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Meeting between the FS Executive Committee and UNK Administration
January 21, 2004 / Warner Conference Room / 2:00 PM

Present: Chancellor Kristensen, SVCAA Galen Hadley, VCBF Randy Haack, Dean of Students Lois Flagstad, Faculty Senators Bridges, Kelley, Kruse, Miller, and Obermier

Item 1: Budget projections / process for budget reduction
Chancellor Kristensen noted that the governor has indeed proposed a cut, with more information forthcoming in March or April. Senators and administrators emphasized the importance of informing all campus constituencies of the process used to determine which cuts might be necessary at UNK.

Item 2: Update on the approval of departmental rank and tenure policies
SCVAA Hadley noted that the revision of these policies is still in the hands on the deans.

Item 3: Dual Credit agreements
Senator Miller requested copies of relevant agreements with the Kearney Public Schools, which SVCAA Hadley agreed to provide. One problematic issue is the impossibility of determining from an incoming student’s transcript whether a course submitted for college credit was delivered by college faculty or by a high-school teacher in a high-school setting.

Item 4: Status of Current Searches
a. Senior VCA&SA – Search is nearing completion, with a decision possible by next week or early February.
b. Dean of the Library – Search committee now has a “short list” of candidates.
c. CTE Director / Coordinator of Assessment – Search committee expects to have a short list by next week.
d. Faculty Assistant to the SVCAA – SVCAA Hadley, with the assistance of Glen Powell, is developing a job description to be used in the internal search.

Item 5: Status of the following committees
a. Sr. VCA&SA Faculty Workload Committee – SVCAA Hadley is working with Dave Anderson on this effort. Results expected in the next couple of weeks. Senators indicated that Sens. Kelley, Wozniak, Davis, or Miller could advise the Dean’s Council if so desired.
b. Chair/Director compensation committee – SVCAA Hadley has not received an update, but expects more information sometime in February.

Item 6: What are the changes in the hiring practices?
This matter has been turned over to NU legal counsel, which has recommended that every campus institute a broader background check policy. Facilities and residence life staff have been queried regarding felony convictions, while more stringent checks are in place for personnel in such positions as child care.
Item 7: Status of the Faculty Senate Constitution
NU General Counsel Dick Wood has the document and will complete his review by next week.

Item 8: Reports from the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, and Dean of Students

Chancellor: Allocation of funds resulting from our agreement with Pepsi (which ends in 2009) should be made clearer to the campus. Possible uses for these funds include scholarships, multicultural initiatives, and staff development.

The search for NU President is ongoing and, of course, of interest to our campus. It is possible that the search committee may have some results to share at the April regents’ meeting.

VCBR Haack: The annual audit has been conducted and will be released by the end of February. Projects completed or in progress:
- Floor of Health and Sports Center – completed
- Floor in Cushing – completion by end of the week
- Otto Olsen – renovation of fire alarm system and restrooms slated for Summer 2004
- 15th Street is now open temporarily
- Improvements in progress to the gazebo area of the spillway
- Bruner greenhouse is operational; fate of old greenhouse uncertain

Comments are welcome for “Flashpoints.”
The fees committee will reconvene soon to consider proposals.

Dean of Students: The master plan for the residence halls is proceeding nicely. A consulting firm is doing a telephone survey of students and conducting a market analysis, with results ready in February. The consulting firm and the engineers will then confer with the architects. Other issues include University Heights, deferred debts and maintenance, and balancing students’ wants with students’ needs.

SVCAA Hadley: Go for the Gold receptions will be beginning soon. Also—It is important for faculty to be informed where Programs of Excellence funds are being allocated, on other NU campuses as well as UNK.

Martha Kruse, Recorder