I. Call to order: President Dimock at 7:00pm

II. Roll Call

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

CBT Senators: Present: Agrawal, Amundson, Barry, Messersmith, Moore, T., Taylor, Trewin; Absent: (none);

COE Senators: Present: Fredrickson, Kritzer, Lewis, Mollenkopf; Absent: Kracl, McKelvey, Moore J.;

CFAH Senators: Present: Beard, Beissel-Heath, Chavez, Dimock, Ficociello, Flood, White; Absent: Rogoff;

CNSS Senators: Present: Biggs, Carlson, Campbell, Darveau, Ericson, Freeman, Neal, Trantham, Wadkins; Absent: Miller;

Library Senator: Absent: Mueller

III. Approval of Agenda

Biggs (Darveau) move approval.

Agenda Approved.

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes 05APRIL2012

Darveau (Messersmith) move approval.

Comments: Senator Moore, T. was concerned about the perception that the work of the Student Success Council was not adequately disseminated; it had been presented twice to Senate. Senator Wozniak indicated that perception persists as there were faculty in his department, including the chair, that were unaware of the specifics.

Minutes Approved as presented.
V. Special Presentation

A. Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. C. Bicak.

SVCASA Bicak addressed the concerns of Faculty Senate surrounding the April 5, 2012 motion:

White (Taylor) move to request Dr. Bicak to present to the faculty at a forum of his choosing as to why General Studies hours was not under consideration to be cut.

Dr. Bicak discuss the timing and communication of the 120crhr rule which led us to this point. Beginning late summer 2011, the first indications of this was at a summer Board of Regents (BOR) meeting. August 23, Deans Council discussed strategic plan should this go forward. At the September 9 BOR meeting, a resolution was passed mandating the 120crhr rule; the details of which were left to the purview of individual campuses. On September 20, at a CTE event, Dr. Bicak gave a presentation discussing the 120crhr rule and made the recommendation at that time that we should not alter the new General Studies (GS) program. Further discussion at Dean’s Council and discussion at the October 20 Academic Affairs committee meeting supported the idea that GS should be left intact and that the reduction in hours should be considered in our Major programs.

Noted areas of concerns and possible exceptions: Endorsements. COE developed exception proposals by Nov 1 and submitted to NU Provost. Indicated that probability of exemption very small. Exemption area, restrictions by state NDE rule 20 and 24.

January 2012, concerted effort across campus to reduce hours. Dr. Bicak complimented the faculty’s efforts in making the needed reductions. As of April, 2012, 123 of 125 programs (98.4%) have met the 120 crhr criteria. Concerned about academic quality. We need to collect data now the change has been made. Healthy exercise: many times noted that programs tend to accrete hours. Think about ways to ‘uncover’ the content so students can be life-long learners after they leave us, rather than simply ‘covering’ the content. Acknowledge conflict between depth and breadth of content in a program.

As of this date we are out of time. 123 of 125 will appear in the 2012-2013 catalogue. The other two programs are ‘inactivated’. Continuing students in these programs will be allowed to complete. Students interested in these two programs, through NSE (SAE) will be counseled that these are not sanctioned programs. Dr. Bicak indicated that we are conceptually bound by a box. Side 1: State or NDE requirements. Side 2: GS. Side 3: accreditation. Side four: BOR, which takes precedence.

(20:52)Why not GS? In 2001, wrote first GS APR. 2005 state of flux in the program. NCA review in 2004/2005. In 2008 received letter from NCA reminding the university to address concerns in GS. New GS program fixed these concerns. May 2011 NCA congratulated UNK for excellent progress made. NCA 10 year review visit scheduled for 2013-2014; thus to great of risk to unravel GS program in light of accomplishments. While there are other program specific accreditations, if UNK is not NCA accredited in 2014 we are out of business due to loss of federal monies.

Questions from the senate body:

What happens to those programs that will not be allowed to move forward this fall?. They are inactivated, which means no new majors and cannot advertise to new majors. Prior students on older catalogs are still there and can complete.

Was it ever inquired of NCA if the reduction in GS credit load hours would have an impact on accreditation, it was assumed that the prior NCA issue was assessment and not credit hours.? This question was not specifically asked. However, there was more to the NCA report than just assessment; there was the coherence of the program, the breadth in the distribution areas, and the
way the courses were aligned in those categories, and the need for portals and capstones. So, it was more than one dimension.

Also noted from Senator White: The regents mandate, ‘Shift from 125 to 120’ is not quite accurate. It was a 125 hr minimum, to a 120 hr maximum. Senator White point out that Music Education program is 50% of their majors, represents a significant loss in students. Dr. Bicak agreed that the ramifications are serious. It’s joint venture between department, college, and academic administration to address this issue. The fix has gone as far as it can.

Senator White noted that the BOR would allow overages in case of accreditation issues. The Music Education and Musical Theater programs bound by accreditation limits and need the extra hours in program. He asked Dr. Bicak to put an ‘overage’ proposal forward to the BOR. Dr. Bicak indicated that this was already put forward in November 2011, and it was rejected in January 2012. The combination of NDE requirements and COE proposal mentioned accrediting bodies.

Senator Taylor: concerned on the concept of shared governance. Concerned that the decision of GS was so important that faculty were not allow to give input. Noted that a solution was put forward by Senator Moore which should have been considered. Dr. Bicak, noted that there was discussion early on, particularly at Dean’s council.

Senator Beard: If a program declared itself as Five year program, what kind of approval is need? Approval would need to be at the NU Provost level. It was noted that another program at UNO is attempting this.

