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

II. Roll Call:
   Present: Agrawal, Albrecht, Bridges, Craig, Darveau, Davis, Elder, Foradori, Fredrickson, Frickle, Heidenreich, Jackowiak, Kruse, Lewis, Lightner, Kelley, Kuskie, Louishomme, McCarty, Miller, Obermier, Snider, Strawhecker, Thompson, Tidwell, Trewin, Unruh, White, Wozniak, and Wysocki,
   Absent: Aviles, Hartman, Scantling, and Younes

Guests: John Anderson, speaking on American Democracy Project

III. Approval of Agenda. Brown/Thompson moved to approve agenda. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Davis/Tidwell moved to approve minutes of the November 2, 2006 meeting without emendations and to suspend the rules to move up John Anderson’s presentation. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. John Anderson, Professor of Political Science and one UNK faculty member who attended the American Democracy Project conference in the summer of 2006, explained that the idea behind this initiative is to help students become competent citizens. Approval of the resolution by Faculty Senate would be a small step in the process of UNK determining how it can better prepare students to be active citizens in our society. Anderson explained that if the resolution is approved, the next step would be for the campus to conduct a self-audit that will identify what we are currently doing to promote better citizenship among our student body and what we, as a community, are interested in doing. The self-audit may reveal that we can do more pedagogically to strengthen student citizenship competence.

Senator Miller proposed to amend the resolution to read the “University of Nebraska at Kearney will engage” in the American Democracy Project. There were no objections to the proposed change.

Senator Davis stated that more time should be devoted to consideration of this proposal. This would allow more time for faculty
input and to identify possible budget implications. Senator Miller suggested that in the process of conducting the self-audit ample information will be provided to the campus community and broaden grassroots support for the initiative.

After further discussions, Fredrickson/Lewis moved for approval of the resolution as amended. Motion was approved by a majority of Senators. There were two Nay votes.

Miller/Bridges moved to forward the American Democracy Project to the Student Affairs Committee. The Committee is directed to work with John Anderson to develop a schedule and report back to the full Senate. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

VI) Reports of Faculty Senate Committees,
   A) Oversight Committee: Senator Frickle reported that senator Foradori has had other teaching commitments that conflict with the faculty Senate’s regular scheduled meetings. She nominated Paul Smith as a temporary replacement for Foradori. Prof. Smith’s temporary appointment was unanimously approved.

   B) Executive Committee November 30, 2006 minutes of meeting with UNK Administration. Senator Kelly stressed the importance of timely notification to small departments. Senator Davis asked if any additional details were obtained on the Post-tenure Procedure and Policy. President Darveau reported that none was available. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

   C) President’s Report of December 3, 2006 was approved. President Darveau stated that Faculty Senate is need of a Webmaster. Senator Fredrickson volunteered to serve in that capacity.

   D) Senator Davis asked if the FS had data on high school students who would be taking college credits at UNK. After a short discussion, Senator Davis agreed to prepare a report on that item.

   E) Senator Brown asked if the practice appointment policy was discussed by NU’s Board of Regents. President Darveau said indicated that it was not.

   F) Athletic Committee minutes of November 3 and December 1, 2006 were approved without comment.

   G) Continuing Education Committee minutes of November 14, 2006 were approved following discussion.

VI) Reports of Faculty Senate Special (Ad Hoc) Committees
   A) Writing Intense/Cultural Diversity Committee minutes of November 1, 2006 were approved following discussion of letters notifying department chairs of approval of Writing Plans. Senator Miller stated that he had not received the
B) General Studies Roundtable. November 10 and 17, 2006 minutes accepted without comment.

VIII) Reports of Senate representatives to Non-senate Committees
   A) Assessment Committee minutes of November 9, 2006. Senator Albrecht asked how is this going to work. How is assessment going to affect the classroom instructors? After a brief discussion, the minutes were approved unanimously.
   2. Data Analysis Committee minutes of October 9 and November 6, 2006 were approved with one comment. Senator Miller stated that the committee is trying to identify what data are currently being used across the campus and determine if there are gaps to be filled. The committee is also interested in identifying potential users of available data.

I) Honors Council November 15, 2006 minutes approved after discussion of one question that was raised from the floor. Senator Albrecht asked if there are any guidelines for faculty on how to set-up and run a one-hour Honors project. He was informed that the Honors College has guidelines available on its website and that, generally, faculty has latitude in determining what students are required to do.

N) Strategic Planning December 4, 2006 minutes approved without discussion.

P) Technology Advisory Committee October 25, 2006 minutes approved without discussion.

X) New Business
   A) Proposal for creation of new committee for faculty Research and Scholarship. This would be an advisory committee in NCSS that would provide the NCSS Dean with input. President Darveau indicated that the Graduate dean does not want this to be a Faculty Senate Committee.

   Miller/Louishomme moved that the Graduate Dean be encouraged to include a Faculty Senate representative on the Advisory Committee. Senator Snider asked if appointments are not usually made by the colleges. Senator Miller responded that in the NCSS members are elected not appointed. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

   B) Discussion of the Board of Regents’ Strategic framework was followed. Revisions to that document will be mailed to senators by President Darveau.

Adjournment: Brown/Darveau moved to adjourn. Motion was approved by unanimous vote at 9:06 PM.