Present: Senators Bridges, Brown, Darveau, Kruse, Rieder, Young
Administrators Doug Kristensen, Kathy Smith, Finnie Murray, Randy Haack,
Lois Flagstad

1. Search updates:
   a. Faculty NCAA representative: Scott Unruh has been chosen and accepted the position.
   b. Director of General Studies: Glen Powell has agreed to take on the responsibilities of DoGS for a two year term. His appointment was supported by the General Studies Council and allowed for some salary savings over the term to aid in the budget cutting process. Some of Glen’s other responsibilities have been reassigned to the SVC’s office. Additionally, Kristi Milks has been assigned as support staff to help with Glen’s roles as Director of Assessment and Director of General Studies.
   c. Director of Admissions: The search for the director of admissions will start following the end of the two year interim term for Dusty Newton, likely this spring. The scope of the search (national versus local or regional) has not yet been determined.
   d. Vice Chancellor for University Relations: A search for this position will likely take place soon, likely in the spring.

2. Budget Issues:
   a. Use of Faculty in Recruiting Students and the Application of Incentives/Consequences
      President Millikan made mention at the Board of Regent meeting that faculty on the university campuses need to be involved with recruiting and that there may be incentives or consequences for their actions or lack thereof. The question was raised if this was meant to act as a “carrot” or “stick” for the faculty. No direction has been given to the campuses from Central Administration concerning the Presidents comments. The BOR is pushing recruitment, but UNK is not expecting a big change in our current practices or policies. A framework for budgeting and recruiting is being developed by the BOR. However, faculty can have an important impact on students in the recruiting process.
   b. Status of Priority Funds in budget cutting process:
      In meeting BOR guidelines, funds that are given to departments and programs are meant to act as enhancements, not to replace or serve as buffers for funding cuts. The budget cutting process has added difficulty to the allocation and use of priority funds. No new priority funds have been allocated from the legislature, but Central Administration has increased priority funding through a reallocation process. A report to the BOR in November will detail the use and impact of the priority funds.

      If the goal of the program is to improve a program, it is not possible to remove the funds and risk the program slipping back to its prior level. This fact makes it easy to add funding but difficult to remove it.
c. Budget Reserve:

There currently is no campus reserve, but will be in the future. The question on the budget reserve is not if one will be created, but how it will be accomplished. The administration is hesitant to make vertical cuts to meet the latest goals. One option to create the reserve is to make the current cuts permanent and use the excess revenue to fund the reserve. A focus for creating increased revenues on campus will include both differential tuition opportunities and outside revenue generation.

3. AACU Membership Withdrawal:

UNK asked to withdraw from AACU membership in 2001, but AACU continued to send bills which were paid. Only recently was the withdrawal confirmed and bills not paid. AACU membership costs UNK about $4000 annually without tangible benefits.

4. Strategic Planning:

Input from the campus concerning strategic planning will be collected soon. A one page summary will be available at the Faculty Senate Meeting.

5. Reports from Administrators:

VCBF Randy Haack——

- Much work on facilities has progressed over the summer on BHS, Fine Arts, and Cushing upgrades. The preparations for new residence halls is continuing and on target. Construction will begin this year and the halls will open Fall 2007. Improvements to Foster Field are progressing and additional research space will be erected east of Bruner shortly.
- An audit of the university is proceeding and a clean result is expected.
- The new ID Card project is progressing. Faculty should go get their cards by October 31. Students should get their cards prior to September 18, when free printing in the computer labs will end. There is an option to link the cards to a Wells Fargo debit account and a declining balance option for the cards will begin in the spring semester.

Dean of Students Lois Flagstad —

- Dr. Flagstad offered her thanks for the support of and attendance at the Blue and Gold Weekend events.
- Use of student resources (Counseling, Health, Writing Center) is much higher than last year, while behavior incidents are down.
- The Emergency Operations Team is developing training programs for campus personnel and there will be information given to campus about the safety plans.

VCUR Kathy Smith —

- Special projects upcoming include Centennial Week from Sept. 26 to Oct. 1: Monday- dedication of Centennial plaza; Wednesday- dedication of new time-capsule in Library; Friday- Centennial Gala; and Saturday- Homecoming.
- Feedback concerning the summer commencement ceremonies should be forwarded to the VCUR’s office.
- A community appreciation picnic will be held on September 10.
- Marketing:
  - A new focus will be on getting alumni “up to speed” on UNK (rather than the KSC image.)
A program to improve our peer institutions’ perceptions of UNK will be underway. Peer evaluation contributes 25% of the US News and World report rankings.

- Government Relations: The federal earmark process for next year is beginning. UN lobbyists will be on campus during the undergraduate research conference to talk to proposal PIs.
- Enrollment figures will be released soon.
- Forums will be held with the campus and community concerning the construction process on the new residence halls.

**Chancellor Doug Kristensen** –
- Only $20 million is able to be taken out in bonds for the residence halls. The focus will be on getting as many beds as possible rather than extreme amenities.
- USN&WR still has UNK in Tier II. Work is underway to improve peer evaluation, which is the weakest area in the ranking calculations.
- The consensual relations policy is under review for its affect on the professional and support staff.

**SVC Finnie Murray** –
- The SVC is looking forward to the ongoing discussion on General Studies program revision and noted that the GS Council has a strong interest in aiding the discussion.
- UNK is hosting a Conference on Undergraduate Research, which is a bragging point for UNK.
- Discussion of 18/21 hour workload policies is continuing in the colleges with COE moving forward with their document.
- The 1-2-1 program with Chinese Universities is being developed and agreements to proceed in the development process are in place with 21 institutions. This will open the door for many excellent Chinese students to attend UNK.
- The UN Foundation has awarded sizable grants to UNK: one to Jeremy Dillon in Geography and a second to Stan Lightner / ITEC and Phyllis Markussen / FSID.

Scott Darveau, Recorder