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, Frickel, Eshlemen, Trewin, Hall, Smith
COE Senators: Fredrickson, Lewis, McCarty, Young, Mollenkopf, Unruh
CFAH Senators: Brown, Hartman, White, Smith, Snider
CNSS Senators: Miller, Younes, Darveau, Thompson, Kelley, Rohrer, Benz
Absent: Dimock, Aviles, Lilly, Heidenreich
Guests: none noted

III. Approval of Agenda
Senator Benz (Brown) moved for the approval of the agenda. Motion Passed.

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes of April 26, 2007
Senator Davis (White) move for the approval of the April 26, 2007 minutes. Minor changes were accepted. Motion passed.

V. Special presentation by Peter Longo on troubled students. Highlights of his presentation included:

- Prof. Longo noted that the present policy empowers faculty to take quick action when a student presents a threat. The policy for Withdrawal from the University of Nebraska at Kearney reads:
  A student may not withdraw from a class after the semester or session in which the class was taken has ended. The University reserves the right to exercise an administrative withdrawal. Administrative withdrawals may be initiated when a student’s continued presence on the campus would constitute the potential for danger to self or others, or disruption of University community interests including teaching, administration or other University recognized activities.
- Prof. Longo also noted other policies in the student handbook that apply to troubled students. See http://www.unk.edu/admin/vcsa/StudentHandbk1.pdf.
- In addition to existing policies, Dr. Longo commended the work of Judicial Officer and Public Safety. Prof. Longo stated that Public Safety has a very good working relationship on campus and will work with faculty to solve problems.
- Dr. Longo encouraged faculty to gather evidence and document incidents; as well as work with chairs to resolve problems as quickly as possible. He further noted that there is a concern to balance due process with safety and hopes to work cooperatively with the Senate and parties to rewrite policy and procedures that ensure a safe environment and due process to everyone.
Questions from Senators:
- President Miller in response to the faculty power expressed in the Withdrawal policy noted that students do have an appeal process and Prof. Longo concurred.
- Prof. Longo in response to the specific process of withdrawal stated that the faculty member should document any incidents and share the information with the chair who will preserve the record.
- Hazing was noted as an organizational act of misconduct.
- President Miller stated the issue would be sent to the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee and noted that Dr. Longo serves as an ex-officio member. The Senate looks forward to working on creating procedures to ensure the safety of the members of UNK.

VI. Special presentation by Jeanne Butler on assessment and the NCA focused visit. Highlights of her presentation included:

- Everyone, especially faculty, need to be mindful that in our last NCA review, we had failed the assessment area. We have a focus visit in April. The reports collected this fall will be reviewed by the NCA team. Commitment has greatly improved. Come a long way and in good shape.
- The focus visit will be April 28 and 29, 2008. Focusing on how people are using the data. How are the results being communicated. They have been known to stop faculty on campus and ask what your department is doing about assessment.
- Dr. Butler noted many improvements in our assessment. Last spring the responses to the faculty assessment survey indicated that many faculty perceived the positive benefits to assessment.
- In fact, Dr. Butler noted that the survey demonstrated faculty had moved from not accepting assessment to having positive attitudes towards the assessment process.

Dr. Butler took questions from Senators:
1. Dr. Butler was asked to summarize the specific areas that we problematic and where we stood.

   She responded: a) There had been a lack of faculty commitment in which few departments consistently provided assessment reports; whereas, last year all departments had submitted a report. b) At the time of the review there was stable infrastructure; whereas, now we have an office with a budget to send faculty to assessment conferences and an engaged student committee on assessment. c) E-campus is now collecting data from all programs using rigorous assessment. d) General Studies is being assessed and the discussion to make any changes to the General Studies will include assessment plans. e) Writing will be assessed this year from the plans submitted last year. f) The promotion of recognition of teaching and assessment is begun through teaching award recognition luncheon and funding to assessment conferences. In sum, we have made good progress in our assessment process.

2. A senator reported that his department had collected a lot of data, but were struggling with the information. Dr. Butler responded that there are resources to help departments with the analysis and she continues to visit departments. The important aspect, however, is that we can clearly demonstrate that we are taking the process seriously.

