UNK FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2010 (Approved September 3, 2010)
Ockinga
Faculty Senate Website: http://www.unk.edu/committees/facultysenate/

I. Call to order

II. Roll Call

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

CBT Senators: Present: Meznarich, Amundson, Moore, Trewin, Taylor; Absent: Agrawal

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

CFAH Senators: Present: Kruse, Marn, Flood, Nuss, White, Dimock; Absent: Hartman, Burbal

CNSS Senators: Present: Darveau, Biggs, Lilly, Miller, Ericson, Trantham; Absent: Benz, Combs, Stevens, Carlson

Library Senator: Present: Mueller

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion Darveau (Davis)

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes of April 1, 2010

Motion Biggs (Darveau)

V. Special Presentation

Dr. Zeller – 1st Year Program

- There was academic input from all Departments and Deans. All faculty teaching classes have credentials and will be Supervised by Dr. Zeller and Dr. Bridges
- After evaluation (specifically measure of retention) the program should come back to the Senate.
- Davis – The courses would be approved permanently based on the minutes of Academic Affairs committee. The program is what is being piloted, not the courses, so the courses will not be returned to this body. Point of clarification.
- Lillis – How are you selecting the students who will participate in this pilot program?
- Zeller – Participation is voluntary. Students targeted are first generation and those referred by faculty advisors who have gotten to know the students and then feel they could use the additional support.
- Miller – is this a credit/no credit course? How does one earn credit for this course?
- Zeller – It is a credit course and will count as an elective course. Students develop portfolios, engage in community service, work with an advisor, and do a reflection. Reflection is a key component. Technology will be taught as a tool.
- Miller – could there be a coordinator from each of the 4 colleges?
- Zeller – That would be wishful thinking. Faculty will be assigned by their deans. The deans will have the ability to make requests of their faculty.
- Faculty raised concerns about faculty maintenance and oversight of the course and assessment.
- Zeller – Bryant, Zeller and Bridges will handle assessment and report back to the senate.

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

A. Oversight Committee: Minutes of April 20, 2010

- Oversight proposed a slate of candidates.
  - Motion to approve. Frickel (Miller) - Passed
- Oversight proposed a Second Slate for the oversight committee
  - Motion to approve. Miller (Frickel) - Passed

B. Executive Committee:

Darveau – 3/24 minutes, BOR meeting, re: external grants at UNK. The goal is problematic, question is – Could we get those numbers? If that truly is a goal for our campus, we need to build the ethos for our campus for grant writing.

Faculty Comments: There doesn’t seem to be much reward for pursuing grants.

Miller – Should we create a motion to support grant writing?

Mollenkopf – I support that – did a great deal of grant writing that was not recognized for rank and tenure.

Motion. Miller (Fredrickson): That the FS encourage the colleges to recognize grant writing as scholarly activity in their revisions of their rank and tenure documents. Passed

Discussion: Faculty were concerned about dictating to colleges or requiring faculty to write grants. Emphasized that relevant grant writing should be recognized as part of scholarship.

Discussion: Enrollments from community colleges are dropping. There is no account for why that is happening, but it is a goal to improve the numbers of CC transfer students.

Executive Council Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2010

Davis: the issue of same rates in Online Worldwide?

Moore: there has been no decision on that, and VCBF said she was opposed to it, but they have to wait on policies from central administration.

Fredrickson: Our students should not have to pay the same tuition if they don’t have access to the same resources as UNO and UNL. There is discrepancy between what VCBF is telling us about whether or not we can hold the differential money and what the President said in his report to the senate. These budget issues could kill the online programs we have.

Davis: are faculty going to gmail?

Taylor: The task force is looking at a number of options university wide. It is possible that each university may not have to go to the same program.
Dimock: There has been no discussion of migrating faculty to gmail.

Davis: Is there a dollar figure on the “significant presence” at the state fair?
Moore: No.

C. President’s Report:

Moore did go to the BOR meeting for Benz. There will likely be a budget shortfall, but Administration and the deans are working on contingencies.

Davis: When cuts are required for K-12 the goal has been to protect the classroom. This is a consideration we should take in our own budget decisions.

