I. Call to order

II. Roll Call 3OCT2013

At Large Senators: Present: Kelley, Hartman (Wozniak) Absent: Davis

CBT Senators: Present: Amundson, Barry, Crosswhite (Moore), Messersmith, Taylor Absent: Agrawal, Hayes (Trewin)

COE Senators: Present: Brown, Gaskill, Kritzer, Mollenkopf, Siegal Absent: Hoehner, McKelvey

CFAH Senators: Present: Alber, Burbal, Chavez, Flood, Rogoff, Van Renen, Absent: Kruse, White

CNSS Senators: Present: Biggs, Boken (Neal), Campbell, Carlson, Darveau, Freeman, Miller, Moser, Trantham Absent:

Library Senator: Present: Mueller

III. Approval of Agenda

Senator Miller (Chavez) moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.

IV. Action on the Faculty Senate Minutes 5SEPT2013

Senator Kelley (Biggs) moved to approve the Minutes. The minutes were approved.

V. Special Presentations

A. Athletic Director Paul Plinske – Canceled – Senator Carlson’s fault – November 7th meeting

B. VCBF Barbara Johnson – Canceled until December

VI. Consent Agenda

The following committee minutes were accepted without discussion as part of the consent agenda.

A. President’s Report: 20SEPT2013

B. Assessment Committee: 12SEPT2013

C. World Affairs Committee: 29AUG2013

VII. Discussion Agenda

A. Oversight Committee – Led by Senator Darveau
i. Election of senators to temporarily fill for the fall semester only (due to professional development leaves) senate seats for:
   1. Bill Wozniak nomination: Mark Hartman (seconded by Senator Miller)
   2. Janet Trewin nomination: Suzanne Hayes (seconded by Senator Biggs)

ii. Election of senator to temporarily fill until the next election the CNSS seat vacated due to Danielle Neal's departure from UNK.  
Nomination: Vijendra Boken (seconded by Senator Kritzer)  
   Unanimous approval for both i and ii elections.

iii. The seat on the Academic Affairs committee held by Debbie Bridges will need to be filled during the fall semester for her professional development leave.  
Nomination: Janet Lear (seconded by Senator Miller) – unanimous approval

iv. Elections of faculty senators to standing committees. The commitment is for two years.
   1. Professional Conduct (Asst. Prof or higher, tenured) Bruce Elder (seconded by Senator Miller – unanimous approval) Greg Brown – self-nominated (Miller (seconded by Chavez) – unanimous approval
   2. Academic Affairs – Nate Berry – self-nominated (seconded by Chavez) – unanimous approval
   3. Academic Freedom & Tenure (assoc or full prof.) – Jeff Kritzer – self-nominated (unanimous approval

v. Nominations to Senate on the Athletic Committee (1M & 2F) and on the Artists & Lecturer's Committee. The members elected there do not need to be senators.
   1. Athletic Committee nominations: Kathy Smith & Jane Strawhecker (unanimous), Duane Bierman or Mark Ellis – Mark Ellis elected by a majority vote.
   2. Artists & Lecturer's Committee nominations: Maria O'Malley or Vijendra Boken - Vijendra Boken elected by a majority vote of the Faculty Senate.
   3. Need to replace Aaron Dimmock on Student Affairs – will be conducted at the November 7th meeting.

B. Academic Affairs: 19SEPT2013
   i. Senator Darveau – discussed that during the Academic Affairs meeting they passed a new rule to revoke the new major/minor overlap rule to go back the old overlap rule. Senator Darveau move to accept the Academic Affairs minutes with the exception of the overlap rule change (seconded by Taylor). Senator Miller suggested that we invite the Registrar to the November meeting to discuss the overlap issue. Problem was that people did not know that the old rule had been changed. Some faculty and departments objected to the new rule.
Overlap with Comprehensive Major needs to be addressed. Also, the possibility for students to “game” the system was brought up. Unanimous approval of Senator Darveau’s motion. President Trantham asked about exceptions to the “rule”. Senator Miller said that Academic Affairs could make “case-by-case” rulings on the rules. Senator Darveau proposed a possible solution:

1. Students must complete an academic program that consists of
   a. One major (30-36 hours) and one minor (18-24) hours. Duplication of coursework between the two is limited to two courses (including labs as applicable) or fewer.
   b. One major (30-36 hours each) and a second major (30-36 hours) of which twenty-four hours is unduplicated.
   c. one comprehensive major.

