President’s Report
April 5, 2012

1 Supporting Faculty Leadership Development
The senate is working with the faculty welfare committee to identify mentoring best practices across the colleges. The president has met with VCAASL Bicak who is supportive of this initiative and met with the Deans Council on April 3, 2012. Members of the Faculty Welfare committee will be meeting with the deans to request chairs supply information on mentoring practices in their departments.

2 Meeting with VCAASL Bicak
• VCAASL Bicak was unable to meet with the Executive Council and met with the president later that week. Along with faculty development, they discussed the following items:
  • WI/CD. WI and CD designations are ready to be phased out and a plan needs to be developed in conjunction with the Registrar’s office, the Assessment Office, and the WI/CD Council to (1) announce that this is happening; (2) establish a mechanism to phase out the designation, and (3) report the rationale for the change. The WI initiative has succeeded in implementing writing across the curriculum, and it is assessed at the department level. Cultural diversity is integrated in the new GS curriculum and can be assessed as part of the GS assessment.
  • The change in the TaskStream fee structure is still being discussed and there are some elements to sort out. Barbara Johnson will put together a proposal that will go to the Chancellor and then to the BOR.
  • Academic Dishonesty Reporting. The need for central reporting was discussed and a mechanism should be put in place so that information is accessible across this campus and potentially across campuses in the NU system. VCAASL Bicak will address the issue with the registrar’s office.

Selected Items from the Board of Regents Meeting: (03/02/12)
• President Milliken reported on the internal audit function. Each campus has an internal auditor that reports to the chancellors and administrations Chief Audit Executive.
• The NU system is continuing to upgrade the fire protection systems in university housing. UNK has 55% sprinkler coverage. CTW and CTE towers are scheduled for upgrades.
• The Sponsored Research metric used to evaluate UNK and the other universities was discussed. The metric does not seem to be appropriate to evaluate UNK. There was some discussion of potentially combining UNO, UNL and UNK’s sponsored research totals for a better measure of the system.
• Workforce Development was discussed, forecasting job growth in Nebraska. 2008-2018 growth is expected to be 10.1% with the strongest growth in urban centers (Lincoln and Omaha). 66% of new jobs will require secondary education. The main growth
categories are (1) Business, Marketing and Management; (2) Industrial Manufacturing and Engineering, and (3) Health Services.

- The Healthier Nebraska Initiative was discussed and the board was updated on the legislative progress of the initiative. The initiative needs to gain the Governor’s approval or overcome a veto. Potentially, the initiative could lead to the construction of a new Nursing and Allied Health center next to Bruner hall.