VII. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees
   A. Oversight Committee: no report submitted, but elections for replacement senators were held. Senator Frickel reported that Senator Jacowiak has resigned her position at UNK and a representative from the COE was needed. The Oversight Committee recommended Cliff
Summar (HPERLS) for the seat. **Senator Benz (Davis) moved that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Cliff Summar. Motion passed.** The Oversight Committee recommended Mark Nuss (Communications) as a replacement for Senator Foriadori until April. **Senator Benz (Snider) moved that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Mark Nuss. Motion passed.** Mark Wethington (Music & Performing Arts) was recommended to replace Senator Herbert Craig for the fall semester. **Senator Benz (Darveau) moved that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Mark Wethington. Motion passed.** Paul Smith agreed to serve on the Oversight Committee as replacement for Senator Craig. **Senator Benz (Darveau) moved that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Senator Smith. Motion Passed.** Senator Frickel also announced that Larry Kuskie has resigned his seat. No replacement was made at the Senate meeting.

B. Executive Committee: no report submitted as the Executive Committee had not yet met with Administration; however:

- The Executive Committee has met and President Miller stated the priority items as: increased faculty input for summer orientation, investigate salaries for adjunct faculty, more information on diversity study, health cost for retirees, process for approving the new version of promotion and tenure guidelines, seek a means to increase the student return rate of evaluations for online courses, and investigate professional development leave. If faculty wants to provide input on any of these or other issues, e-mail issues to President Rick Miller.

C. President's Report: no report submitted or President Miller had spent the day at the BOR. President Miller briefly discussed the BOR which included:

- Three items of interest to UNK: 1. Athletic training degree was approved. 2. $2.3 million has been allocated for the heating and cooling tunnels 3. Amended the policy on alcohol for wine tasting as part of a class.
- President Miller distributed a handout on University Accountability. The BOR and President Milliken are pushing to adopt a national standard. The handout provides examples of the type of information that will be collected.

D. Academic Affairs: no report submitted
E. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee: no report submitted
F. Academic Information and Technology Committee
G. Artists and Lecturers Committee: no report submitted
H. Athletic Committee: no report submitted
I. Continuing Education Committee: no report submitted
J. Faculty Welfare Committee: no report submitted
K. Grievance Committee: no report submitted
L. Library Committee: no report submitted
M. Professional Conduct Committee: no report submitted
N. Student Affairs Committee: no minutes submitted
O. WI/CD Committee—Minutes April 18, 2007. Senator Wozniak inquired on how the terms were being staggered or constructed. It was noted that Deb Bridges is currently working on a governance document.
VIII. Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees
   A. 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. Fees Committee: no report submitted
   G. First Year Experience Committee: no report submitted
   H. Gender Equity Committee: no report submitted
   I. Honors Council: Minutes—April 18, 2007
      Senator Wozniak commended the current director for submitting more reports than his predecessors combined.
   J. International Education: no report submitted
   K. Parking: no report submitted
   L. Student Retention Committee: no report submitted
   M. Safety Committee: no report submitted
   N. Strategic Planning: no report submitted
   O. Student Support Services Advisory Committee: no report submitted
   P. Technology Advisory Committee: no report submitted
   Q. Women’s Studies Advisory Committee: no report submitted
   R. Writing Center Advisory Committee: no report submitted
IX. Reports from Academic Councils
   A. Graduate Council: Minutes—April 19, 2007. No comments.
   B. General Studies Council: no report submitted
X. Unfinished Business: None
XI. New Business:
Dr. Miller reported that he needed volunteers for the Tech Fee advisory Committee. Senator Vijay Agrawal agreed to serve. Senator Davis volunteered to serve as the FS representative to the FY Experience Committee.

XII. General Faculty Comments
Senator McCarty reminded faculty of Midwest Consortium for service learning opportunity. Registration will be paid for faculty who attend. Call Gerry Stirtz or Wendy McCarty.

A discussion of the limited parking, especially on east campus, ensued. The changes to Bruner and the new dorms will reduce available spaces. A concern about the decision making process was also raised. President Miller will invite Vice Chancellor Johnson to the Faculty Senate.

Senator Bev Frickel noted that faculty will be receiving nomination ballots and encouraged faculty to participate in the nominating process.

President Miller announced that the Senate will host the Faculty Staff club in September.

XIII. Adjournment. Senator Younes (Frickel) moved for adjournment. Motion Passed.
Respectfully submitted,
Daryl Kelley
Secretary
UNK Faculty Senate