UNK FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
November, 5th, 2009
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Faculty Senate Website: http://www.unk.edu/committees/facultysenate/

I. Call to order
II. Roll Call

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

CBT Senators: Present: Hall, Smith, Agrawal, Amundson, Moore, Trewin, Meznarich;

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

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

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

Library Senator: Present: Lillis.

III. Approval of Agenda

Fredrickson (Lillis) passed

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes October 1, 2009

Lillis (Nuss) passed

V. Special Presentation

A. Human Resources: Cheryl Bressington, Bryce Abby, and Linda Clark

See the Human Resources website for specific details:
http://www.unk.edu/offices/humanresources.aspx?id=19224&ekmensel=c580fa7b_148_216_19224_5

All benefits all on line this year – using Firefly
Log into Firefly – check with Helpdesk if you need to reset your password.

Adding a Health Risk Assessment

Starts November 16th (email “a pearl of great price”)

Information won’t come back to campus on individuals – collective data allows for better development of wellness programs.

There was a card sent out “Know your Numbers” – be accurate on your health risk assessment.
Use your $250.00 for screenings under insurance. Children under 2 years old have $500.00.

So why?

If you take the Health Risk Assessment – you get a $50 bonus in per person preventative health benefit.

Free generic prescriptions starting in 2010. (Caremark)

Nuflex enrollment is online and enrollment is open between November 16 and 5:00 PM December 4th. Highlights:

No increase for full time health insurance costs.
Minor increase for part time.
Enroll in health care and day care.
No changes after 5:00 12/4/09.
Life Insurance changes:

Starting 1/1/10 – 1x annual salary
You can add more.

AD&D coverage is no longer part of the health insurance

Still need to complete the tobacco/nicotine designation.

Changes to Mental Health Coverage – treated as a medical claim

Counseling Services are available at no cost

Dependents 24-30 years of age – can buy single plans – have to be on your plan to do this. Combined deductible and stop loss.

Dependents who have a medical reason to not be in college (Dr. form) can be covered for a year.

11/16 – 12/4: enrollment period.

December 11 – last printed pay confirmations.

Ask HR if you have questions.

B. SIS: Kimra Schipporeit

Since 9/15/09 Applications, graduate and international applications are live

Admissions needed an additional program to do online admissions

Step 1 – determine if you are in the system (to avoid duplicating NU IDs throughout the university system)

Step 2 – Authenticate ID

Step 3 – “My Blue” – will be portal to all information

Step 4 – then we can get to applications
Problem – people were in the system without knowing.
  Working on simplifying first two steps

Financial Aid – working on Fall 2010 Freshmen (offering Scholarships)
Courses being put up for Spring schedule under new system

Concerns:
  Student records have to go through 14 conversions to migrate to PeopleSoft – Gone through Step 1.
  All student Major and Minor Information has to go through
  A lot going on, a lot of data needs to be transferred.

Degree Audit – Do have the DegreeWorks Program
  Do not have data to use in the program.
  Will do a kickoff in January.
  Have to build program for each change in catalogue years.
    Campus as a whole will not have access to the legacy system.
    Will reproduce the catalogues in reverse order Fall 2010

We will be under the old system for registration and summer 2010
About August 20, 2010 – end of summer grading – the new system will be the only system.

Current students will be directed to go through the authentication process – using their NU ID registering with the PeopleSoft system.
Training – not sure when that will happen – there is not time to do changes or alterations to the program. Once the system is up, then there will be something to train on.

Does UNK need a printed class schedule?
  There is still demand for the printed schedule
Is there a possibility of dropping the printed schedule to make the management of the GS changes?
  We do have a contract.
  The SIS change requires more time to manage the scheduling – concern about getting it done in time.

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees
A. Oversight Committee:
  Nothing

B. Executive Committee: **Minutes of October 27, 2009**
C. President’s Report:

President Benz provided an oral report.

The NU President has said that the University will follow state and federal guidelines regarding Stem Cell Research.

Board of Regents meeting 11/20/09 may make a motion to follow previous administration (Bush Administration) guidelines.

Benz will forward the NU President’s remarks to the Senate.

D. Academic Affairs: **Minutes of October 1, 15, & 21, 2009**

There have been 180 courses proposed, about 60 portal courses.

Departments will determine scheduling.

Portal course approval?

- Need a generic description and a sample course
- All subsequent proposals can go to GSC
  - These courses are treated like special topics courses.
  - New courses will have to meet the objectives of the original proposal.
  - New courses will have to go through GSC.

Will approval be by Department or by Prefix?

Unknown

Question of scheduling may end up going to the deans so that departments are offering a reasonable number of courses.

Absences of special meeting? Should those count as absences of the committee members. Encourage to come, but only count for regularly scheduled meetings

RE: Course Duplication – The GSC did not feel that portal duplication was a major problem. There is concern for duplication at the distribution level, however students will only take one portal.

E. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee:

F. Academic Information and Technology Committee:

G. Artists and Lecturers Committee: **Minutes of September 25 and October 26, 2009**

Why was there an absence of a representative from faculty senate?

The Executive Council will address.

H. Athletic Committee: **Minutes of October 6, 2009**

No Comment

I. e-campus Committee: **Minutes of October 21, 2009**
Gloria Vavricka and Dean Taylor were invited to attend, neither had anything to report. Will ask again for January.

Chancellor is monitoring and will address issues that don’t have answers as Online Worldwide gets closer to going live.

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 October 8, 2009**
   No Comment

B. Affirmative Action Commission:

C. Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Committee: **Minutes of October 13, 2009**
   Director position has gone to ¼ time. The intention was not to kill the program, but if no one takes the director position, then that may be the result.
   Miller: We as a Senate need to register our concern that this is having a detrimental impact on the program. Historically this was a Senate initiative.
   Nuss: There have been no applicants.
   The job description has changed to reduce the workload.
   Originally the position was a .75 release.
   It may be a good idea to increase the number of representatives from each college to lighten the load on the director.

D. Council of Chairs:

E. Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee: **Minutes of October 9, 2009**
   No Comment

F. Fees Committee:

G. First Year Advisory Council:

H. Gender Equity Committee:

I. Honors Council: **Minutes of September 23, 2009, and October 21, 2009**
   No Comment

J. International Studies Advisory Council: **Minutes of September 9, 2009**
   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 April 7 and September 9, 2009
   No Comment
R. WI/CD Committee:
S. Writing Center Advisory Committee:

VIII. Reports from Academic Councils
   A. Graduate Council Minutes of September 17, 2009
      No Comment
   B. General Studies Council
   C. Council on Undergraduate Education:

IX. Unfinished Business
   A. Online Worldwide (Minutes from Arnold Bateman Presentation)
   B. Has there been input from the colleges on GSC?
      The College of Business and Technology issue ended the agenda today, but it was a
      large item and it wouldn’t be finished, so it leads the agenda for the next meeting.
      The College of Natural and Social Sciences also had comments and proposals, none
      of which altered the program. The College of Education and College of Fine Arts and
      Humanities did not raise issues.
      Hall: For Fall Schedule, once a department has a 188 number approved, then they
      can put sections on the schedule.

X. New Business

XI. General Faculty Comments
      Thank you to the General Studies Council for their hard work and dedication

XII. Adjournment
      Smith (Lillis)
Respectfully Submitted
Dr. Aaron Dimock (Secretary)