I. Call to order: President Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present:
- At Large Senators: Davis, Wozniak, Hansen
- CBT Senators: Agrawal, Eshleman, Frickel, Hall, Smith
- COE Senators: Fredrickson, Lewis, Summar, Young, McCarty, Mollenkopf, Unruh
- CFAH Senators: Craig, Hartman, Nuss, Dimock, Snider, White
- CNSS Senators: Aviles, Miller, Younes, Darveau, Lilly, Kelley, Rohrer, Benz
- Library Senator: Heidenreich
- Absent: Trewin, Hughes, Brown, Thompson, Brodene-Smith
- Guests: Kim Schipporiet

III. Approval of Agenda. Davis (Benz) moved approval of agenda. Motion Passed.

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes of March 6, 2008.

Darveau (Fredrickson) moved approval of the minutes. Motion passed with corrections.

V. Special Presentation

A. Scott Unruh and Jon McBride. Scott introduced himself as Faculty Representative to NCAA. He wanted the Senate to put face to the title and shared information from NCAA. He noted that there has been extensive faculty involvement with athletics and extended his appreciation to the faculty. He then showed a video from the NCAA Division II which stressed the importance of combining athletics with academics.

Jon McBride, Athletic Director, noted that Division II with its balance of academics and athletics is the right division for UNK. Jon also expressed his appreciation of the faculty for their involvement and concern. He went on to discuss the importance of athletics to the school. He noted that the athletic program is “the front door to the community.” Members of the athletic program takes that “responsibility very seriously” so that “visitors have a positive attitude toward UNK.”

Both speakers noted that they would like to hear from faculty who have any concerns or ideas for the athletic program.

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

A. Oversight Committee: Minutes March 28

The Oversight Committee nominated Petulia Vaz, Communication Disorders, to fill a vacant seat on the FS Academic Affairs Committee. Motion Passed.

Senator Frickel announced that Roger Davis had been re-elected Senator at large

B. Executive Committee: Minutes March 28

Senator Lilly asked that Executive Committee Administration reopen the Priority Program process. President Miller responded that we will raise the issue.

C. President’s report

Number of things from the Board of Regents:
1. 6 year graduation rates across the campuses. UNK is in the middle of campuses. Being urged to improve rate.

2. Regents policy states that the tuition cannot be raised more than 6% and President Miller believes we are looking for less. President Miller also noted that we behind our peers in tuition costs.

Senator Davis noted that fees have been raised and should be looked at as well. President Miller noted that we beyond our peers in fees, but he also noted that the fees are not across the board. Fees are not clear and we are making some progress in this area.

3. Learning Communities was presented at the Regents Meeting.

At this President Miller turned the meeting over to Past-President Darveau so that he could present a motion.

4. President Miller presented a resolution opposing LR233CA. **Motion Passed.**

President Miller resumed presiding over the meeting.

D. Academic Affairs: **Minutes March 13**

   **Minutes received with no comment.**

E. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee: no report

F. Academic Information and Technology Committee: no report

G. Artists and Lecturers Committee: no report

H. Athletic Committee: no report

I. eCampus Committee: **Minutes February 5 and March 4**

   Request for explication of the evaluation of the on-line courses. The matter is under discussion at this time. Darveau asked if students could be required to open the evaluation without mandating them to complete it. Sen. Fredrickson noted that a uniform procedure may violate College autonomy. President Miller hoped that someone would work on a process to increase response rate to evaluations and will send request to FS eCampus Committee.

J. Faculty Welfare Committee: No report

K. Grievance Committee: No report

L. Library Committee: No report

M. Professional Conduct Committee: **Annual Report**

   **Received with no comment.**

N. Student Affairs Committee: **Removal of Student Policy**

   President Miller asked for comments:

   1. Kim Schipporeit asked the meaning of the term “academic setting.” Whether it would be the campus or smaller setting.

   2. Smith stated that you can use number of working days.

   3. Smith also requested that Article IV be provided when we vote on the final version.

   4. Unruh asked for clarification of Cushing which serves as multi-purpose facility.

   5. Smith noted that classroom is more specific than setting and need to think about charge.

   6. Senator Younes believes that the policy should be vague to cover many areas.

   7. Smith need to make certain that the faculty be protected in multiple settings.

   8. Senator Frickel asked “may be subject” or “shall be subject” be clarified.

   9. Aaron restraining order for a person and not a setting

   10. Sumer will this policy also be applicable for UNK events off-campus.

   11. Fredrickson inquired if the policy extended beyond the faculty and President Miller stated it also covered student on student harassment as well.

