UNK FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

October 06, 2011

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Faculty Senate Website: http://www.unk.edu/committees/facultysenate/

I. Call to order: President Dimock at 7:05 pm

II. Roll Call:

At Large Senators: Present: Davis, Frickel, Wozniak; Absent: (none)


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

CFAH Senators: Present: Beard, Burbal, Beissel-Heath, Chavez, Dimock, Flood, Fronczak; Absent: White;

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

Library Senator: Present: Mueller

III. Approval of Agenda

Miller (Biggs) Moved approval. Motion passed.

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes of 01 September 2011

Davis, (Messersmith) Moved approval. Motion passed.

V. Special Presentation

A.

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

A. Oversight Committee:

Senator Darveau reported on the election results for the Faculty Senate Committees. There are several vacancies, which required nomination and approval by the Senate body:

Academic Affairs Committee (AA): Miller (Chavez) nominates Wozniak to be the Faculty Senate representative to AA. Election approved.

Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee (AF&T): Carlson (Fredrickson) nominates Trewin to be the Faculty Senate representative to AF&T. Election approved.

Academic Information and Technology (AI&T): Senator Fredrickson is presented as a seconded nominee from the Oversight Committee to serve as the Faculty Senate representative to AI&T. Miller (Lewis) move that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. Election approved.
Athletic Committee: The Oversight committee presents Duane Bierman, Nita Unruh, and Jane Strawhecker as seconded nominations be the Faculty Senate representative to the Athletic Committee. **Miller (Lewis) move that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. Election approved.**

Artists and Lecturers Committee (A&L): The Oversight committee presents Brad Ericson as a seconded nomination to be the Faculty Senate representative to A&L. Seeing no further nominations, a vote was held. Election approved.

Professional Conduct Committee (PC): **Wozniak (Davis) nominate Chavez to be the Faculty Senate representative to PC. Election approved.**

Library Committee: Replacement for Jim Rohrer who is on sabbatical. **Mary Ailes is presented as a nominated representative to complete the term; seconded by Miller. Election approved.** It is noted that this is a one year term.

Faculty Senate representative to CNSS: Senator Benz has resigned from the senate, a replacement representative is needed. **Miller (Biggs) nominates Krista Forrest to replace Senator Benz. Election approved.** It is also noted that this is a one year replacement term.

### Faculty Senate Committee Election Results

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| Student Affairs             |                      |
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| Annette Moser               |                      |
| Larry Carstenson            |                      |
| Mary Iten                   |                      |

For a complete list of Committee representation, see the Faculty Senate web site: [http://www.unk.edu/committees/facultysenate.aspx?id=74](http://www.unk.edu/committees/facultysenate.aspx?id=74)
B. Executive Committee: 9 September 2011

Senator Comments: Senator Davis would like to see us watch the Red Balloon Project.

C. President’s Report:

Senator Comments: Senator Miller would like to remind administration that the senate has requested ineligibility data specific to UNK Faculty. Senator Lilly inquired about exemptions to the 120 credit hour limit, e.g. for education oriented programs. There was some discussion about possibilities for exemption and the level of difficulty in getting an exemption.

D. Academic Affairs:

E. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee:

F. Academic Information and Technology Committee:

Senator comments. Senator Fredrickson presented some feedback on the Blackboard/PeopleSoft disconnect. There is no real-time data updating between the two platforms. There was also some discussion about ease of getting guest wireless internet access in the Union. It was suggested that AIT develop a checklist for faculty, staff, or guests to use to make the service more usable. Senator Wozniak also strongly suggests that AIT examine the proliferation of software/ UNK web interfaces and the numerous passwords required to access these. A single portal is suggested. Senator Miller also asks AIT to look at the low return rate of online faculty teaching evaluations.

G. Artists and Lecturers Committee:

H. Athletic Committee:

I. e-campus Committee: 14 September 2011

The e-campus Committee brought forward the following seconded motion:

To assist students in understanding the terms, UNK defines online classes and programs as being 100% online, face-to-face classes and programs as being 100% face-to-face, and blended classes are a combination. Discussion: How will money that comes back to campus be distributed for a blended course? Unanswered. Senator Fredrickson indicated that he will find the answer. Senator Fredrickson further clarified the definitions in the motion. There was some concern about an entirely on-line Masters program except the defense. Motion passes.

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:

President Dimock announced that Anita Lorentzen is the new Faculty Senate representative.

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: **15 September 2011**

*Senator Comments:* Senator Wozniak inquired about the apparent overlap between this committee and the Committee appointed by Administration (as mentioned in the presidents report) for International student recruiting. Senator Lilly pointed out that the Intl Studies Advisory council works specifically with the International Studies program which is an academic major that includes both domestic and international students and has no connection to the recruitment of international students.

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:
R. WI/CD Committee: **16 August 2011, 13 September 2011**

*Senator Comments:* Senator Darveau inquired about the status of the WI designation. There has been no discussion about the possibility of ending this designation despite repeated requests to consider this issue. It is proposed that writing can be assessed through normal departmental assessment procedures.

S. Writing Center Advisory Committee:

VIII. Reports from Academic Councils
   A. Graduate Council
   B. General Studies Council:
   C. Council on Undergraduate Education:
   D. Enrollment Management Council: **21 September 2011**

   President Dimock announced that the Faculty Senate representative to the council is Bruce Elder.

IX. Unfinished Business
   A.
   B.
X. New Business

A. The issue of the new 120 credit hour limit was discussed, particularly in regard to how the General Studies (GS) program is managed in the mandate. There were two themes of discussion: 1) Some senators questioned why GS was apparently removed from consideration as part of the effort to reduce hours – without faculty input. 2) the rationale behind cutting, or holding harmless, the new GS program. Further discussion centered around what areas of GS could be considered for cuts. There was also some discussion as to what is considered ‘remedial’ and what is considered the ‘entry point’ in sequences such as English 101 and 102. **Taylor (Barry) move that it is the opinion of the Faculty Senate to have the General Studies program considered for cuts. Yea: 16  Nay: 9. Motion passes**

B. Further discussion ensued regarding the nature of GS cuts and how changes would manifest themselves. There were concerns of the time frame to make realistic changes through due process. It was recognized that there are two possibilities to consider when making changes in the GS program. 1) changes could appear as programmatic cuts (hours) in different categories, or 2) changes could happen in the accounting rules without compromising the quality of the GS. **Darveau (Fredrickson) move to ask Dr. Bicak, VCASA to consider allowing departments permission to require one course in the GS categories from their department. Motion passes.**

XI. General Faculty Comments

Senator Davis commented on the water leak in COPH. It was noted that University liability does not cover personal effects left in faculty offices.

XII. Adjournment

**Biggs (Fronzack) move to adjourn. Motion passes, 8:20pm.**