Senator White noted that there is not a Music Education program in the country that has 45 GS credits and under 120 credits total; Cannot exist. However, the examination of peer programs and credit hours not complete.

B. Jon Mc Bride, Athletic Director. MIAA move.

SVCASA Bicak noted the remarkable opportunity for us, academically, as we move to the MIAA. We will be competing against schools that are similar to us.

Jon Mc Bride, Athletic Director, presented information regarding UNK’s move to the MIAA. Ne noted that the move will benefit UNK students in many ways; most notable is shorter travel to closer schools will save time and money. Also, better scheduling will support less time away from the classroom for our student-athletes. The move will also give more access to scholarships.

Senator Kritzer inquired about Scholarships. We have about 450 student-athletes, averaging $2k-$3k per student. We are about 30 scholarships short to be comparable to other MIAA schools.

Senator Darveau inquired about women’s sports programs, are we going to need additional teams? The AD is currently looking into Title IX requirements in the MIAA.

Senator Taylor inquired about alumni. The MIAA footprint contains almost twice as more alumni.
VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

A. Oversight Committee: The oversight committee presented, as a seconded motion, the following nominations for Executive Committee:

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Oversight opened the floor for other nominations.

Frickel (Carlson) move that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast. Motion Passes.

B. Executive Committee: President Dimock summarized the last meeting with Administration on April 17. Planning for fall; i.e. NCA accreditation. Issues regarding how the campus is evaluated in the goal of engagement. Building additions an item of concern. Bruner hall addition under planning. Discussed the 120crhr issues. CTW is going off-line for renovations, there should be sufficient housing for the present student population. Wellness center plan in place. South Campus development planning still in progress. No decision regarding assessing Taskstream fees through student fees. Academic dishonesty issue has been returned to Senate, and will be tasked to the Student Affairs Committee. First year program report available, and will be posted on the Presidents update page.

Senator Wozniak inquired about the status of the Fees Committee. This was discussed at the April 5 Senate Meeting.

C. President’s Report: 26APR2012

President Dimock reviewed the report provided. Unresolved issues: Faculty Welfare Committee faculty mentoring program. Has not met. Noted that CTE is also doing this. President Dimock thanked the senate and members of the Executive Committee for their support over the year.

D. Academic Affairs: 19APR2012

Accepted 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:

President Dimock inquired with Senator Carlson regarding the activity of the Committee. Senator Carlson indicated that CTE is planning a mentoring program, with the support of the Deans. Further, Senator Carlson noted that the chair of the committee has not called a meeting to discuss a plan. President Dimock noted that the Committee was also charged with identifying faculty needs across campus. Also, there was some discussion related to the endorsement of the Faculty Welfare Committee pursuing this when another entity on campus has already started.
Senator Frickel: (verbatim as requested) There have been instances in the past where Faculty Senate committees have refused to follow up on issues that the Senate sends to those committees. It would be a good reminder to the senators here that these committees need to report to the Faculty Senate and when given a [charge] they should meet and put in their minutes the results of their discussion. They report to the Faculty Senate not the administration, and not to administrative units. This is what shared governance is about.

Senator Wozniak suggested that the Executive Committee ask Dr. Bicak about the entire situation. President Dimock noted that Dr. Bicak is supportive of Faculty Mentoring. Senator Mollenkopf added that we could use the CTE developing program to weave in ideas.

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:
President Dimock noted there has not been any recent minutes submitted and inquired who our Senate representative was.
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:
K. Parking:
L. Student Retention Committee:
M. Safety Committee:
N. Strategic Planning:
O. Student Support Services Advisory Committee:
P. Technology Advisory Committee: 2MAR2012, 6APR2012,

Senator Wozniak inquired about the Technology Fee Annual Report – the minutes are vague on details. Senator Fredrickson reported that the committee is working on this and trying to clear it up. Senator Wozniak inquired about the amount Tech Fee brings in: $10/crhr, over a million total per year. Senator Fredrickson reported that there have been changes the types of Tech Fee requests funded.

Senator Admunson inquired about SPSS. Is this a university wide license? How do departments access this? Senator Fredrickson indicated that he will inquire about this.
Senator Darveau noted that previous minutes indicated that the University owns the Lotus Database. He asked for confirmation and indicated that it would be convenient to retain the database.

Q. Women’s Studies Advisory Committee: 11APR2012

**Accepted without comment**

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. Report from ad hoc WI committee.

Senator Amundson reported that some communication has occurred and that the first meeting will be in September 2012.

B.

X. New Business

A. Oversight noted that we need nominations for the Hamster Wheel award. Nominations are generally made to the Parliamentarian. Senator Darveau noted that the award originally has some note of irreverence, but has since morphed into an award honoring a senator honoring the ideals of the senate. Senator Fredrickson noted that the Senate web page should list prior winners of this award.

B. President-elect Mollenkopf described her plan of action for the next year. She pledged to continue to facilitate communication with administration and faculty. She also reported on upcoming items; the NCA accreditation visit, student success/first year experience, and the Apple project. Another item noted is working on faculty mentoring with CTE. Also, there are multi-campus initiatives to consider; such as NU foundation campaign, Healthy Nebraska, and Water for Food. President-elect Mollenkopf thanked the senators for serving.

XI. General Faculty Comments

Senator Wozniak inquired about the lack of on-campus advertisements for administrative personnel searches. He also noted that interim administrative directors appear to *de facto* permanent hires. There is a concern that faculty may be excluded in the search processes.

Senator Taylor noted that some scholarships in his area are not set up properly. Inquired if there were other similar issues.

XII. Adjournment

**Carlson (Darveau) move adjournment. Motion passes.**