Faculty Senate Executive Committee/Administration Meeting
Minutes
September 15, 2009
3:30 pm
Warner Conference Room, Founders Hall

Attending: Joe Benz, Tami Moore, Janet Trewin, VC Bicak, VC Johnson, VC Carlson, and Interim Dean Zeller. Chancellor Kristensen could not attend.

SIS Upgrade. The implementation of People Soft on all 4 university campuses and on the campuses of the state colleges is proceeding. UNK’s has launched admissions and financial aid is scheduled to be activated soon.

Saunner’s Property Plans. Complete implementation of planning could take up to two years. Immediate changes are in parking space allocation to facilitate demolition of existing building. Long-term plans involve campus, the city, and the state and are currently being planned and negotiated.

Construction Projects on Campus. Bruner is essentially completed. The planetarium will be completed yet this year. The power plant’s historical component will be dedicated at the end of October. Men’s Hall is off-line this year and scheduled to be back August, 2010. Stout will not go off-line until Men’s is completed. A Beautification Plan will replace 70+ trees and all outdoor furniture will be up-dated in the Spring of 2010. A new Wellness Center/Human Performance Lab is on the drawing board. The old Power plant is set to be demolished next summer.

On-line Worldwide. This will be linked to the SIS changes. There is a monthly newsletter (attached).

Budget Process. The Dean’s Retreat presented proposed budget cuts from each college and the Deans are now working with the chairs. The Chancellor has proposed open forums and times will be determined and announced. The Business/Finance website has a question/response center available. The target date for a finalized plan is early November. This year’s deficit is approximately $800,000 for UNK. The 2nd year anticipated deficit is $400,000-600,000.
Dean Searches. Both NSS and Student Life will be searched nationally. Searches gear up in October. There is a strong possibility that external search firm will be part of the search process—to complement, not to replace the usual search committee’s charge.

VC Reports:

Johnson—Committee members are being gleaned for a new Sustainability Committee (3 faculty reps) and a Food Service Committee. Contracting agreements in place currently are under review:
- “Pouring” rights with Pepsi
- Bookstore
- Cable service
- Vending
- ATM/debit
- Telecommunications
- Chartwells

Bicak—Board of Regents approved the new Molecular Biology Degree.

Carlson—Highlighted the New Frontiers Publication and reception held. The Columns newsletter will be distributed again with a goal of once per month. The Enrollment Management Plan Committee has 2 annual plans. The recruiting plan has been submitted and the advertising plan has been implemented pushing the Omaha area pool and utilizing Facebook. The Capital Campaign launches in mid-October.

Zeller—This year’s campus opening has been pretty smooth. Focus is on response to students, increasing diversity efforts, and a leadership program involving admissions and the Greek Organizations. Mantor Hall tours will be available on Oct. 2\textsuperscript{nd} and during Family Day.