Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting
with the Administration

January 24, 2007  Warner Conference Room, 1:15 p.m

Present: President Darveau, Senators Kruse, Frickel, Jackowiak, and Louishomme, and Chancellor Kristensen, Sr. Vice Chancellor Murray, VCUR Carlson, Interim VCBF Lakey, and Dean of Students Flagstad

Absent: Senator Miller

Agenda Items:
1. Progress toward revision of post-tenure review policy. SVCAA&SL Murray indicated that Assistant Vice Chancellor Nikels has informed him that the committee has only to meet one or two more times before completing their work. The revised post-tenure policy will be ready by the middle of February.

2. Ongoing effects /efforts related to Ice Storm. Acting Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance Lakey reported that on Sunday, December 31, the campus was contacted by Nebraska Public Power district and informed that the community’s electrical grid was getting unstable and electrical power to the campus would be taken down in an hour. Ten minutes later the power was down. Discussions ensued about how to bring partial power to select buildings on campus, such as the dormitories housing foreign students and Bruner Hall. Based on these discussions, power was provided and Lakey initiated roving blackouts across campus. Full power was restored on Thursday night, January 4, 2007. The Ice Storm affected 80 trees and the administration has contracted with Campbell’s Nursery out of Lincoln to assess and advice on what trees are not likely to survive. Lakey indicated that Facilities will wait until spring to make decisions on which tree must be removed.

Lakey indicated that the Ice Storm tested UNK’s emergency response system. While the system worked well revealed some problems. For example, the exhaust of the generator that services the ultra-freezer in Cushing was sealed by ice and cause smoke to accumulate in the building and the storm is suspected to have damaged one server in the College of Education. The campus is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to cover some of the expense incurred as a result of the Ice Storm. Lakey indicated that UNK also plans to file an insurance claim to cover storm related expenses in excess of the first $200,000m, for which UNK is self-insured.

3. Search updates
   a. Dean of libraries. One of the three candidates was withdrawn because of inability to schedule a campus visit. The two remaining candidates have made presentations to the campus.
b. **Director of Marketing.** Short list is down to 6 candidates.

c. **Director of media relations and Internal Communication.** Committee is making progress. Carson is hopeful that they will finish their work by March.

d. **Director of Frank House.** Christy Anne Sullivan has been hired and will begin full-time in June 2007. Advisory Council is being reconstitutes. In the mean time the Frank House will be open and programming is continuing with the use of volunteers.

4. **FY: upcoming Senate Meeting and Actions.** President Darveau informed the Administration that at the next Senate meeting, NU President Milliken is schedule to visit to discuss the Board of regents Strategic Framework and Metrics. Also, the UNK Student Senate will be presenting a Parking Proposal.

5. **Reports from Administration.**

   **Chancellor’s Report.**
   Facilities Development Plan. The presentation of the plan to the Board of Regents was well received and is available on the UNK website. The booklet on which the presentation is based is also up on the UNK website. It contains a more coherent narrative and is a better source of information on the plan.

   **Program for Bruner Hall.** Was approved by the NU Board of Regents.

   **UNK Faculty Senate By-laws.** Was approved by the Nu Board of Regents.

   **Agreement with Marimam Theater.** Chancellor Kristensen reported that an Operating Agreement between UNK and Kearney Public Schools is being negotiated. UNK and KPS are formalizing a cooperative agreement on the scheduling of events and other issues.

   **Governor Heineman’s proposed state budget.** Chancellor Kristensen indicated that the major item that is looming over the university is the proposed state budget. A 1 to 1.2% increase would leave a $25 million gap for NU’s operating budget. UNK will have to develop a plan for how to deal with cuts that the campus will be forced to make. There are only two proposed budgets in the past 40 years that have been lower.

   **Nursing Program.** The program may move from the UNK campus to Norfolk

   **UNO New Dormitories.** NU Regents approved the construction of new dormitories on the UNO campus. This will create 400 new beds and will affect UNK.

   **Sr. VCAA&SL Report**
New Scholarship Agreements. SVCAA&SL Murray indicated that two weeks ago the Administration went to North Platte and Norfolk and signed agreements for the new program known as Kearney Bound. This initiative provides scholarships for tuition and room & board for first-generation college students who choose to attend UNK.

Admission/Retention/Success Teams. The two teams are up and operating. As their names imply, each team is working to help UNK meet its strategic goals of increasing the number of students admitted to UNK, help students remain at UNK and succeed in their collegiate careers on our campus.

Industrial Technology was invited to get students to travel to China and develop relationships with businesses. These relationships would provide internship opportunities for students with multi-national corporations, many of them American owned.

New UNK Video. The recent delegation from China asked the Administration to provide a Chinese version of the UNK promotional video. Murray has reviewed the new video and is very pleased with the quality of the production by Blue Media, UNK’s video contractor.

Interim Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance’s Report
Bruner Hall and Otto Olson Hall. Lakey reported that at their January meeting the NU Board of Regents approved the construction statement for Bruner and Olson Halls. The next step of the process is to select an architect for each of these projects.

UNK emergency planning helped with how well the campus managed the response to the Ice Storm. The facilities staff learned a great deal

Snow removal. Begun Sunday, January 21. Most walkways had been plowed by Monday morning. Should faculty or staff see a problem area, they are encouraged to inform the Facilities Department and/or VCBF Lakey.

Status of Electrical Service. Currently the city of Kearney is being serviced by two of the six feeder lines. While these two lines are providing adequate electricity, planning on UNK is ongoing in case a new emergency should arise.

Vice Chancellor of University of Relations Report
Campus Newsletter. VCUR Carlson indicated that the second volume of COLUMNS will be out the week of January 29th.

Research Publication. Progress is also being made in developing a UNK research publication, according to VCUR Carlson.

Marketing Advisory Council is being established to provide input on marketing strategies and campaigns for UNK.
Lobbying. Carlson is working with his counterparts in the NU system is headed to Washington, DC to lobby Congress for earmarks and other federal funding. Strategies to Communicate with Nebraska citizens.

Statewide Grassroots Drive is needed and is being explored as a means of better inform Nebraska citizens about the potential consequences of Governor Heineman’s proposed budget on the University of Nebraska.

Outreach to Kearney Community. As part of his outreach to the greater Kearney community, Carlson has met with several business owners and plans to such one-on-ones with the heads of all major employers in the area.

Dean of Students Flagstad’s Report
Summer Advising/Fall Orientation/Blue & Gold Week. Planning is expected to be done by April 2007

Wireless access. Every building on the UNK campus will be wireless by August ’07.

Student Code of Conduct. Dean Flagstad indicated that one thing that faculty input will be needed on revisions to the Academic Integrity section of the Student Code of Conduct. The new Academic Integrity code must be in place by April 2008. A review process will be initiated.