I. Call to order

II. Roll Call

At Large Senators: Present: Davis, Wozniak, Hansen;

CBT Senators: Present: Frickel, Trewin, Smith, Agrawal, Hughes, Hall; Absent: Eshleman;

COE Senators: Present: McCarty, Summar, Mollenkopf, Unruh, Bostic-Frederick, Fredrickson, Lewis;

CFAH Senators: Present: Nuss, Dimock, Snider, Kruse, Wethington; Absent: White, Hartman, Campbell;

CNSS Senators: Present: Borchard, Lilly, Miller, Benz, Kelley, Rohrer, Combs, Darveau, Stevens;

Library Senator: Present: Heidenreich;

Guests: Charlie Bicak, Kim Schipporeit, Bruce Uden, Deb Huryth

III. Approval of Agenda Motion to Accept Darveau (Frickel) - passed

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes of March 5, 2009

Motion to accept Davis (Darveau) - passed

V. Special Presentations

A. Senior Vice Chancellor Bicak

The Senior Vice Chancellor offered thanks and recognition of the service Faculty Senate provides and acknowledged the strong leadership of the Faculty Senate. Budget is a key concern and the SVC is working on various scenarios with the Deans and Chairs, but those scenarios are not for public dispersal. Goals: sustain and enhance quality (of whole campus) and increase enrollment. The campus will need a plan in place as soon as the Legislature makes a decision and the final budget is known.

B. Kim Schipporeit -- SIS Implementation

There are many concerns about the SIS implementation and there is little positive to say. There is no plan, no goal dates, no target dates. Implementation is planned for April 2010 and the campus is working diligently on the system and coordinating at Lincoln (2 days a week).
Concerns: (1) no application process. UNK had an online application system, and purchased a 3rd party product to keep it. (2) Working to coordinate and determine how to work on a system that is used by all the campuses, leads to some confusion as to what campus you are under when in the system. (3) UNK will need to hire people to run the system. Everyone who uses the system (faculty and staff) will need to run a process in order to call up any records and take any action. Since there are high demand times, there has to be some control over how many people can run a process. (4) System operation takes more time simply to navigate and perform actions. Thus, there will need to be more support staff to operate the system.

(5) The degree audit system will be lost. The University (Pratt) is still considering whether or not UNK will be able to purchase a 3rd party system to do this.

Many third party products have had to be purchased. Some have been covered by the system budget, but UNK specific needs have had to be covered.

The negotiation team from central administration chose a product (the PeopleSoft) against the unanimous recommendation of the university professionals who evaluated the system.

FS Comment: We as the faculty senate need to hold central administration accountable for this decision and the problems it has and will create.

We will lose functionality because budget limitations are such that administration is not allowing the purchase of greater functionality.

FS Comment: Midwest Consortium of Higher Education did negotiate with PeopleSoft for better pricing (bulk purchasing).

Registration for Fall and Summer 2010 at UNO and UNK happens at the same time. Project Management is discouraging registering under the new system for both Fall and Summer because of when the new program comes online. Registration will have to occur on WebEASI for Summer and the new system for Fall.

MOTION: The Faculty Senate would recommend that we convert to the PeopleSOFT product in April 2010 for both the Summer and Fall terms. Smith (Lewis) Passed

Degree Audit issue: Degree Works – the preferred product – has been requested and it is unknown whether it will be accepted. If this is denied, Schipporeit needs guidance for faculty preferences for alternatives: Options: 1) stay with current system, but we would need to design an interface and maintain ourselves. 2) Get the Advising Module from PeopleSoft (lower functionality). 3) purchase another product, DARS, which is being used by UNL. 4) paper and pencil.

MOTION: Because UNK faculty does advising and because advising is an important feature in our student retention program, the UNK Faculty Senate believes a user friendly degree audit is a critical and necessary component of the UNK SIS. We urge the purchase Degree Works. Frickel (Darveau) Passed

FS Question: If this is denied, is there an appeal process?

No.
FS Question: Of the three alternatives, what is the best recommendation for the alternative.

If we had to choose today, DARS – it is in use by many Universities.

FS Question: Can we have a demonstration at our next meeting.

Yes.

FS Comment: There are concerns about the process by which this decision were made – would the executive committee look into this. Other faculty should also inquire about other universities using the system.

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

A. Oversight Committee:

Wozniak re-elected as senator at large.

B. Executive Committee:

FS Question: RE: Miller’s question on financial exigency – when would it be done if not when facing program cuts? A: It has never been done. Q: Why? A: It is like bankruptcy and it is difficult to undue the damage to the university’s reputation.

FS Comment: Late minutes are a problem. A: We would have to change the meeting schedule because the meeting occurs one week before the Senate meeting.

FS Comment: RE: Models for summer school: There is no new model.

FS Question: RE Distance Education: If the University has hired someone to manage the communities of practice of the online education system, what is this person’s job and responsibilities? How was that position advertised? What are the issues coordinating the online programs.

C. President’s Report:

Status report – table for next meeting

D. Academic Affairs: March 26th Minutes

no comment

E. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee:

F. Academic Information and Technology Committee:

G. Artists and Lecturers Committee:

H. Athletic Committee:

I. e-campus Committee:

J. Faculty Welfare Committee:

K. Grievance Committee:

L. Library Committee:

M. Professional Conduct Committee:
N. Student Affairs Committee:

VII. Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees
   A. Assessment Committee:
   B. Affirmative Action Commission:
   C. Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Committee:
   D. Council of Chairs:
   E. Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee:
   F. Fees Committee:
   G. First Year Experience Committee:
   H. Gender Equity Committee:
   I. Honors Council:
      no comment
   K. Parking:
   L. Student Retention Committee:
   M. Safety Committee:
   N. Strategic Planning:
   O. Student Support Services Advisory Committee:
   P. Technology Advisory Committee:
   Q. Women’s Studies Advisory Committee:
   R. WI/CD Committee: Minutes of February 12, 2009
      no comment
   S. Writing Center Advisory Committee:

VIII. Reports from Academic Councils
   A. Graduate Council:
   B. General Studies Council:
   C. Council on Undergraduate Education:

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business
   A. Nomination form for the David Stevenson UNK Faculty Senate Hamster Wheel Award
   B. Faculty Development Draft Proposal (handed out at Senate). The proposal would be to
develop an ad hoc committee to pursue the development of a formal new faculty
development program. Will be considered at the next meeting. This was developed by the President of the Senate.

XI. General Faculty Comments

Lilly – There is a problem with the lack of cooperation between UNK and UNL libraries: limited access, limited renewal, and limited return options. Wilke is working with the FS Library committee. If you have an interest in this issue, please contact your library rep.

    Darveau – Can we get access to the journal databases?

    Heidenreich – Venders base fees on FTE. System wide access would be cost prohibitive.

    Frickel – Every citizen of the state has the ability to get access to that library because it is state funded research library. It would be nice to have a faculty courtesy card.

    Darveau - If there is not currier, then how do we get campus mail?

Darveau – over the past few years, a tendency has developed for some departments to be very active and others to be relatively inactive in their senate participation.

The CB&T Dean took a role in seeing to it that there were nominations from every department.

Motion to adjourn Miller (Smith) Passed.