Meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee with the UNK Administration  
September 29, 2006  
Warner Conference Room, 2:00-3:15 pm

Present: President Darveau, Senators Frickel, Jackowiak, and Miller  
Chancellor Kristensen, Sr. Vice Chancellor Murray, VCUR Carlson,

Absent: Senators Louishomme & Kruse, Interim VCBF Lakey,  
Dean of Students Flagstad.  

Agenda Items:

1. **On-campus commercial activities.** The Executive Committee raised the issue of book buyers on campus who have become more numerous and more aggressive lately. Dr. Flagstad provided a copy of the campus policy on solicitation which specifically addresses selling but not buying on campus, although the spirit of the policy is designed to preserve and promote an academic environment free of inappropriate commercialism (see policy statement in your packet). The administration expressed their willingness to review the policy and to expand it if the Senate so desires.

2. **Upcoming Senate Meeting and Actions.** The administration was informed that at the next Senate meeting we will be reviewing the Strategic Plan, discussing the UN diversity report, and listening to presentations about legislative issues, United Way Charity Drive, and progress made by the Rank and Tenure Clarification Committee.

Reports from the Administration:

**Chancellor's Report.**

1. **Gender Equity Committee.** Marlene Kuskie has been appointed head of the UNK Gender Equity Committee, and as such will represent UNK on the University-wide Gender Equity Committee. When the full UNK committee is appointed, they will choose the second faculty representative to the University-wide committee. In the meantime (this semester), Kathy Smith has agreed to serve as UNK’s second faculty representative. Cheryl Bresinginton serves as the staff representative on the committee.

2. **Senate Constitution.** The UNK Senate constitution will be presented to the Board of Regents at the November meeting as an informational item. The Board will hold a hearing in January prior to voting to approve/disapprove the constitution.

3. **Construction.** The Chancellor is awaiting a recommendation about location of the central heating plant and noted that some of the priority construction projects will be infrastructure needed to complete the more visible re-building.

4. **On-going Searches.** The committee conducting the search for a Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance has narrowed their list to 6 and is in the process of checking
references and recommendations. The Chancellor expects a short list of 6 or less within the next two weeks. On-campus interviews are expected to be scheduled the last two weeks in October.

**Campus Kitchen.** The Chancellor noted that UNK is the only campus in the country for which this program is totally organized by students. He plans to send 3 of the student organizers the Washington, DC to meet with the national organization. He encourages faculty to become involved and to encourage their students to become involved.

**Sr. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Student Life's Report.**

1. **Enrollment Enhancement Plan.** The Enrollment Management Team (EMT), Recruitment and Admission Enhancement Team, and Retention and Student Success Enhancement Team are close to being finalized. Many of the members of the teams are there as a result of positions they hold within the university and a list of those designated members was provided to the Executive Committee as well as the Charge to each team (see plan in your packet). Plans currently in place for recruiting will not be altered but the teams will be making new plans for next year.

2. **On-going Searches.** The search committee for the faculty assistant to the Senior Vice Chancellor has been formed. Senate representatives on the committee are Roger Davis, Bev Frickel, and Daren Snider. The search for a new Dean of the Library is underway and several applications have been received. The search for a permanent Director of General Studies has just begun.

3. **The Rank and Tenure Clarification Committee.** The committee has found several areas of ambiguity that they are working on and a final report is expected by the end of the semester.

4. **Funding for Programs of Excellence.** Recommendations to central administration for the allocation of this year's funds were not approved and new guidance asking for proposals that address big ideas that will have notable impact, including tenure track positions was requested. Proposals for each of the colleges and the library have been received and the Sr. Vice Chancellor will be meeting with the Deans next week to prioritize those proposals.

5. **The UN Faculty Merit Task Force has drafted their recommendations for the implementation of merit pay on each of the UN campuses. Members of the task force will forward the recommendation to the Provost after a final review. (See draft proposal in your packet)**

**Vice Chancellor for University Relations Report.**

Marketing Initiatives. Vice Chancellor Carlson provided the EC with a copy of a full-
page ad that will appear in the Omaha World Herald (see copy in your packet). The ad articulates three overarching goals that build our reputation with students, faculty and other stake holders: Scholarship, achievement, and community. Versions of this ad will appear in the Lincoln paper as well as high school publications. The Vice Chancellor is meeting with Dusty Newton and Linda Schroeder re-assess our ad placement priorities and the look for ways to have a greater impact. The Marketing Advisory Council is almost formed. The office is undergoing some re-organization and Ms. Ann Tillery will be leaving UNK. Glennis Nagel has been asked to co-edit the upcoming Faculty/Staff newsletter and an editorial group will be formed to assist in this endeavor. Tentative name for the newsletter is "The Columns" based in part on the columns that form the entrance to the east campus.

Web-site. The process of improving the web site has begun and as a first step, navigability from the home page will be enhanced using pop-ups.

SOS Initiatives. The VCUR is involved with Ron Withem and others in working on this endeavor.

Campus Appearance. The Vice Chancellor and administration in general welcome suggestions on ways to make not only the campus look better but also ways to improve the appearance of the nearby surrounding community. A web blog set up by John Lakey may be a good way to share ideas.

Interim Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance Report.

Interim Vice Chancellor Lakey filed a report on the Facilities Development Plan. He indicated that forums announcing the process for developing the plan were conducted with Faculty Senate, Student Senate and Staff Senate as well as an open campus forum and a community forum. At each of these forums, he came away with additional ideas to consider as the plan is developed. His plan is to find ways over the next couple of months to continue receiving input from all segments of the campus. Some of the ways of doing this will be through the special web site for this project, campus announcements and communications with the various senates. The advisory committee for the plan has been identified and will be meeting on the first and third Thursday of the month through November.

With regard to residential hall construction, he noted that the construction of the new residential halls is on schedule as planned.