Meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee with the UNK Administration  
October 26, 2006  
Warner Conference Room, 2:00-3:19 pm  

Present: President Darveau, Senators Frickel, Jackowiak, Louishomme, and Miller  
Chancellor Kristensen, Sr. Vice Chancellor Murray, Interim VCBF Lakey  

Absent: Senator Kruse, Dean of Students Flagstad, VCUR Carlson  

Agenda Items:  

1. **Proliferation of committees.** President Darveau, on behalf of the FS Exec  
committee encouraged campus administrators to make full use of the existing Faculty  
Senate Committee Structure when possible and appropriate, and indicated that  
numerous requests for faculty for new committees have made finding volunteers  
difficult.  

2. **Timely access to both BlackBoard and Lotus Notes for new hires prior to campus  
start date.** Interim Vice Chancellor Lakey indicated that new faculty can get into both  
Blackboard and Lotus Notes as soon as they are hired as long as the basic information  
(Name, SSN) is provided to Human Resources. While some colleges have been  
successful in doing this, others need to provide the information on a timelier basis.  
Senator Miller offered to discuss this process at the next UNK Council of Chairs meeting  
and Interim Vice Chancellor Lakey indicated that he would discuss it with HR staff so  
that chairs of search committees understand what is required.  

3. **Search Updates.** The search for the Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance is  
in the interview stage and two candidates have been invited to campus. The search for  
the Director of General Studies has received two applications. The search for the  
Faculty Assistant to the Sr. Vice Chancellor has also received two applications. The  
search for the Dean of Libraries is in the early stages.  

4. **Construction Update.** Residence hall construction is on schedule. The  
administration again asks that faculty forward appropriate names to be considered for  
the new buildings. The program statement for BHS is ready to go although there is a  
concern that the timetable used by the Coordinating Commission for review may delay  
this construction.  

5. **Upcoming Senate Meeting and Actions.** President Darveau informed the  
administration that (1) the Senate will be considering a resolution on the American  
Democracy Project to be presented by Professor Anderson, (2) all FS standing  
committees have been convened and chairs elected, and (3) we will discuss the role of  
eCampus and dual-credit courses at our next meeting.  

Reports from the Administration:  

Chancellor's Report.
1. Initiative 423. The Chancellor indicated that Initiative 423 is of grave concern and that the polls indicate that it will be a very close vote. He is sending a letter (typed at home in his off-duty time) to UNK alumni to outline the possible consequences to the university if the measure passes. He indicated that 3% spending cap could not be applied to Medicaid and to prison operation, both of which continue to go up more than 3% each year. He also pointed out it took 4.4% for the university to stay even last year and that 85% of our budget costs are for people. He expressed his concern that the cost of tuition increases may price a college education out of reach for many of our citizens.

2. Regents Strategic Framework. It is expected that we will continue to develop the strategic framework and that metrics will be created and that progress towards meeting the metric goals set will be reported to the Regents on a regular basis.

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

1. Promotion and Tenure Guidelines. The Sr. Vice Chancellor indicated the work being done in committee to clarify our promotion and tenure guidelines is almost complete.

2. Recruitment and Retention. The committees are meeting and the work is in progress. The Sr. Vice Chancellor described UNL’s "Pathway to College" program in Grand Island that offers a tuition reduction for high school students who take UNL online courses and that this model is being examined for possible implementation by UNK. Currently we offer a delayed discount to high school students after they enroll at UNK. Drs. Longo and Bloomfield are currently planning to offer courses to high school students at KHS and via distance education.

3. 1-2-1 program. Seventeen Chinese students have enrolled this semester at UNK and the program seems to be running smoothly. Our connection with Shandong seems very positive and we expect that as many as 30 students from there may enroll next Fall.

4. Bahamian Alumni Association. A new alumni chapter in the Bahamas is opening this fall, and the alumni there will act as recruiters for UNK. We have been told that we can expect 10-12 Bahamian students to enroll initially.

5. PKI. The administration is exploring avenues of mutual interest with the Peter Kiewit Institute including the possibility of a program in bio-informatics.

Interim Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance Report.

1. Interim Vice Chancellor Lakey indicated that the Facilities Advisory Committee has had two meetings and that he is pleased with the work of the committee. His offer to update the Senate on facility issues was accepted.