Present: Senators Bridges, Darveau, Kruse, Miller, Unruh
Chancellor Kristensen, SVC Finnie Murray, VCBF Randy Haack, Interim
VCUR Kathy Smith, Dean of Students Lois Flagstad

1. Update on Searches:
   A. Dean CBT and Dean CFAH -- Two candidates for each position have already visited campus. The search committees will report in early March. SVC Murray noted that in future searches, staff will be invited to attend open fora.
   B. Admissions Director (position formerly held by John Kundel) -- A search will begin next year at about this time. Meanwhile, the interim position has been extended and salary savings used to reach the Omaha market.

2. Representative from Assessment on Strategic Planning Committee?
   The Chancellor noted that a representative from Assessment (Glen Powell) will be most useful after the committee has written its first document outlining goals and the big picture. For example, how will we measure our claim to be “a premier teaching institution”?

3. Cost of New Web Page:
   Chancellor Kristensen reported that it will cost approximately $80,000 for Stamats to create the web pages, and another $19,000 to do a virtual tour, if we can afford it. Of the $21,000 paid so far, $8089 related to infrastructure expenses has come from student technology fees, with no plans to use any more funds from this source. The remainder will be taken from campus-wide sources, “a variety of pots,” including the Foundation. The consultants have given us candid advice resulting from extensive experience, but we can’t afford to bring them on full-time. They have, however, helped us understand how we could do better. The big question now concerns the front page of the web site. Not everyone can be on the front page. VCUR Smith will send us a draft of the verbiage.

4. Possibility of Providing Wireless Capability in Ockinga:
   If the Faculty Senate meeting room were equipped with wireless, senators who use laptops could access files during the meeting rather than incurring the expense (to their respective departments) of printing them out. The Chancellor responded that this was “not a bad suggestion” and would convey the request.

5. Blackboard and Student Tech Fees:
   The $50,000 annual cost of Blackboard, which might consist of just the licensing fees, came from student tech fees. This cost should go down as the NU campuses work out a more proportionate arrangement.
6. Flexibility in Signs Placed in Front of Buildings:
   Anecdotal evidence suggests that signs with information regarding
departments/programs housed within the building may be more user-friendly for visitors
trying to find their way around campus. VC Haack noted that the first priority of signs is
to get people to the right building. Signs should be standardized and use the current logo.
Companion signs could be smaller. The current signs identifying buildings cost about
$1000 each. Faculty can contact the Director of Facilities with suggestions for signage.

7. Consensual Relations Policy:
   The Chancellor has sent it on to Lincoln, where Dick Wood will probably have
Carmen Maurer review it.

Reports from Administrators

Chancellor Kristensen reported that the Board of Regents will visit UNK next week.
The Thursday night dinner will be held at Rowe Sanctuary, with breakfast and lunch on
campus. These events will highlight student and faculty accomplishments, partnerships
with and outreach to the community, and discussions with staff.
   The Chancellor was in Washington DC last week and reported a positive
reception to our well-organized earmarks.
   UNK needs a new campus representative to the NCAA committee. The search
will be conducted among the faculty.

SVC Murray noted that the first regular meeting of the General Studies Roundtable will
be Friday (2/25). The Data Analysis and Benchmarking Committee is almost complete.

VCBF Randy Haack discussed parking around the Foster Field renovations. In
anticipation of the renovation, permits for this area were undersold in Fall 2004.
Construction will take up some places, but ultimately the area will have about 10 more
spaces than previously. Construction should be completed by the first football game this
fall.
   The request for the Otto Olsen renovation passed the BOR and now goes to the
Coordinating Commission.
   The Loper Express will be dedicated at noon today (2/23).
   The upcoming budget looks good; this is the end of the biennium.
   The Student Fee committee will meet 2/24.
   Work continues on a new ID card system, including a banking relationship and
doors access. The system should be implemented before next fall.
   Mike Miller has resigned as Director of Facilities. Larry Kuskie is chairing the
search for a new director; Earl Rademacher is serving in the interim.
   The Foundation is trying to buy the Cranewood property for us. This space could
be used for transitional housing for students during renovation to the residence halls.
   Physical Sciences has received a bequest. SVC Murray is taking requests from
Bruner Hall.
Interim VCUR Kathy Smith announced that NU budget hearings will be held March 15. Salary increases seem to be a go. Faculty should watch the following legislative bills:
  LB 605 -- capital buildings bill. Not as large as what NU put forward.
  LB 668 -- approximately 200 acres of land near Bico’s is being transferred from Health and Human Services to UNK.

Dean of Students Lois Flagstad announced that 53 employers will be attending the first annual Career Fair.
   A search is in progress for a full-time nurse practitioner, to be completed by mid-summer. LeeAnn Obrecht is the new director of Counseling and Student Health.
   Student Support Services has funding through Spring 2006; things are up in the air beyond that.
   Housing packets go in the mail soon.
   The OMA office is working with Admissions to host the Cultural Unity Conference April 1-2. So far 200 have registered; we are hoping for 400.
   The convenience store being dedicated 2/23 is the last piece of the Union renovation.

The meeting adjourned.

Martha Kruse, Recorder