   12. This is a flash-point, so you can deal with a situation immediately.
VII. Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees
   A. Assessment Committee: Minutes February 14
      Minutes received with no comment.
   B. Affirmative Action Commission: no report
   C. Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Committee: Minutes March 24
      Noted that there was variation in the amount of funds received by Colleges.
   D. Council of Chairs: no report
   E. Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee: Minutes March
      Received with no comment.
   F. Fees Committee: no report
   G. First Year Experience Committee: no report
   H. Gender Equity Committee: no report
   I. Honors Council: no report
   J. International Education: no report
   K. Parking: no report
   L. Student Retention Committee: no report
   M. Safety Committee: no report
   N. Strategic Planning: no report
   O. Student Support Services Advisory Committee: no report
   P. Technology Advisory Committee: no report
   Q. Women’s Studies Advisory Committee: Minutes January 16, February 13, March 11
      President Miller made a comment on March 11 minutes in that he wanted to make certain that
      Women’s Studies courses could be submitted for wellness. The Introduction to WS, as is,
      would not be appropriate.
   R. WI/CD Committee: no report
   S. Writing Center Advisory Committee: No report

VIII. Reports from Academic Councils
   A. Graduate Council: no report: Minutes February 21
      Received with no comment.
   B. General Studies Council: Minutes March 6
      Received with no comment.
   C. Council on Undergraduate Education: no report

IX. Unfinished Business
   A. Pandemic Policy
      Received with no comment.
   B. Dual Credit (Kim’s data, websites from Roger, Nebraska Dual Enrollment Stds.)
      President Miller noted that the Nebraska Dual Enrollment Standards may be a good guideline for
      UNK’s participation in dual enrollment but we need to strengthen the language. President Miller
      suggested that senators make suggestions for improving the guidelines.
      1. Waivers should be approved by both us (school and university).
      2. Officials would be some faculty body.
      3. The words “typically and recommended” should be deleted when it makes the
         standards weaker.
      4. Faculty need appropriate orientation and training. Is their collaboration between
         faculty and teachers. Has assessment policies been reviewed? Has the program been
         reviewed on an annual basis?
      5. Officials need to be clearly identified.
      6. Mandate that the high school teachers assess performance in a particular manner.
7. The teacher’s Master’s degree should be in the discipline that the course is being offered.
8. May want to look at enforcement.

Senator Dimock (Smith) moved that the Council of Chairs to work on language and finish it in the next three weeks. Motion approved.

C. General Studies
Darveau noted that the BlackBoard has been opened and asked that questions be posed.

X. New Business
A. Susan Buffet/Thompson Scholars Learning Community
Inquiry was made to the variance in amount of money distributed in the campuses. President Miller will ask. In response to an inquiry President Miller will find out exactly the qualifications who the Buffet/Thompson scholars.

B. The Hamster Wheel
President Miller noted that Hamster Wheel nominations should be submitted to the Executive Committee.

XI. General Faculty Comments
This period is allotted for faculty members to bring matters of importance before the Senate. Speakers are asked to limit their remarks to five minutes or less. Senate meetings are open to all members of the academic community. All faculty members are specifically invited to attend Faculty Senate meetings.

1. Senator Fredrickson felt that a bad precedent was set by passing a resolution the same night as it is presented. President Miller noted that a precedent had been set because we have passed resolutions, typically to commend, in the past. Darveau also noted that if we had submitted the resolution in the packet, it would have violated the political policy.

2. Senator Kelley noted that Dr. Sarah von Schrader noted that the data previously sent by ACT may be somewhat misleading. She noted that the summary report (comparing UNK seniors to seniors nationwide and UNK freshmen to freshmen nationwide) is available here: http://www.unk.edu/uploadedFiles/academicaffairs/assessment/University-Wide/CAAP%20report%20summary%20v3.pdf.

3. Senator Kelley noted that Kimberly Elliot be commended for the hard work she has put into updating the Faculty Senate webpage.

4. President Miller commended the service of senators who would be attending their last meeting.

5. Senator Benz noted that the FS Information and Technology will be meeting and making a recommendation on Vista software. If anyone has any comments they should email their representative.

6. Senator Nuss noted the passing of Lee Snyder and the loss of his support for junior faculty. He asked that we celebrate our lives. He will announce that those who want to walk to the church and invited all to join them.
7. Senator Smith noted the passing of Jeanette Murphy who was a big part of UNK and a past president of Faculty Senate.

Frickel (Darveau) motion to adjourn 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.
Daryl Kelley
FS Secretary