I. Call to order

II. Roll Call: 3DEC2015

   **At Large Senators:** Present: Kelley, Trantham

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

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

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

   **CNSS Senators:** Present: Harms, Weiss, Louishomme, Pattabiraman, Powell, Strain,
   Wulf-Ludden, Dillon
   Absent: Davis, Reichart, Sogar

   **Library Senator:** Present: Mueller

IV. Action on the Faculty Senate Minutes: 1OCT2015

   Senator Louishomme (May) moved to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected. (The word “incidences” in the General Faculty Comments was changed to “incidents”.)

V. Special Presentations

   A. Michael Sutherland – Institutional Repository

   Prof. Sutherland provided a presentation on institutional repositories. He highlighted the purpose of the repository, the advantages for the campus to have one, and addressed questions from faculty.

   Senator Gaskill asked about the difference in prices for the two models of repositories. Sutherland responded that it was based on the software that is used and the degree to which the library must develop its own software.

   Senator Taylor asked what the cost differential would be if we joined the other NU libraries. Sutherland responded that there was no cost savings, that Bepress doesn’t offer a group discount.
Sen. Taylor also asked if dSpace offers a cost savings. Sutherland said that there is usually more internal customization with dSpace and thus the cost comes from what the library contributes as well as the software.

Sen. Porter asked about staffing needs for this. Sutherland responded that the staffing needs were included in the Programs of Excellence (POE) presented to VC Bicak. In the proposal there was a request for one fte faculty line and two .5 fte staff lines.

Sen. Porter than commented that those costs raises the total cost of the IR.

Sen. Taylor commented that other institutions that have IRs have someone who gathers the information on the author and provides all the metadata needed.

Sen. Pattabiraman asked if there is a data management plan with the proposal. Will it include raw data? Sutherland responded that the contents of the IR is defined by the institution.

Sen. Powell asked about data storage and how much the IR would have. He indicated that a terabyte of data would serve him for only one month, so he would need unlimited storage.

Sen. Van Renen asked if the IR would act as a replacement for some of our journal subscriptions. Sutherland responded that it wouldn’t be a replacement for subscriptions, but rather it would provide access to journal articles written by our faculty in journals the library doesn’t subscribe to.

Sen. Taylor commented that it would be better if we shared this across the NU system if we had our material in UNL’s system. Sutherland agreed that it would be a great idea, but politically doesn’t see it happening.

Sen. Taylor says a faculty senate can make suggestion as to what ideally would be the best way to go, and after that is up to the Chancellor as to what way to go. Sutherland is concerned that our material would be lost in the content of UNL’s system.

Sen. Dillon asked how this is different from faculty showcasing their own research in ResearchGate? How is this better than using ILL to get documents?

Pres. Kelley commented that it appears another senator has a question, but he would like to wrap this up as soon as possible.

Sutherland responded that there are materials that are not available through ResearchGate. Local research could be placed on the IR and make it available. It isn’t necessarily publishable.

Sen. Harms commented that she agrees with Sen. Taylor that we should work with the other UN campuses on this, especially with our new president being a strong supporter of collaboration. She also commented that it was a good thing to have our work visible in the same database as those at the other campuses. It could encourage further collaboration if faculty are made more aware of the research going on in the other campuses.
Welcomed Jeremy Dillon as the new senator from Sociology.

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

   B. Executive Committee: 28OCT15 – no comments
   C. President’s Report: DEC15 - no comments
   E. Academic Information Technology Committee: 6NOV15 – no comments
   H. Athletic Committee: 31OCT15 – no comments
   I. E-campus Committee: 29SEPT15, 29OCT15 – no comments
   M. Professional Conduct Committee: 18NOV15 – no comments

   All reports distributed in VI. Reports from Faculty Senate Standing Committees were approved.

VII. Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees

   D. International Studies Advisory Council: 11NOV15 – no comments

VIII. Reports from Academic Councils

   B. General Studies Council: 5NOV15 – no comments

   All reports distributed in VIII. Reports from Academic Councils were approved.

IX. Unfinished Business

   A. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
   Sen. Davis submitted a different preamble to this. Pres. Kelley said they will discuss both versions at the next meeting.
   Sen. Taylor commented that he wasn’t really looking to change the document, just to respond to comments made by Dr. Bicak.
   Sen. Dillon asked if we will have Dr. Bicak’s edits.
   Sen. Rogoff said that the one marked DRAFT is the version in response to Dr. Bicak’s comments.
   Sen. Dillon asked that we have all three versions to look at.
   Sen. Taylor said that the version marked DRAFT is actually his edits based on what he understood to be Dr. Bicak’s concerns.
   Sen. Rogoff moved to table this item until February’s meeting and that the senators be provided three versions of the document (i.e. the original version, the DRAFT version and Sen. Davis version) Sen. Trantham seconded it. Motion approved.

X. New Business

   A. College Concerns
Pres. Kelley said there were some college issues or concerns expressed as things on people’s minds when he polled the senators last spring. He would like to discuss those concerns in the February meeting and possibly the March meeting. He would like the senators to be prepared to discuss concerns at the college level in the next two meetings.

B. Streamline the Agenda

The agenda contains an assortment of committees that no longer report to the senate. Pres. Kelley said that he and Pres. Elect Rogoff and Secretary Mueller will work to refine the agenda.

XI. General Faculty Comments

Sen. Rogoff commented on his concerns about a recent email from Kelly Bartling about the university compliance committee. Sen. Davis has been appointed to this committee as the Faculty Senate representative. He talked briefly with Pres. Kelley about this and would like for him to address it.

Pres. Kelley said that all policies will be vetted by the faculty. Since Sen. Davis isn’t here tonight he will give us more details next meeting in February.

Speaking of Sen. Davis, Pres. Kelley said he was asked to make a faculty comment from him. He would like to see a developmental leave policy that provides ¾ pay rather than 50%.

Sen. Dillon commented on the morale survey. He feels it has virtually disappeared. People have approached him and asked what has happened with it. He would like to know if the senate would like to revisit this. He would like people to contact him if they still have questions and he will see what he can do. Sen. Gaskill asked if it can be anonymous. Sen. Dillon said it can be anonymous, as detailed as you want. He won’t be offended and he will protect your confidentiality.

Sen. Taylor commented that as chief whitewasher last year he takes full responsibility for the tone of it. He prefers to avoid high contact. However the administration has been really good about it. The chancellor visited the college of business today and he thought that was result of this survey. Sen. Taylor thought that the administration has taken it seriously.

Sen. Dillon apologizes with the term of whitewashing. Sen. Taylor is ok with the term. Sen. Dillon still feels the survey has gone away.

Pres. Kelley has a final comment. At the Board of Regents a KUDOS was given to to Steve MacGahan and he will send a letter of congratulations from the entire senate.

Sen. Harms asked if the meeting with the Chancellor at the last Faculty Senate meeting meant that we would not be meeting with VC Johnson. Pres. Kelley said that when faculty have been polled about whether they want the Chancellor or VC Johnson at faculty forums, everyone agreed they would prefer the chancellor.

Sen. Harms also expressed concern that there are no new guidelines for use of the online money. She suggested that the e-Campus committee take this up and have this as a new responsibility.

XI. Adjournment

Pres. Kelley called for a motion of adjournment. Sen. Chavez moved and Sen. Hoehner seconded. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Mueller, Secretary