Faculty Senate Executive Committee & Administration Meeting
January 16, 2008
Warner Conference Room, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Present: SVC Murray, VC Carlson, VC Johnson, FS President Miller, Senators Snider, Darveau, Kelley, Hansen, Frickel

Absent: Chancellor Kristensen, Interim Dean of Student Life Longo

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Promotion and tenure guidelines. To whom will the updated guidelines apply?
   Implementation will be with the next collective bargaining agreement. Intent of the renewed guidelines was not greater rigor in tenure and promotion standards, but more clarity. If this had been a process of increasing the rigor or standards for promotion and/or tenure, SVC Murray stated that he would favor grandfathering faculty members for several years so that the new expectations would not unfavorably impact a decision for anyone who did not have an opportunity to produce a record that would meet the new standards; however, because the current changes are for greater clarity, that is not needed in this case. Therefore, once incorporated by the collective bargaining process, the new and clearer guidelines will be applied to everyone in track for promotion or tenure.

2. Construction. What is the timetable for construction projects on campus?
   Director of Facilities Lee McQueen reported on major campus construction projects, including Bruner Hall (substantial completion 8/2009), and the central utilities plant and heating/cooling pipe trenches (substantial completion 7/2009). Project details and dates can be viewed online at http://www.unk.edu/offices/facilities/index.php?id=606. Trees on campus up to 6” in diameter that are affected by construction will be relocated. Larger trees cannot be relocated because the ratio of relocation cost to chances of survival is poor. New landscaping will be installed in such cases.

3. Matriculation standards. What percent of UNK students enter on probation? What criteria are used in matriculating international students?
   13-15% of freshmen admitted do not meet the “assured admission” standard. Regent’s policy allows for up to 25%. International students are required to have a high school graduation certificate, the equivalent of a 2.5 GPA, and a score of 500 on the TOEFL, which may equate to a score of 24 on the ACT.

4. Emeritus status. What is the process for obtaining this status?
   Someone, usually the chair, nominates a retiree. UNK’s process is currently not written and needs to be. Central Administration is presently revising the Regent’s Policy on emeritus status.

5. Reports from administration.

SVC Murray
The Avian Pandemic Flu document has been released and will be in the FS packet for February. Departments will be asked to make a plan for shutdown time should a pandemic occur.

The new SIS will now also include the state colleges. The project is on schedule and the steering committee is meeting often to prepare feedback for the designers.

VC Johnson

a) Construction on campus will inconvenience everyone for a time, and we should prepare walking and travel times accordingly.
b) In December, a joint traffic survey (UNK and City of Kearney) was completed, and we are now awaiting the traffic consultant’s recommendations. Traffic on 9th Avenue needs to be slowed down. We’re committed to keeping the campus informed about actions on traffic and parking.

VC Carlson

a) New Frontiers annual magazine is now in distribution.
b) Policies for the new campus icon are in development and will be announced in various meetings when they are set.
c) Renee Ballenger began in January as director of media relations.
d) Other searches are in progress for a webmaster, and for a director of publication services.
e) Television advertising campaigns were recently completed in Omaha and Lincoln.
f) In January, a UNK delegation will go to Washington D.C. to encourage earmarks for the online bachelors in early childhood education, the central Nebraska world trade project, and the UNK-Rowe Sanctuary project.
g) VC Carlson is meeting weekly in Lincoln with peers to examine the approximately 800 newly proposed Unicameral bills to determine which ones may affect UNK. There is currently a bill that would deauthorize in-state tuition for students with undocumented resident status.
h) NU is preparing information to educate the public about the effect on the university should the Ward Connerly bill pass.

Respectfully submitted,
Daren Snider