Center for Teaching Excellence Committee
Minutes of the September 8, 2009 Meeting
Founders Hall 2147, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Present: Chair Mark Nuss, Sharon Campbell (FAH), Karin Covalt (CTE), John Falconer (SP), Liubov Kreminska (NSS), John Ritterbush (Library), Sarah Schaaf (GA) and Sri Seshadri (CBT)

Absent: Scott Unruh (COE)

I. CALL TO ORDER
Interim Director Mark Nuss called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. on September 8, 2009, in Founders Hall 2147, the Academic Affairs Conference Room.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Meeting Dates and New Members
Chair Nuss shared a list of the 2009-10 committee members, attached hereto. He then asked members to introduce themselves and include what UNK area they represent. After introductions, Nuss reminded members that meetings of this committee will be held at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month this year (2-2-2).

b. Search Committee for Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence
Chair Nuss informed Sharon Campbell that she would likely be asked to serve as Chair of the Search Committee for the Director for the Center for Teaching Excellence. A formal invitation to Campbell was not extended for two reasons: 1) The committee had not yet formally been assembled, and 2) Nuss was to have no involvement in the committee because he was a potential applicant. The CTE committee will be included on the search committee, as will former Director Jeanne Butler. Nuss is planning that some monthly CTE meetings may actually be search committee meetings, as the goal is to have the internal candidate in place as Director by Spring 2011.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. Programs for Fall 2009
Chair Nuss distributed a schedule of CTE events for Fall 2009. Included are:
   
   **September 23** – Luncheon for Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Charles Bicak
   **October 15** – Teaching Critical Thinking in a Portal Course with Jean Mandernach and David Rozema
   **November 10** – Developing and Teaching Capstone Courses with Darleen Mitchell and Richard Miller
b. Newsletter Ideas
Nuss advised the newsletter is in process and articles from the committee for inclusion are welcomed.

c. Presentation Ideas
David Brandt, Academic Services Coordinator, asked Nuss about doing a CTE event in the spring about Disabilities services provided at UNK. Perhaps this would coordinate with Student Disabilities Week. If members of the committee have ideas for presentations, please let Nuss know.

IV. OTHER

a. Update on CTE activities
GA Schaaf has been getting ready for podcasting CTE events, thereby giving faculty who cannot attend presentations the ability to view them at a later date. The podcasts link audio out of garage band to PowerPoint presentations. She has also reviewed the CTE website and updated links as necessary.

Since beginning as Interim Director, Nuss has developed a lengthy “TO DO” list. The day after his return to campus, he participated in GA Orientation, followed by New Faculty Orientation later in the week. He had hoped to secure the Teaching Professor newsletter for UNK; however, the cost would be $800. Ritterbush volunteered to check the Library resources to see what is available along this line.

Falconer shared the new pamphlet on Undergraduate Research prepared by the office of Sponsored Programs.

Nuss thanked the members for coming. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 2 p.m. in Founders Hall, Room 2147.