I. Call to order: President Dimock at 7:03pm

II. Roll Call:

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

CBT Senators: Present: Agrawal, Amundson, Messersmith, Taylor, Trewin; Absent: Barry, Moore, T.,

COE Senators: Present: Fredrickson, Kracl, Kritzer, Lewis, Mollenkopf, Montgomery, Moore, J.; Absent: (none)

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

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

Library Senator: Present: Mueller

III. Approval of Agenda:

Davis (Miller) Moved approval.

Miller (Davis) Move to suspend the agenda and bring new business item X.A. forward to be considered immediately. Motion passes.

Agenda Approved.

(minutes of senate business item X.A. placed below)

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes 03November2011

Davis (Lewis) move approval.

- Regarding the discussion on the therapy animal (item VI.B.) the follow edit is made:

Senator Fredrickson inquired about how the University allegedly violated the Fair Housing Laws. It was reported that a student had requested a therapy animal. The student apparently refused to provide the needed documentation to support the request and housing was denied.

- Senator Wozniak should be Senator Wozniak.

Motion passed
V. Special Presentation

A. Daren Snider and Jeanne Butler: General Studies, TaskStream and Assessment

General Studies Director Snider presented information regarding the status of assessment of the General Studies program. Details such as the process and timeline of approving and implementing rubrics were shared. General Studies sections which presently have instruments and rubrics approved are §1 (Foundation Core: Written Communication, Oral Communication, and Democracy in Perspective), §II (Portal), and §IV (Capstone).

General approval process for assessment instruments and rubrics follows this general procedure:
1) Assessments and rubrics are developed and submitted to the GSC for the first time.
2) These are sent out to general faculty for comments.
3) GSC reviews them again, considering faculty comments, for final approval.

Assessment development for Section III (Distribution) can be delayed until next academic year since UNK has met its initial NCA obligations. The key thing that NCA will be looking at after 2013 is the ‘closing the loop’ aspect for improvement of the program.

Dr. Snider and J. Butler answered general faculty questions about General Studies and Assessment.

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

A. Oversight Committee: **23November2011**

Elections

Replacements on Academic Affairs Committee:

Rochelle Krueger is nominated to replace Greg Anderson (exp. 2012) as the Library representative and Wyatt Hoback is nominated to replace Julie Shaffer (exp. 2013) representing CNSS; both presented as seconded motions. **Frickel (Admundson) move that nominations cease and an unanimous ballot be cast.** Election approved.

Replacement Senators for sabbatical leaves of absence:

Theresa Wadkins is nominated as a seconded motion from Oversight to replace Senator Miller for Spring 2012 semester as a CNSS senator. **Frickel (Messersmith) move that nominations cease and an unanimous ballot be cast.** Election approved.

Davis (Wozniak) nominates Mark Ellis to replace him for the Spring 2012 semester as an At Large Senator. **Frickel (Wozniak) move that nominations cease and an unanimous ballot be cast.** Election approved

Faculty Senate Constitution

Oversight presented an amended Constitution as the First Reading to the senate body as a seconded motion for adoption. It was indicated that the Second Reading and vote will occur at the February 2012 meeting. It was noted by the body that the beginning and end dates (month) for purpose of defining a senator’s term are not clear.

**Fredrickson (Lewis) move to direct the Oversight Committee to address the confusion surrounding the definition of term as described in Article II and represent at the February meeting.** Motion passes.
B. Executive Committee:

Questions and discussion
A) who are faculty on the First Year Program director search? B) who is on the student success council? C) will there be solicited input from the Vice Chancellor for University Relations about who our Sister City would be? D) what is HDR? - it is the contracting agency that is working on visioning for South Campus. E) is there, within Student Affairs, a support mechanism for international students (or others) to help them find suitable landlords for off-campus housing? F) regarding the First Year Program, is there tangible data that supports keeping this program. It was noted that there are other different offices/programs trying to accomplish the same thing (Thompson Scholar, Honors Program, and the Portal courses in GS). It would appear that there is an opportunity to coordinate efforts.

The Dean of Student Affairs is looking for a Faculty Senate representative on the Student Success Council.

In light of new information and considering the growing pains associated with implementing new programs, President Dimock asked the body to reconsider November’s motion regarding General Studies Assessment. 

Admundson (Mueller) move that the Faculty Senate reconsider this motion (November VIII.B.). Motion passes.

Reconsideration of the motion: 

Darveau (Frickel) move that Faculty Senate finds it unacceptable to impose an assessment after the semester begins and ask that all such assessments this semester to not be required. Motion Fails.

Miller (Fronczak) move to request the administration to look for a means, through the Fees Committee, whereby the purchase of TaskStream is seamlessly purchased through the normal assessment of fees and faculty are therefore removed from the process of enforcing assessment policy. Discussion: How will the institutional, bulk cost per student compare to the individual unit purchase price? Given that TaskStream is a repository for the property of the student, which is being used for university assessment, perhaps the university should help underwrite the cost of the TaskStream subscription. A fee structure would remove individual faculty from the process of enforcing purchasing the product. Motion passes.

C. President’s Report:

D. Academic Affairs: 17November2011: Accepted.

E. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee:

F. Academic Information and Technology Committee: 04November2011

It appears odd that CALEA (Federal policy to allow law enforcement to monitor wireless networks) is the reason for limited wireless to guests. Not clear from minutes what steps are being taken to address limited public access. Also, status of a Single Portal (password) access? Is there a limit on the number of unique IP addresses?

G. Artists and Lecturers Committee:

H. Athletic Committee:

I. e-campus Committee:

J. Faculty Welfare Committee:

K. Grievance Committee: 03November2011
L. Library Committee: 24October2011
M. Professional Conduct Committee:
N. Student Affairs Committee:

VII. Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees
A. Assessment Committee: 07November2011
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:
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: 09November2011
R. WI/CD Committee:
S. Writing Center Advisory Committee:

VIII. Reports from Academic Councils
A. Graduate Council
B. General Studies Council: 03November2011

Regarding the discussion over a senate ex officio member to sit on the General Studies Council, it is suggested that the two senators presently serving on the council (Trantham and Moore, J.) shall make it a point to report to the senate each month. While not formal, it will increase communication between the two bodies.

C. Council on Undergraduate Education:

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

A. Availability of the Faculty Senate Secretary’s recording.

Secretary Trantham indicated that an informal request for the Secretary’s recording has been made. Before sharing the electronic file, Trantham queried the full senate as to whether this or future requests should be fulfilled. It was noted that the Faculty Senate is an open, public assembly. There were some concerns expressed about prior knowledge of the availability of the recording influencing forthright discussion during the meeting. It is noted that the recording is kept for factual accuracy in the Minutes. Although the Minutes are the official record of the Senate, others felt that it would be convenient if the recordings were kept indefinitely.

Miller (Fredrickson) move that the recording be made available to all requests (even the general public), but not to publicly post them. Motion passes.

XI. General Faculty Comments

Faculty Staff Club FAC, Deans Council is hosting with the proceeds to benefit Goodfellows.

XII. Adjournment

Taylor (Moore) Move adjournment. Motion passes