**eCampus Faculty Senate Advisory Meeting**  
*March 19, 2014*

**Present:** Gloria Vavricka, Steve McGahan, Noel Palmer, Roger Davis, Ralph Hanson, Lisa Kastello, Julie Saalfeld

**Absent:** Casey Schoenebeck, Erin Bush, Mary Daake, Sheryl Heidenreich

Next Faculty Senate Meetings will be April 3 and April 24 before the end of the semester.

**Gloria - Upcoming Events**

- **April 24th – Campus Conversations** – This is a collaborative event with Online Worldwide (OWW) that was started last year. The campuses each take a turn finding a speaker to come in and give a presentation during the lunch hour which is then broadcast to the other campuses. Jill Schiefelbein will be our speaker and the topic she will be presenting during the luncheon will be “Student to Instructor Interaction/Communication” – ways to improve that. We also have her lined up to do some other things that same day. She will do a morning and afternoon session open to the entire campus. The morning program is called “Start Here: Setting Students Up for Success,” and the afternoon session will be “The Human Touch, What Students Really Want in Online Classes.” We will be sending out an announcement to the campus regarding this event soon.

- **May 15th – Distance Education Symposium** – Also a collaborative event with OWW and the four the campuses. Last year it was combined with NU Tech Day. OWW has done a call for proposals and there are about 7 UNK proposals that have been accepted. There are two tracks – leadership and pedagogy/instructional design. Just a reminder you can use tuition differential funds to cover travel and per diem costs to this type of event.

**Gloria - Updates with eCampus and OWW**

- **Todd Karr (OWW)** is still working on state authorization – currently there are 6 states, Delaware, Massachusetts, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oregon and Washington that are pending with the approval process. Basically what “state authorization” means is we have to get approval to offer distance programs in other states. The non-placement programs (programs that have no field experience, internships, or practicum) are not a problem – we are approved in all 50 states for non-placement programs except for Arkansas. There may be states that we never get approval from, like North Carolina. They want to treat the approval process almost like an accreditation visit. They want to bring people here to our campus to make sure our placement programs are worthy. The State of Nebraska does not require anything from other states if they offer distance programs here.

- **Another thing** we are working on is tuition increases. As you know, the resident rates are frozen for this year again. The distance ed non-resident rate can be adjusted so Gloria has put the word out asking what we want to do about the tuition this next year. Distance Education Stipends for Fall 2014 are due by April 4. Gloria will be sending out a reminder.