Faculty Senate Athletic Committee Minutes, February 1, 2008

Acting Chair Jamie Lundgren called the meeting to order at 10:20 am. Members in attendance were Sam Lopez, Claude Louishomme, Jon McBride, Ken Messersmith, Jane Strawhecker, Janet Steele, and Susan Williams. Members absent were Chris Stevens, Nita Unruh, and Chair Scott Unruh.

The committee members were to have reviewed section IV-VI of the NCAA Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) and bring questions or concerns to the meeting. Jamie began by telling the committee UNK has hired Frank Pergolizzi from “TEAM” to help us comply with the ISSG. “TEAM” will help with gathering and compiling data and works with universities based on their need and ability to pay. In section IV, “Athletics Program Finances,” item 7 was not answered, but since the BOR has guidelines concerning outside income so we felt confident checking “yes.” In section V, “Employment of Athletics Program Personnel,” item 2 was answered “no.” This item concerns checking to see if potential employees have any documented cases of violating NCAA rules. The committee decided this could certainly be done, especially if it is public information and there is a way of obtaining this information from the NCAA itself. Item 3 was not answered (stipulation that violation of NCAA rules could result in termination), but this is covered in letter of agreement, so the committee was confident that “yes” could be checked. Items 6 and 7, involving performance evaluations, were not answered. The committee decided it best to consult with Cheryl Bressington about the wording of letters of agreement and evaluation forms to cover these items. In addition, the wording will have to be changed so as to address sexual orientation in addition to gender and ethnic diversity issues. In section VI, “The Sports Program,” item 9, concerning scheduling contests so as to minimize class absences, was not answered. The conference is working to improve scheduling opportunities and this is addressed in the athletic department’s mission statement concerning a cooperative environment, so the committee was confident that “yes” could be checked. The committee’s next assignment is to review section VII-IX for the next meeting. In addition, Susan handed out the results of this fall’s student surveys and asked committee members to review these for the next meeting.

Jon said he and Scott will present the NCAA Division II Strategic Positioning Platform “I Chose Division II” to the faculty senate at its meeting later this month. It is sure to be the best attended faculty senate meeting on record.

With no other business, Jamie called for adjournment at 11:15 am. The next meeting is scheduled for February 29 at 10:15 am in the Zikmund Conference Room.