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, Eshleman, Trewin, Smith
COE Senators: Fredrickson, Lewis, Summar, McCarty, Young
CFAH Senators: Brown, Nuss, White, Dimock, Brodene Smith, Snider
CNSS Senators: Aviles, Miller, Younes, Darveau, Lilly, Kelley, Rohrer, Benz
Library Senator: Heidenreich
Absent: Mollenkopf, Hall, Unruh, Wethington, Hartman, Thompson

Guests: Grant Campbell, Student Senate Vice President; Ed Scantling, Dean of College of Education

III. Approval of Agenda

Senator Brown (Brodene Smith) moved for the approval of the agenda. Motion Passed.

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes of September 7, 2007

Senator Fredrickson (Lewis) moved for the approval of the September 7, 2007 minutes with changes. Motion Passed.

V. Special Presentation

A. Ed Scantling, Dean of COE, made the following points in discussing the report of “Phase II Implementation Plan for Student Recruitment”:
   - Chancellor Kristensen and Vice Chancellor Murray decided to form an advisory committee to help look at our recruitment effort.
   - Later charged to fit the recruitment into the Strategic initiatives.
   - Needs senators help to go through and provide feedback via email. Some initiatives are rather controversial. Every department and college should set up a plan with benchmarks for recruitment.
   - Reported what is being done in COE. He wants to make sure that we get the biggest bang for our buck. We do not have a lot of dollars so we need to be very efficient in our recruitment effort.

Answers to Questions:
   - There is a recruitment committee that is chaired by Deb Bridges. President Miller will get a list of members.
   - The Marketing Committee has not been in contact with Dean Scantling’s group. Senator Darveau noted that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee has been invited to hear a presentation from the Malcom-Grier Company on campus identity and logos. Moreover, President Miller reported that he will include a summary of that meeting in his report next month.
   - In response to Senator Wozniak noting the lack of faculty on the advisory planning subcommittee for recruitment, Dean Scantling strongly agreed that faculty will need to be
involved in the planning of recruitment. Moreover, the research has found that faculty involvement is critical; especially during the on-site visits

- In response to the discussion, Senator Smith noted that three different consultants have been hired in the last 5 years for a couple hundred thousand. If they reinventing our definition, it is a waste of money. This is a concern, especially, in the face of a lack of resources for recruitment.
- President Miller offered the following: 1. The three students who had been honored by the Omaha World Herald should be contacted and their speeches from the scholarship dinner should be video conference and placed on the web for recruitment purposes.
  2. Faculty should be approached as potential donors to scholarship funds.

B. Daren Snider Director of General Studies

General Studies Director Snider announced that UNK will participate in the CAAP (College Assessment of Academic Proficiency). This project is an assessment project that will be conducted by ACT. Our participation in the project will vastly improve our assessment of the General Studies Program. The data collection will be occurring in October. The goal of the project is to set national benchmarks for student performance. Four hundred freshman and four hundred seniors will be taking the test.

The evaluation will consist of two tests: one is a writing test and one is a critical thinking test. Classes will be randomly selected. Either the writing test or the critical thinking test will be distributed to the class. Classes will not be picked for both tests. Both tests will take less than the 50 minute class block. Instructors of chosen classes may have less than two weeks notice. Although this is short notice, Director Snider noted that the benefits included: free testing; ACT will evaluate and send the results with peer data. This would cost $10,000 if the institution purchased the testing. Second, the results will bolster General Studies and Writing Intensive assessment for NCA visit. A third reason for proceeding is that the Regents are mandating some form of standardized testing. Last year we ran a pilot in which our own standardized test was used, but some problems were encountered and this assessment will be better.

Students who score better than the mean will receive a certificate of achievement.

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

A. Oversight Committee. Senator Frickel distributed the recent election results of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees and requested the results be placed in the minutes:

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<td>Sylvia Asay (CBT-Family Studies/Int. Design)</td>
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Ken Messersmith was elected to a 1-year term on the Academic Information Technology Committee.

