Call to order

Roll Call: 01OCT15

At Large Senators: Present: Trantham, Kelley
Absent:

CBT Senators: Present: Konecny, Moore, Porter, Tenkorang, Trewin
Absent: Taylor

COE Senators: Present: Brown, Gaskill, Hoehner, Mims, Moore
Absent:

CFAH Senators: Present: May, Jiang, Rogoff, Van Renen
Absent: Chavez

CNSS Senators: Present: Davis, Harms, Louishomme, Pattabiraman, Powell, Reichart, Sogar, Kime (Proxy for Weiss), Strain, Wulf-Ludden
Absent: Weiss

Library Senator: Present: Mueller

Approval of Agenda
Pres. Kelley asked for changes to the agenda. Bill Wozniak resigned from the senate and thus there is a need for a new parliamentarian. Janet Trewin has agreed to come back and fill this role. We will have the election for this position after the presentations. Presentations will be moved to the top of the agenda so that our guests may leave after their presentations. Senator Davis (Trewin) moved to approve the agenda as amended. The agenda was approved as amended.

Presentations
Kim Schipporeit, Director of Student Records, discussed bcc in email, directory information and FERPA

Mary Chinnock Petroski, Director of Human Resources, as Title IX director discussed Title IX which is a nondiscrimination law. She provided a small brochure about it and went over it with the senate. Chancellor Kristensen sent out an email that included a
link to a tutorial about this which included a test. She said that no one is required to take the test.

Sen. Sogar asked if a student came with questions about violence, how much should the faculty member ask questions. The advice was to refer the student to a required reporter, such as a chair or dean.

Sen. Strain asked if there is need for off-campus counseling will UNK pay for it. The answer was no.

**Action on the Faculty Senate Minutes: 03Sept15**
Senator Brown (Sogar) moved to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

**Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees**

- **Executive committee report** –
  No report given as the meeting was so close to the senate meeting. However, Pres. Kelley asked the full senate to discuss the budget process.

Sen. Harms asked if the resolution that Sen. Davis provided from previous senate meetings (Resolution 1203-1) was ever shown to the administration. There was additional discussion about the slippage of monies within the departments without their being aware of it.

Sen. Davis provided some additional information and commented on the lack of transparency and shared governance. He felt this was a misstep. He was concerned that this reflected a different attitude at UNK than has previously been presented. He expressed the opinion that UNK is known for its forthright and open atmosphere and that the management of the budget this fall failed to match this usual sense of shared governance. In the past this would have been more open and more people would have been involved in making decisions. He felt we are better than that and that’s not how UNK operates. If there is a message to deliver to the administration is that this lack of transparency, this scenario where significant fiscal decisions are being made and responsible parties of shared governance are not brought in, is unacceptable. It’s not acceptable because it damages our reputation, and ultimately it damages our students because it brings in a sense of uncertainty as to whether a program will be available down the line or not. This is out of the ordinary for us. The core issue to take to the administration is that of shared governance and transparency.

Sen. Pattabiraman reported that he received news from the campus daycare that the plan to build a new daycare has been suspended.

Sen. Reichart reported that some online summer biology programs have been canceled, as well as the possible Professor of practice.
Sen. Trantham related something his dean had said about the departments that are creative and innovative were being penalized.

Sen. Konecny related that this happened in the past and the result was that funds were spent unwisely so that at least they received something rather than lose it. He sees that happening again.

Sen. J. Moore related that her secretary urged her to spend her funds, but VC Bicak said funds could be rolled over. Now she wonders whether she can trust anyone.

Sen. Harms questioned what Pres. Bounds said about looking under every rock before affecting the academic programs. This really doesn’t look like this happened. Should we have a resolution that reflects our concern?

Sen. Hoehner said they had a lot of money swept too because they have online programs. They wanted to know where the funds went.

Sen. Porter questioned what happened to the Day Care? Hadn’t the planning gone beyond knowing where the funding was coming from? Wasn’t this on the schematics? What changed?

Sen. Louishomme asked if the funds for the University Village were separate from operational funds. Where was the shared governance in making this decision?

Sen. Mims said the use of the differential income had a lot of regulations attached to it. Do the same regulations apply to those who took the funds? How will we finish our program online? She went on to say she was told to consolidate courses that have enrollments of 10 when she thought the minimum was 5. She wondered if she was the only one who heard this. She questioned where shared governance was in this change of policy. Do all the departments know this?

Sen. Harms questioned why nothing of this is appearing in the news. Are we all just being good little soldiers?

Sen. Trantham accepted the challenge!

Sen. Trewin reported what Dean Burkink had heard and questioned why funds were going to the Administration. A review of the spending at UNK in the past years have been eroded in the academics, but increased in athletics and in business and finance.

Sen. Brown said that if the administration had come to ask if we had any extra funds we would have been willing to help identify funds, but instead funds were taken and now we are not able to pay contracts on equipment and other things. Faculty positions are in jeopardy. Now we have to try and get it back.
Sen. Mims said that they were asked back when she was department chair in 2010/11 to cut funds and give back, we were able to cut $50,000. In the end we didn’t have to go through with it, though. That was true of everyone in College of Ed.

Sen. J. Moore said her dean was telling them that there was a debt to pay, but she couldn’t identify what the debt was.

Pres. Kelley summed up what has been said: there was a lack of trust, the trust has been broken, a lack of transparency, communication was absent and not there, and we need a fair process if we are going to have shared governance.

