The Faculty Senate was called to order by President Wozniak at 7:01 p.m.

**Members Present** were Barua, Becker, Bridges, Briner, Burlingame, Conrad, Damon, Davis, Fredrickson, Hodge, Hoehner, Hof, Kelley, Kruse, Lewis, Lillis, Luthans, Mena-Werth, Moorman, Sheshadri, Tidwell, Terry, Unruh, Volpe, Wozniak, Zikmund.

**Absent:** Boeckl, Brown, Craig, Curry, Eshleman, Obermier, Scott, Tracy

**Guests** were Heidi Lammers, Student Body Vice President, Dale Zikmund, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, and Liz Peck, Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence.

There were two corrections to the minutes of October 4: Lewis said that the statement "Dean Hadley of the College of Education has not responded to the resolutions concerning service for senior faculty because service is already recognized." should read "Dean Hadley of the College of Education has responded that service for senior faculty is already recognized." Fredrickson said that "secret ballot" should read "ballot". The minutes were approved as corrected (Hodge/Bridges).

The minutes of the Graduate Council were discussed: Lewis asked about the 899 number for special topics courses using the same name as courses listed in the catalog.

The delay approving instructors for Business Law General Studies courses was explained; since the former instructors are no longer teaching the courses, some attorneys were hired, and it took some time to get their vita.

New marketing initiatives for the campus were discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

Members are being sought for the Honors Council.

Director Peck reported on upcoming sessions being sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence, and invited senators to visit the new resource center.

The annual Safety Walk will be held on November 7 at 7:00. There are red cans in buildings for the disposal of aerosol cans. Unruh reported that Bill Davis has requested an external defibrillator for a Campus Security car, but has been turned down. Briner/Lewis moved that Senate recommend the purchase of external automated defibrillators for a Campus Security vehicle. **Motion passed.**
An election was held for a replacement member for the Grievance committee. Lucille Freeman was nominated and elected (Hodge/Bridges).

Lewis questioned the statement in the Executive Committee’s meeting with the SrVCAA report that there was not great support for the study of foreign language. Becker asked if we should remove the language requirement from the BA or "beef up" the BS degree, since the BS does not specify language requirements. If lower level courses in language were allowed in the BA it might encourage more students to study languages. The General Studies Review will address this concern.

President Wozniak’s report included information about the proposed budget cuts for the University System. The Budget Committee of the Legislature met and proposed a smaller cut than the Governor had proposed, $19 million rather than $34 million. The presidents of the four University campus Senates created and signed a statement for the press; the theme is "fair share of budget cuts." The document prepared by the Chancellor titled "Principles Governing Budget Reductions" was distributed. Preliminary plans do not include personnel cuts or program reductions. Lewis observed that the graduate program is not mentioned under Strategic Objectives. A draft of the Senate committee list was distributed. It is hoped that committees will become more active in fulfilling their charges.

Campus safety is a concern; we need to expand our plan beyond tornado safety. Wayne Briner will be one of three representatives from UNK on the University’s Bioterrorism Task Force.

Pres. Wozniak asked for volunteers for the following councils and committees:

Honors Council (Wozniak volunteered)
UNK Marketing Council (Sheshadri volunteered)
Parking Advisory Committee (presently being formed)
Student Judiciary Committee (Fredrickson, Conrad volunteered)

Names for the search committee for a new Chancellor have been forwarded to Kim Robak.

Pres. Wozniak was on the General Studies Academic Program Review team. The external reviewer, David Christenson from Truman State, was impressed by UNK’s single GS program; he liked diversity, WI courses, and the range of programs. However, governance was a concern. Faculty should have ownership of the program. Writing and math courses should be taken early. There should be more upper division courses, and a capstone course. The written report will be forthcoming.
The Diversity Committee is looking at the possibility of developing a program in ethnic studies, possibly a minor. President Wozniak, Susanne George Bloomfield, and Dean Harrold are on a sub-committee to study this. The administration would like faculty to help develop the program; it is a "worthwhile goal and a social mandate." Senator Briner stated that there have been no compelling academic reasons presented as yet, and asked about the possibility of a speaker to present these to us. Dr. Peck asked if courses would be taught by existing faculty, and if the committee would represent diverse backgrounds. Pres. Wozniak replied that a tentative list of eight would include cultural diversity.

Legislation has been drafted which would remove the cap on faculty contributions to retirement funds. It will be proposed and considered at the Spring Session.

The Executive Committee has been convening the senate committees. It is important that the Senate, the faculty and the administration direct questions for consideration by each faculty senate committee. For example, Information Technology may be doing an inventory of Hardware and software. An important question for the senate to consider is "What are the rights to privacy of faculty for computer files that they have stored on their computers?"

The Executive Committee will meet with the Deans on a quarterly basis. Open fora with faculty have been suggested.

President Smith's "State of the University" address mentioned UNK's NCUR student participation as outstanding. He also praised our liberal arts and teacher education programs, and stated that we offer a "private school education at a public school price."

Computer Technology personnel may be doing inventory. What is the right of faculty to privacy of computer files?

There was no unfinished business. Under new business, Senator Terry stated that he would prefer to have written reports in advance rather than oral reports.

Lillis/Terry moved to adjourn: meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annabell Zikmund, Secretary