The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with the administration after the annual Administrative Retreat on August 17, 2004.

Present: Debbie Bridges, Scott Darveau, Martha Kruse, Rick Miller, Bob Young

Chancellor Kristensen, Finnie Murray (Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Student Life), Randy Haack (Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance), Kathy Smith (Interim Vice Chancellor for University Relations), Lois Flagstad (Dean of Students)

FS President Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order and introduced members of the FS executive committee. Chancellor Kristensen introduced the other administrators.

Reports from Administrators:

Vice Chancellor Haack listed the improvements that students will notice this fall:
- The bridge to the COE building should be completed by the end of the week.
- Additional safety lights have been placed around campus.
- Chartwells has undergone a renovation.

VC Haack also identified some new staff members who bring a wealth of experience to campus. He also noted that some personnel and offices have moved over the summer, for example, Bonnie Payne (Events Coordinator) to west campus and Public Safety to the Public Services Building.

Dean Flagstad noted that as of June, Residence Life was preparing to house over 2000 students. She also stated that learning communities are established for COE, B&T, FAH, Political Science, Service Learning, and Healthy Living. Some of these communities have returning students. Dean Flagstad and VC Haack are working on matters related to access to buildings, which raises the possibility of ID cards.

Chancellor Kristensen provided the following information:
- Despite financial issues, significant support exists for a summer commencement ceremony, beginning in Summer 2005. Advisers will help notify students of this development. Bob Young later provided the following additional information:

This summer a committee (Chaired by Kim Schipporeit, Registrar, and the Associate Deans) was charged to review the current summer format and the recent history of declining summer enrollments and to make recommendations to the Sr. VCAA. Although a reduced number of course offerings due to budget issues was an obvious problem and must be addressed by others, the committee recommended that the summer format be returned to what was very popular (with students and faculty) several
years ago. That is, we return to a 4-week summer session (Monday-Friday classes) beginning the Monday following Spring Commencement and an 8-week session following that (Monday--Thursday classes). Therefore, with this format Summer Session will conclude at the end of July/first week of August and this will easily accommodate the revival of a Summer Commencement ceremony.

The committee recommends a survey of summer school students.

- There is still a budget cut from last year that must be implemented.
- Boilers installed in the 1920s and 1930s are still functioning on campus. The good news is that these units are still operating.
- Several parents attending Summer Advising and Enrollment commented on the friendly campus climate here at UNK.

General consensus that this was “a great day.”

The meeting adjourned.

Martha Kruse, recorder