Sen. Davis suggests to the exec committee that we ask the Chancellor to come to the next meeting. We are looking at enrollment management and strategic planning and these would be difficult without trust.

Pres. Kelley stated that there is a little wrinkle in this in that we have already asked Vice Chancellor Johnson to attend our next meeting. Do we want both to attend or one or the other?

Sen. Louishomme suggested we go with the Chancellor since he is the boss of the Vice Chancellor. Everyone seemed to agree with him. Pres. Kelley acknowledged that this is the consensus of the senate to have just the Chancellor to next month’s meeting.

Sen. Reichart wanted to know if the court settlement for the service animal had any impact on the budget. Others spoke up and asserted that they surely had a fund for that.

Sen. Hoehner said that enrollment is so important that’s why we have Ed Scantling in enrollment management, but yet we can’t increase our course loads with these budget cuts. Where did the money go??

Sen. Kelley said this is a vicious cycle. Sen. Louishomme wondered why this cycle hits academics so hard and not business and finance.

Sen. Trantham asked why they hadn’t planned for this. What was the amount of the enrollment shortfall?

Sen. Brown said that it was $176,000 and the rest was from a lesser amount received from the state.

Pres. Kelley said the increase was supposed to be 3%, but instead it was like 2.2%

Sen. Harms asked why couldn’t they plan for it?
Sen. J. Moore asked why didn’t they tell us when they knew in May?

President’s Report Oct
Sen. Trantham asked about number 2 – Encourage speaking up at faculty meetings. Pres. Kelley replied that senators be asked to be on the agenda on their own faculty meetings. Just a request to keep everyone informed.

Pres. Kelley talked about his rolling agenda, which was included in the report. He will try to keep everyone up to date as to status of the agenda items.

Sen. Harms asked what would be the structure of the next meeting. Will there be questions submitted ahead of time?

Academic Affairs 17SEPT15

Pres. Kelley asked for any questions on the Academic Affairs committee report. None were asked.

Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees

International Studies Advisory Council Minutes 10SEPT15
Pres. Kelley responded to the Chair’s letter: Carol is defending her stipend for the summer. There should be opportunity to present information at a forum. He encouraged others to do so.

Sen. Davis supports the stipend. The work done over the summer is a tremendous return on the dollar. Letting it linger over the summer is not appropriate if we are trying increase enrollment. It’s sending mixed messages.

Reports from Academic Councils

Graduate Council: 10SEPT15
Sen. Brown reported on the HLC new guidelines that all those teaching graduate classes must have the terminal degree. It is something we need to look at because it goes in to effect in fall 2017. We need to look at how this will impact us.

Sen. Mims said her department is really concerned about this because all but one of their adjuncts that teach the courses doesn’t have the terminal degree.

Sen. Davis asked if the Graduate council was given this by fiat or can there be discussion on this.

Sen. Brown said that since this coming from North Central he doesn’t know if there is anything can change it.

Sen. Davis thinks we should go back and discuss this as a rural problem.
Sen. Davis asked a question concerning dual enrollments.

Sen. Brown said there was an increase, but there is still a need to discuss it more detail.

Sen. Davis would like to have more detail in the minutes.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**Elections – Faculty Senate Standing Committees**

Pres. Kelley would like to put on another hat because we have no parliamentarian. He would like to nominate Janet Trewin as the new parliamentarian. The nomination was approved by Sen. Davis (Reichart). Pres. Kelley moved that the nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Janet Trewin. The vote was unanimous for Janet Trewin.

Sen. Trewin then proceeded with parliamentarian business.

She said that elections were still going on and that there were some that the senate must elect. The Academic Information and Technology committee needs a senator. The Artists and Lecturers needs a senator. The Athletics needs to have some positions elected by the senate.

Prof. Kime nominated Senator Weiss in abs tenia to the Academic Information and Technology committee. Sen. Powell nominated himself. There was a vote by show of hands and Sen. Powell won. Next the senate must vote for a faculty senate representative to the Artists and Lecturers committee. Dan May nominated himself.

Pres. Kelley moved that the nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Dan May.

For Athletics we need to elect 2 women and 1 man. Rod Flanigan has asked to be on the committee. Scott Hoffman has asked to serve on it.

There was a vote by show of hands and Rod Flanigan won.

The two female nominations were for Kristy Kounovsky-Shafer and Letitia Reichart. Several members of the senate moved that the nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate presented.
Faculty Morale Survey – 2015-16 AY Plan
Quickest way to get some feedback on this would be to go to faculty in your departments and get some feedbacks using suggested questions or any way you want to do this.

Sen. Konecny said it would be interesting to do the survey now.

Faculty Perception of Administration – Senate Discussion
Pres. Kelley said this was pretty well covered in the discussion on the budget.

General Faculty Comments
This period is allotted for faculty members to bring matters of importance before the Senate. Speakers are asked to limit their remarks to five minutes or less. Senate meetings are open to all members of the academic community. All faculty members are specifically invited to attend Faculty Senate meetings.

Sen. Trantham wanted to know if there was a chairs council in the past. If there was, was it effective?

Pres. Kelley responded that it was Rick Millers idea. It was voluntary. Had brought in speakers. Over time it disbanded. Encouraged new chairs to meet up with an experienced chair to help him/her out.

Sen. Harms would like to make a formal proposal/resolution to thank Bill Wozniak for his service.

Sen. Mims suggested Kelly Bartling be here to take pictures when the resolution is presented.

Adjournment
Sen. J. Moore (Sen. Trantham) moved to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:32 PM

Susan Mueller
Faculty Senate Secretary