The Oversight Committee submitted the following slate nominees to be elected by the Senate:

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<td>Sheryl Heidenreich (Library)</td>
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<td><strong>Academic Info Technology</strong>*</td>
<td>Scott Fredrickson (Teacher Education)</td>
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The slate was accepted by the Senate.

The Executive Committee appointed Scott Darveau to the Faculty Welfare Committee.

B. Executive Committee

We do not have one but it will be forthcoming.
C. President’s report
No report. Next month will include a Regent’s meeting and senate presidents meeting with President Millikan.

D. Academic Affairs: **Minutes September 20, 2007.**
No comment

E. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee: no report submitted
F. Academic Information and Technology Committee: no report submitted
G. Artists and Lecturers Committee: **Minutes September 10, 2007.**
No comment

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 report submitted

VII. Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees
A. Assessment Committee: **Minutes September 13, 2007.**
Senator Wozniak requested further information about the WEAVEonline software. In the discussion that followed the following points were made:
- Departments will be able to report and view data online.
- It is a BlackBoard-like product for assessment. You will be able to enter data into a template.
- The NCA will be able to view reports on website and would not need to do a site visit unless they saw a problem.

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: no report submitted
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: **Minutes April 04, 2007.**
No Comments on minutes. President Miller noted that the “No Limits Conference” would be hosted by UNK and confirmed with Senator Lilly that student research will be invited.
R. WI/CD Committee:
Senator Wozniak noted that the minutes referred to governance documents that the Senate may not have seen. Senator Lilly believes that they are posted on the web. Senator Lilly will check and inform President Miller of status. In checking the governance document we need to make certain that the process is clear to faculty.

Senator Darveau expressed a concern at the statement “We have just reduced WI hours by 50% to get ‘genuine’ courses…” Senator Darveau believes that such statements leaves the impression that we have reduced the amount of writing in our courses; rather than, holding departments responsible for writing within the discipline.

Senators Lewis and Lilly thought the context of the comment was the survey that indicated that some faculty do not want to teach WI courses.

S. Writing Center Advisory Committee: No report submitted

VIII. Reports from Academic Councils
A. Graduate Council; Minutes July 18, 2007.
Minutes were accidently omitted from the packet and will be included at the November meeting.

B. General Studies Council: Minutes April 5, 2007 and April 26, 2007
No comment

C. Council on Undergraduate Education: no report submitted

IX. Unfinished Business. No unfinished business.
XI. General Faculty Comments
1. Senator Lewis announced that it was time for the United Way drive. She noted that the contributions last year were below expectations. Moreover, 2/3 of the pledged money came from retired faculty/staff. Senator Lewis noted that we are not helping our community. She stated that if everyone would just pledge $15 or $20 a month, it would greatly help. President Miller noted that actually a fair share was calculated to be $120.

2. Senator Agrawal noted that last year the packet was distributed in a single pdf file and asked if this practice could be reestablished. The majority of senators indicated a single pdf file would be the preferred packet.

3. Senator Wozniak recounted a discussion from CNSS Ed Policy in which angst was expressed in regard to the multiple changes that are likely to be made this academic year. Faculty who are not in the loop are likely to struggle with the new procedures. The Executive Committee could help faculty by identifying the critical meetings and suggest where we are heading. For example, ED policy committee is discussing a change in minor rule. The committee sees this as an opportune time to propose change since the General Studies may go through significant change.

The Executive Committee needs to help faculty obtain a clear picture of the consequences of changes. The Executive Committee should summarize what the changes are important. As we are going through major curriculum changes, faculty must know what to do.
4. Senator Brodene Smith expressed a concern over open positions within the library. With fewer librarians, materials may be delayed in cataloguing. Senator Heidenreich noted that work will be prioritized. Senator Brodene Smith asked if faculty should express their priorities. Senator Heidenreich thought that prioritization was a good idea, but Dean Wilke should be contacted for advice. President Miller indicated that Dean Wilke, as well as, the Library Committee would be informed of the concern.

Wozniak (Benz) moved to adjourn. **Motion Passed.**