2. Additional minors beyond the academic program described above will be allowed regardless of academic program. If the additional minor is from a department in the required academic program, the minor may only have two courses (including labs as applicable) or fewer of duplicated coursework. For minors from different departments, there is no maximum number of duplicated courses. For the purpose of this rule, all business departments will be considered a single department.

Senator Darveau moved that this solution be sent to Academic Affairs for consideration (seconded by Miller) – unanimous approval.

C. Graduate Council: 12SEPT2013

Senator Freeman asked what the requirement for Graduate Faculty Status was. Senator Moser explained that to garner Graduate Faculty Status you should be actively publishing in your field. Senator Kritzer asked if you could lose Graduate Faculty Status and Senator Miller explained you could not.

VIII. Old Business

A. Discussion on MOU shared governance
   i. President Trantham – Have the committees looked at it? Senator Miller explained they have and are working on it.

B. Discussion of Minor overlapping hours – Handled in Academic Affairs discussion

IX. New Business

A. AFCON letter
   i. President Trantham shared the letter. He stated that the UNO Faculty Senate is looking at this and discussing with the Board of Regents. He has discussed with the UNO Faculty Senate that we would like to know what they are doing. Can one be fired for being
dissident? Senator Miller suggested that Academic Freedom and Tenure undertake this
question. Senator Kritzer moved to have the Academic Freedom and Tenure committee
to look at the Board of Regents policy to see if we are protected (seconded by Senator
Darveau) unanimous approval.

B. Resolution (presented by Rick Miller)
   i. Senator Miller – Congratulations and thanking Dallas Kenney for the hard work he has
done. Moved to accept by Senator Miller (seconded by Messersmith) unanimous approval.

C. Coursera Discussion
   i. Senator Biggs – this is a done deal. What can we do? Senator Darveau – comments valid
and we need policies and procedures in place to protect us. Senator Freeman – if we are
not going to offer a MOOC as a faculty member, then no one will force you to “play nice”
with COURSER. Senator Miller – this makes the idea of shared governance more
important. Senator Kritzer – are we losing BlackBoard? Senator Freeman – No, we have
two platforms now. Senator Kritzer – is it any good? Can we see it? Senator Taylor – It
may be adopted but it would be good to discuss it before it is implemented. Senator
Freeman – the Union states that online coursework belongs to the faculty member, but it is
fuzzy in the Coursera contract. Senator Darveau moved that Faculty Senate sends
Senator Davis’ comments and concerns to the e-campus committee (Seconded by Senator
Chavez) – unanimous approval.

X. General Faculty Comments
   A. Senator Mueller – Library weather issues. Perception from emails she received that the
administration is not putting the library at a high priority. Mold has developed, roof not fixed
until right before school started this fall, and water damage to books. In the past, a staff
member became ill and not able to return to work due to building conditions. Timeline for
completion of the roof-work is October 25th. Main contractor for the roof and the subcontractor
for the drains were not on the same page and drains were not sealed. An open drain allowed
water in and 284 books had to be put in the freezer. Senator Miller asked that Dean Wilke ask
for the Faculty Senate Library Committee be convened to make sure this issue is resolved.
Senator Mueller said that mold and airborne microbes are still a concern. It was checked but
only two spots were checked. There is a concern that the library is not truly mold free. They
have asked for the report to be sent and this has not been sent. Dean Wilke asked for it three
times and SVCASA Bicak has also requested it, but with no response. President Trantham said
that this issue will be brought to the Faculty Senate Executive/Administration Meeting next
week.

   B. Senator Carlson moved to adjourn, seconded by Senator Darveau, unanimous approval.

XI. Adjournment