D. Academic Affairs: **Minutes of April 22, 2010**

- Letter of support for First Year Program Pilot

  **Motion.** Miller (Amundson) Move to accept. **Passed.**

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: **Minutes of April 19, 2010**

- Missing minutes were forwarded to the Senate and will be included in September packet.

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 Advisory Council:

H. Gender Equity Committee:

I. Honors Council: **Minutes of March 24, 2010 & April 21, 2010**

- **Accepted**
J. International Studies Advisory Council:
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 March 14, 2010
- Accepted
R. WI/CD Committee:
S. Writing Center Advisory Committee:

VIII. Reports from Academic Councils
A. Graduate Council
B. General Studies Council: Minutes of March 4, 2010 & March 8, 2010
- Accepted
C. Council on Undergraduate Education:

IX. Unfinished Business
A. Motion from April 1, 2010:

That the Faculty Senate work with the General Studies Council to commission a joint committee of the Faculty Senate and the General Studies Council composed of 1 member of each college and the library, elected by the Colleges and Library, and 1 member of each college appointed by the Faculty Senate and the General Studies Council. Said committee will be charged to make recommendations and hold discussion to include but not limited to structural and curricular aspects of the General Studies program.

- Snider: The GSC discussed the motion and proposed a couple alternatives
  - Propose a member of the Senate become a permanent, ex-officio member of the GS Council to represent views of Faculty Senate.
  - Propose instead of a permanent committee, ad hoc committee task force appointed by senate to address specific concerns.
- Davis: There was a decision. There was a decision and a vote. The senate was directed to do this.
- Motion Miller (Kritzer): supports rescinding the motion and replacing it with Snider’s proposal (Failed).
  - Discussion: Senate considered what advantages task groups might have (like focus, efficiency, and a clear charge) versus a committee (which would be representative of FS, GSC, and the colleges and have elected representatives).
  - Miller (Darveau) Call the question. Called.
  - Vote: Division
  - 12 – 12
  - Moore – tie breaker – vote to oppose
  - Motion Failed.
Moore – met with VC Bicak to discuss the joint committee:
- Don’t want summer to pass with nothing happening
- VC Bicak willing to support a modest retreat
- Go forward and start working to see if works or not
- Proposed action items:
  - i/p on GS on academic programs (staffing, credit hour production)
  - transfer issues
  - instructor credentials and staffing
- Senator Kelly raised other questions:
  - Should courses (particularly portals) be taught online?
  - Quality control. Can we assess the courses? And at what level?
  - Can we facilitate conversation and interaction between general studies instructors?
- Darveau – the GSC and Campus should be asked about their concerns.
- Moore – should be done very quickly
  Oversight will have to hold elections by the end of term.

X. New Business
A. President’s plan of action

Role and Mission of the Faculty Senate: University wide academic and administrative affairs.

Voice of the Faculty Senate
- Protect Academic Freedom – very important
- Matters involving the wellbeing of the general academic community and institution

We are here to represent our constituents and the affairs of the entire institution.

Powers and responsibilities:
- Advising is important. We have an important role to play.
- We can appeal to the BOR

The Senate’s Job – and Senators’ responsibilities:
- be efficient and be prepared
- fashion motions before we get here
- make contact with constituents
- attend the meetings

Administrative/Faculty Senate retreat was poorly attended.
- We will have a date before the first week of classes.
- They serve lunch.
- Please attend.

Be respectful to guests and other senators.
Challenges

GS program
Budgetary constraints on academic programs
Online worldwide

Goals

Gain more positive perception of the Senate
Improve effectiveness
Enjoy our service

Faculty Aspirations:

Kritzer – development of courses should be encouraged and funded whether or not it is online – 2500 to put it online prejudices online.

XI. General Faculty Comments

Darveau – We need nominees for the David Stevenson Award/Hamster Wheel Award
Specifically for service to the senate.
Moore – would encourage nominations via email
Wozniak – The award will need a nomination and a second
Also, last meeting there should have been a status report and progress report from the departing President. (email distribution)

XII. Adjournment

Miller (Dimock)