I. Call to order: President Dimock at 7:03pm
II. Roll Call:
   At Large Senators: Present: Ellis, Frickel, Wozniak; Absent: (none)
   CBT Senators: Present: Amundson, Messersmith, Trewin; Absent: Agrawal, Barry, Moore, T., Taylor;
   COE Senators: Present: Fredrickson, Kracl, Kritzer, Lewis, Mollenkopf, Montgomery, Moore, J.; Absent: (none);
   CFAH Senators: Present: Beard, Beissel-Heath, Chavez, Dimock, Fronczak; Absent: Burbal, Flood, White;
   CNSS Senators: Present: Biggs, Campbell, Carlson, Darveau, Ericson, Lilly, Trantham, Wadkins; Absent: Forrest;
   Library Senator: Present: Mueller

III. Approval of Agenda:
   Fredrickson (Chavez) move approval.
   Agenda Approved.

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes 01December2011
   Wozniak (Amundson) move approval.
   Motion passed

V. Special Presentation
   A. Dean Oravecz, Mary Sommers, and Dennis Potthoff: New Student Orientation & Transitions Task Force and Student Success Council
   Transition from applying to UNK to Summer Advising and Enrollment (SAE) to [Saturday] Academic Orientation to Blue & Gold Welcome Week to 1st year experience.
   Charge taskforce: make the beginning for students more effective and more seamless. Transcend faculty/academic/student life boundaries.
   Strategies: Narrow the gap between SAE and Welcome Week, and ensure that the new students has a place go for the first the first 7-10 days.
   Outcome: Responsible for their own education, belong to UNK, develop Loper identity (for life).
   Issues: some students still deciding -reorganize students not by major, by SAE timing.
Remaining work: Tweak SAE, connect faculty to students between SAE and 1st day of classes, July and August opportunities to engage students, Faculty conversation on the first year (fall and spring) experience, Integrate classroom academics and student life.
Questions arose to the composition of the two bodies. Further information and membership can be found in the following:
http://www.unk.edu/uploadedFiles/Student_Affairs/vcsa/New Student Orientation Transitions Task Force.pdf
http://www.unk.edu/uploadedFiles/Student_Affairs/vcsa/Student Success Council.pdf
Questions on the Noel Levitz data – still being analyzed.
Questions on retention data can be found on the UNK website-fact book.

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

A. Oversight Committee:
Wendy McCarty is nominated to replace Glenn Tracy on Academic Affairs due to excessive absences. Presented as seconded nomination from Oversight. Wozniak (Darveau) move that nominations cease and an unanimous ballot be cast. Election approved.

Andrew White is nominated to replace Andrew White on Faculty Senate due to excessive absences. Presented as seconded motion from Oversight. Discussion: there has been a history in Senate of reinstating senators who are routinely absent. Question the logic. Seeing no further nominations, President Dimock called the vote. Election approved.

B. Executive Committee:
Planned BHS expansion. Fast process due to immediate opportunity. Some senators, although understanding the need for the abbreviated process, expressed a desire to have the information come from administration rather than the Kearney Hub. How does this opportunity fit with the University’s Master Plan? Are reports prepared by committees being set aside – waste of time?

It was announced that the request for program overages for Education degrees was denied at the Provost lever. The strategy will be to remove the second subject endorsement from the degrees. In respect to the 120 credit hour rule, Senator Fredrickson wishes to express his gratitude to the Nebraska Board of Regents for single handedly hurting rural Nebraska K-12 education.

Bookstore contract with Follets was terminated. Now contracted with Nebraska Book Store. It was noted that the Antelope book store is still selling Follets gift cards, which may not be honored in the future.

President Dimock invited input to the Executive Committee for the next meeting with Administration.

C. President’s Report:
President Dimock reported on the meeting with Joel D. Pedersen - Legal Counsel for NU regarding free speech on campus. As discussed in the senate, as a public university, we have limited ability to control who speaks on our campuses. Speakers violate the law if: they trespass by entering non-public areas, interfere with the operation of the University; or, engage in harassment by singling out specific students and create a concern for safety.
UNK is above peer graduation rate. Met with Keith Dietz regarding benefits.
D. Academic Affairs: **19 January 2012**

Senator Darveau thanks AA and all of the college Ed Policy committees for their hard work getting the University compliant with the 120 credit hour rule.

Minutes reviewed without 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: **7 November 2012**


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:

J. International Studies Advisory Council: **26 January 2012**

K. Parking:

L. Student Retention Committee:

M. Safety Committee:

N. Strategic Planning:

O. Student Support Services Advisory Committee:

P. Technology Advisory Committee: **09 December 2011**

Consultants report from insurance company? Did not match equipment at UNK. Undervalued? A re-assessment has been requested based on the actual equipment and upgrades.
Status on the two items (passwords and wireless access) requested by the December’s Senate meeting?

Q. Women’s Studies Advisory Committee: 18 January 2012

There was a question regarding the Hedge Coke issue. Senator Carlson noted that the Reynolds Chair is not directly connected with Women’s Studies Advisory and this is not appropriate for the committee. Senator Wozniak indicated that the issue is being addressed in another, more appropriate committee.

R. WI/CD Committee:

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

A. Oversight presented changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution for Apportionment as a seconded motion. This is the third reading to the Senate. The changes are presented to clarify the procedure for apportionment. II.B.2.a. College Apportionment: ”...The unallocated seats shall be apportioned to each college in proportion to the number of eligible faculty in each college relative to the total combined eligible faculty of the four colleges...” President Dimock called a vote. **Motion Passes.**

B. Oversight presented changes to Article II A as a seconded motion. This was an attempt to clarify when senator terms began and how absences would be counted. There is still confusion over the last meeting of the year, the second meeting in April. Senator Frickel noted that Senate Bylaws Article II.E - Attendance: counts attendance by academic year. There was some discussion about why the senate meets a second time in April. President Dimock called a vote: 16 Yea, 8 No, and 2 Abstentions. The **motion fails** the required 2/3th majority for constitutional changes. Senator Frickel: oversight should consider, based on the beginning of ‘term’, the advantages and disadvantages of broader issues such as the membership of the executive committee or the even the full senate before proceeding with changing language in the constitution. Senator Darveau pointed out that it would be imperative to have wording presented at the March 2012 meeting since Senate will be electing new senators soon.

C. Senator Darveau inquired about the status of the as yet unconvinced WI committee mentioned in the minutes of November 2011:

   Ericson(Frickel) move that an ad hoc committee, to be appointed by the Executive Committee, be established to work with the WI/CD committee to develop a transition plan and present this to Faculty Senate by the February 2012 regular meeting. **Motion passes.**

President Dimock indicated that the following faculty will be on this committee: Amundson (chair), Darveau, Carlson, Dimock, Unruh. The committee will report in March.

X. New Business

A.

B.
XI. General Faculty Comments

Grade point minimums for suspension and probation have changed. The senate inquired as to who makes this decision.

XII. Adjournment

*Darveau (Carlson) move to adjourn. Motion passes.*