UNK FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
December 4th, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
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Faculty Senate Website: http://www.unk.edu/committees/facultysenate/

I. Call to order

II. Roll Call

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

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

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

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

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

Library Senator: Present: Heidenreich;

III. Approval of Agenda

Nuss (Davis) - Approved

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

Kruse (White) - Approved

Discussion: limit minutes, particularly discussion, to main points

V. Special Presentations

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

A. Oversight Committee:

B. Executive Committee: Minutes of November 19th, 2008

C. President’s Report: Attachment

Comment: Graduate student and international student enrollment increases are NU wide

D. Academic Affairs: Minutes of November 20th, 2008

No Comment.

E. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee:

F. Academic Information and Technology Committee: Minutes of November 3rd 2008

Action Item: Fredrickson (Wozniak) – The campus should standardize on the InterWrite PRS system for classroom “clickers.” Passed

Discussion – AIT discussed consistency, particularly between Psychology and Biology. The cost to students is approximately $60 for the InterWrite, which was found to be the superior device. These devices will be supported by ITS.
Standardization allows one clicker to be used in any class. UNL standardized it as well.

Senate discussed the cost and lack of buy-back from the bookstore and the cost burden that places in students.

**Motion passed** – 5 abstentions

G. Artists and Lecturers Committee:

H. Athletic Committee:  **Minutes of October 3rd and November 4th, 2008**

   In the October 3rd minutes, 4th paragraph there is a reference to “areas” of noncompliance and it is unclear what the other areas are.

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: **Minutes of November 13th, 2008**

   Comment: There have been more than a few technical problems with “WEAVEonline.”

   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: **Minutes of November 12th, 2008**

   No Comment.

   J. International Studies Advisory Council: **Minutes of November 18th, 2008**

   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: **Minutes of November 12th, 2008**
No Comment.

R. WI/CD Committee: Minutes of August 20th, September 11th, and October 9th, 2008

Minutes of 8/20/2008 – Issues to discuss in future meetings, clarification and development. The committee is discussing how to manage probationary status of WI qualified instructors and the use of mentors. Time has not permitted development on these issues yet.

Are students allowed to present in student appeals? Not sure.

S. Writing Center Advisory Committee:

VIII. Reports from Academic Councils

A. Graduate Council: Minutes of November 20th, 2008

No Comment.

B. General Studies Council: Minutes of November 6th, 2008

No Comment.

C. Council on Undergraduate Education:

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

A. February meeting postponement

President Milikin is coming to campus for the BOR meeting Friday 2/13 and asked us to hold our meeting with him on 2/12 instead of 2/5.

Davis (Miller) hold our regular meeting on the 5th as scheduled. Hold a Faculty Senate sponsored meeting on the 2/12. Passed.

B. Honorary Degrees –

We have honorary degrees that were previously approved by Senate and he administration is looking to reaffirmation, since some time has passed.

Smith (Fredrickson) – moved into closed session. Passed.

Smith (Lewis) – Vote.

XI. General Faculty Comments

Lewis - The United Way campaign is still underway; please donate what you can. So far only 71 people have donated, which is a pretty weak turnout.

Wozniak. Offered a status report on the list of the committees on the campus. If people have other committees they know of, let him know. Attempting to get a sense of who created the committee and who they respond to. Email Wazniak regarding committees and any additions or corrections. Would like a written/established purpose.

Miller – There was a question regarding supplemental instruction. This will be back on the agenda for the next EC meeting with administration

Darveau – When are the budget forums? EC, please encourage administration to get feedback now.

Wozniak (Lewis) -- Motion to adjourn. Passed. 7:58 – Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Aaron Dimock (Secretary)