UNK FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED February 2, 2006
Thursday, December 1, 2005

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

II. Roll Call:

Present: Barton, Bridges, Brown, Craig, Darveau, Davis, Frickle, Hartman, Kelley, Kruse, Lilly, Louishomme, Merrick, Miller, Moore, Obermier, Rieder, Snider, Wozniak, Younes, Young.

Absent: Albrecht, Damon, Fronczak, Jackowiak, Kuskie, Lewis, Lightner, Meznarich, Nelson, Seantling, Strawhecker, Taylor, N. Unruh, S. Unruh,

Guests: Jeremy Schnieder

III. Kelley/Darveau moved approval of the minutes for the Faculty Senate meeting of November 3, 2005. Minutes were approved with emendations.

IV. Reports from Academic Councils:
   A. Graduate Council: report was accepted without discussion.
   B. General Studies Council: report was accepted without discussion.
   C. Council on Undergraduate Education: no report was submitted.

V. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees:
   A. Oversight Committee: no report was submitted.
   B. Executive Committee: It was pointed out that a research support center at UNK, similar to the Near Center at UNL, would help with both quantitative and qualitative research. It was also suggested that the Administration should request that the building supervisors monitor the building bulletin boards for out of date material.
   Senator Davis expressed appreciation of the Administration’s timely response to the weather emergency last Monday and Tuesday. President Kruse promised to pass that sentiment on to Administration in writing.
   In response to a concern about students with classes the evening before a holiday not being allowed to stay in student housing because the dorms have been closed, it was pointed out that there is a procedure in place to handle this contingency and provide housing for these students. The dorm supervisors should have information on that process.
   C. President’s Report: report was accepted without discussion.
   D. Academic Affairs: no report was submitted.
   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: no report was submitted.
   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

VI. Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees:
   A. Assessment Committee: no report submitted
      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: no report submitted
   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: There was a request for more detailed and frequent minutes from the Strategic Planning committee. It was pointed out that the report given to the Senate were not official minutes, but information offered by President Kruse. Senators were also reminded that all the latest information from Strategic Planning along with names of members of the committee had been sent to the Senate. More tangible information will be forthcoming.
   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

VII. Reports of Faculty Senate Special (Ad Hoc) Committees
   A. First Year Experience Committee: no report was submitted
   B. Assessment Committee: no report was submitted
   C. WI/CD Committee: no report was submitted
   D. Encouragement of Study of Modern Languages: no report was submitted

VIII. Unfinished Business:
   Miller/Louishomme moved to table the WI/CD proposal. Motion passed. The proposal will be taken up again at the February, 2006, meeting.

IX. New Business: President Kruse explained that the Administration had requested the Senate vote on three honorary degree candidates for December commencement. Miller/Davis moved the Senate move into closed session for the voting. Motion passed.
   Miller/Darveau moved the Senate come out of closed session. Motion passed.
XI. General Faculty Comments:
   Merrick expressed concern about money being sent to Lincoln.
   There was a general expression of thanks to President Kruse for the way she handled the
debate over this meeting and the conflict with the Women’s Vollyball Tournament.

Darveau/Louishomme moved adjournment at 7:20 pm. Motion carried.

Paula Rieder,
Faculty Senate Secretary