I. President Kruse called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Roll Call:


Guests: Kate Heelan, Jeremy Schnieder, Barbara Emrys, Kathy Smith

III. Brown/Darveau moved to suspend the agenda to address business from the Oversight Committee. Passed. Aaron Dimock was approved by unanimous vote to take the place of John Damon on the Senate for the Spring, 2006, semester.

IV. Kelley/Darveau moved approval of the minutes for the Faculty Senate meeting of December 1, 2005. Minutes were approved without emendations.

V. Bridges/Lilly moved to suspend the agenda to take up the WI proposal. Passed. Taylor/Darveau moved to remove the WI proposal from the table. Passed. Floor was open for discussion.

Senators expressed concerns that had been raised in their departments/colleges. These included questions about the assessment of writing and, especially, the use of a portfolio to accomplish this. Jeremy Schnieder explained the values of using a portfolio and the ways that this approach might dovetail with department plans. Members of the WI/CD committee agreed that specific issues regarding the implementation of this proposal in departments will need to be worked out. Senators were only being asked to vote on the four alterations to the WI program. These are:

1. Reduce WI requirements from 12 hours to 6 hours.
2. Require 3 hours of WI to be taken within the students program of study. WI will be assessed in this course.
3. Require each program of study to develop a plan to teach writing in the discipline as well as writing objectives.
4. Enforce the class size limitation of 25.

Other details in the WI report remain open to further questions and changes. Miller/Rieder called the question. Passed. Motion to accept the changes to WI program as specified in the above four points passed.

VI. Reports from Academic Councils:
A. **Graduate Council**: Question was raised concerning the level of GA stipend: are all GAs being given $7,430 or only GAs in priority programs? President Kruse said she would investigate and get back to the Senate.

B. **General Studies Council**: report was accepted without discussion.

C. **Council on Undergraduate Education**: no report was submitted.

### VII. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees:

A. **Oversight Committee**: no report was submitted.

B. **Executive Committee**: Question was raised concerning the SVCAASL Murray’s interest in Rank and Tenure policies. President Kruse explained that Murray had become aware of some questionable uses of the categories of Good, Superior, and Outstanding; he is concerned that these categories may have been misused in denying promotion or tenure in some cases.

- President Kruse repeated her call for FS reps on ad hoc committees.
- Clarification that John Oseth’s remarks indicate that UNK students pay more out of pocket for their education than students at UNL because we receive less aid from the NU Foundation.

C. **President’s Report**: President Kruse repeated her call for senators to work on committees.

- Phase II of the GS Roundtables has taken longer to get organized than anticipated because of the need to clarify and establish procedures for approval of any changes that might be made to the GS program. She promised that information will be out to the faculty soon.

- Question was raised concerning having a Fall Convocation. President Kruse will take this up with the administration and report back.

- Note: the 2002 FS ad hoc Committee report on Advising should have listed the following committee members: Bob Young, Peggy Abels, Julie Agard, Jane E. Christensen, Mary Daake, and Kim Schipporeit.

D. **Academic Affairs**: Item #137 from the December 15, 2005, minutes raised questions and discussion regarding the process through which this article was passed. Hartman/Young made a motion that item #137 be returned to AA along with any pertinent information, including the fact that the Dean of FAH overrode the vote of the FAH ed. policy committee on this issue. Motion passed.

E. **Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee**: no report was submitted.

F. **Academic Information and Technology Committee**: no report was submitted

G. **Artists and Lecturers Committee**: no report was submitted

H. **Athletic Committee**: report was accepted without discussion.

I. **Continuing Education Committee**: report was accepted without discussion.

J. **Faculty Welfare Committee**: no report was submitted

K. **Grievance Committee**: no report was submitted

L. **Library Committee**: no report was submitted

M. **Professional Conduct Committee**: no report was submitted

N. **Student Affairs Committee**: no report was submitted

### IX. Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees:

A. **Assessment Committee**: report was accepted without discussion.

   1. **Student Assessment Committee**: no report submitted
B. Affirmative Action Commission: no report submitted
C. Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Committee: no report submitted
D. Council of Chairs: no report submitted
E. Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee: no report submitted
F. Gender Equity Committee: no report submitted
G. Fees Committee: no report submitted
H. Honors Council: report was accepted without discussion.
I. International Education: no report submitted
J. Parking: no report submitted
K. Student Retention Committee: no report submitted
L. Safety Committee: no report was submitted
M. Strategic Planning: It was noted that the BOR comment to have salary increases be based on merit was just talk. Salary changes are negotiated by the Union and not by arbitrary action of the BOR.
N. Student Support Services Advisory Committee: no report submitted
O. Technology Advisory Committee: no report was submitted
P. Women’s Studies Advisory Committee: no report submitted
Q. Writing Center Advisory Committee: no report submitted

IX. Reports of Faculty Senate Special (Ad Hoc) Committees
A. First Year Experience Committee: Because of change in status, this committee will in the future be listed under Non-Senate committees.
B. Assessment Committee: no report was submitted
C. WI/CD Committee: Question was raised regarding the WI/CD committee’s decision to discontinue the International Education Experience policy. Wozniak/Hartman made a motion that a review of this policy be put on the agenda for the next Senate meeting. Motion passed.
D. Encouragement of Study of Modern Languages: no report was submitted

X. Unfinished Business: none.

XI. New Business: none.

XII. General Faculty Comments:
- Senator Kelley made a point of clarification. In the earlier discussion on WI, it was stated that the Registrar decides what WI requirements will be. Kelley pointed out that this is not accurate.
- Senator Lightner voiced concerns over ROTC coming back to UNK. President Kruse stated that faculty should be receiving a survey regarding ROTC soon. It was noted that ROTC classes could start here in the Fall without following any of the regular procedures for course approval. It was also pointed out that if the credit for these courses is coming from UNL, rather than UNK, we may not have any control over them. Senators were also concerned over our ability to protect any departments or programs that might be affected by ROTC courses.
-- Senators expressed discontent with by-passing the Senate because of our campus policy of shared governance and directed the Executive Committee to take the concern over ROTC classes being taught on campus without Senate/faculty oversight to the administration.
- Senator Wozniak expressed appreciation to the administration for their response on the issue of trees and also thanked the Executive Committee for bringing up the question of recycling on campus. He also asked where the appropriate place would be to raise “green” issues on campus and asked that there be some effort to look into creating a University recycling plan.
- Rob Luscher was commended for his efforts at recycling.
- It was noted that a service-learning project on campus has begun taking leftovers from Chartwells to the needy in Kearney and that this was a student-initiated project.

Darveau/Bridges moved adjournment at 9:00 pm. Motion carried.

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