Faculty Senate Executive Committee & Administration Meeting  
March 28, 2008  
Warner Conference Room, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Present: Chancellor Kristensen, VC Carlson, VC Johnson, FS President Miller, Senators Snider, Darveau, Kelley, Hansen, Frickel

Absent: SVC Murray, Interim Dean of Student Life Longo

AGENDA ITEMS

1. New SIS. Survey questions from the SIS consultants are time consuming and do not seem relevant. Can we improve on this data collection process?
   Chancellor: Those comments will be forwarded to the system wide committee as input into the process.

2. Emeritus privileges. Is the dependent tuition reduction available to emeriti faculty?
   VC Johnson: By Board of Regent policy, faculty who meet the requirements for retirement (age 59½ or age 55 with 10 years of service) are eligible for the tuition reduction for themselves, spouse, and dependent children under the same rules as those for active employees.

3. Searches. What is the status of the search for the International Studies Director and the Ethnic Studies Director?
   Chancellor: Two candidates for International Studies Director are coming to campus next week. The selection of an Ethnic Studies Director is close to completion. Further, Ed Walker is chair of the search committee for the Director of Alumni Relations. The position has been announced and advertised. A new director should be in place by July. S/he will report to the Chancellor and work closely with VC Carlson’s office. Also, the Alumni Foundation has purchased software to enhance the alumni information database.

4. Update from Faculty Senate.

President Miller
   a) Dual credit standards. Faculty Senate is moving forward on this issue and has initiated conversations with colleagues in other states about ways to ensure a rigorous educational experience to dual enrollment high school students.

5. Reports from Administration

Chancellor Kristensen
   a) The Title IX survey committee, chaired by Nita Unruh, will submit its final report next week.
   b) NU President Milliken met with a few faculty and students recently and heard their presentation about undergraduate research on campus.
c) The Strategic Plan will help to inform priorities when budget reductions begin. Departments may begin to consider how to articulate their areas of strength.
d) Part one of the traffic survey is complete, and the project is ongoing.
e) Thank you to faculty and staff for their patience with the inconvenience of construction projects on campus.

**SVC Johnson**
a) Central administration is working to identify ways to decrease budget expenditures of items that affect the whole system as a way of lowering the eventual impact of budget cuts on all campuses.

**VC Carlson**
a) A new web designer/developer has been hired and will begin next week.
b) During the next several months, an analysis will be conducted of all print and digital materials that go to prospective students, their parents, and others who influence students’ college selection.
c) Carlson and counterparts at other NU campuses continue to monitor legislation that affects the university.
d) NET has committed to produce “Prayers for the People,” an evening of poetry and songs from the plains organized by Kate Benzel. UNK will contribute a small portion of the $70,000-80,000 cost.

Respectfully submitted,
Daren Snider