraska Provost have been announced. Budget reduction proposals have been distributed. UNKEA has not been asked to reopen salary negotiations. The Senate has no authority concerning salaries, but can discuss budget issues that concern academic programs. Reductions in the summer budget would have heavy impact on programs in Education and English, and on nontraditional students' ability to finish a degree in four years.

**Academic Affairs** (Jan. 24): A seconded motion was presented in the minutes. "Be it resolved, that the University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate urges the faculty, the administration and the general public to promote and adhere to the concept of a 4-year Bachelors degree including the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, the Bachelor of Arts in Education, the Bachelor of Science in Education, and the Bachelor of Fine Arts, in program development, in establishing accreditation requirements, and in meeting accreditation requirements." The motion was passed.

**Academic Information and Technology Committee** (Jan. 15, Feb. 12); no discussion.

**Continuing Education Committee** (Jan. 29); no discussion.

**Library Committee** (Feb. 6); no discussion.

**Student Affairs Committee** (Feb. 7); no discussion.

The new approval process for sending e-mail messages to all faculty members was discussed. Fredrickson stated that he felt it falls under the guise of limitation of free speech and academic freedom. Zikmund described the process to be followed to send messages to all UNK employees; they are to be sent to an "approved poster" who then makes the determination of whether or not to send the message. Davis remarked that UNKEA is legally obligated by the contract to communicate with all employees, and now have to have messages approved. Miller and Lewis expressed concern if campus mail
becomes restricted; Hodge remarked that e-mail is cheaper than paper and it seems foolish to restrict e-mail access. Wozniak informed the Senate that the decision was made by the Administrative Council, not by Information Technology. There are now no accessible lists by department or by college; everyone has to create their own lists. A motion was made by Lilly/Miller: "The replacement of UNK All Subscribers by the regulated system now in place is ineffective and ill-advised, badly executed, and the Faculty Senate expresses its concern." The motion passed.

Craig/Miller moved that an ad hoc committee be appointed by the Senate Executive Committee to discuss how to encourage students to study modern languages and make recommendations to the Senate. The motion passed.

General Faculty Comments: Pres. Wozniak announced that Marsha Yeagley, Eve Scantling, Marc Albrecht, and Kurt Borchard have been appointed to the Antelope Newspaper advisory committee. The Board of Regents will meet at UNK on April 5 and 6. Past President Kay Hodge will Chair the April 4 Senate meeting and will represent the UNK Faculty Senate at the BOR meeting. Drs. Kelley, Wozniak, and Zikmund will not be able to attend the next Senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Annabell Zikmund, Secretary