Discussion Items (agenda items in bold):

**OWW:** The MAE in Spanish and the MBA degrees were not approved to be offered online. According to Mary Niemiec during the OWW luncheon, the Council of Chief Academic Officers (CAO) plays a role in the approval process. UNK faculty showed concern over this as CAO’s of UNL and UNO formally have no role in deciding on what academic programs are offered at UNK. There does not appear to be any documentation authorizing the CAO group exercise this type of veto authority. The policy either needs to be amended or the process should eliminate the CAO’s approval step. Mary agreed to this and clarified that OWW does not approve online programs to be offered on a campus. However it appears that programs that are not approved by OWW are not allowed to be advertised on the OWW website and Mary will not recommend to Miliken that the program charge the distance education tuition rate. If this is correct, how do we maximize UNK’s ability to put programs online, advertise these programs, and receive tuition variance that can help to support the growth of these programs?

Dr. Bicak addressed this issue by discussing the traditional role of CAOs regarding new programs. Historically, CAOs have only played a consultative role regarding the development of new programs across the campuses. Further, there is no formal policy in place indicating that CAOs will play a role in accepting or rejecting proposals across the various campuses. Dr. Bicak also discussed the underlying issues with respect to the MAE in Spanish program and indicated that this program initially received provisional approval, which provided 50% of the necessary financing. Further, the program has recently received full approval and is therefore receiving full funding. In regard to the online MBA program, further discussions need to be held to develop an understanding of what exactly happened with that program. Dr. Bicak plans to speak with Dr. Sri Seshadri to better understand the program and what may be done to move it forward through the approval process in the OWW program.

Dr. Bicak stressed that there presently is no formal policy regarding the approval or rejection of programs by CAOs from other campuses and does not expect such a policy to be implemented. Further, he noted the importance of collaborating with the other institutions in the system on future online programs.

**Academic Dishonesty:** The Academic Affairs Committee has been working on a standardized form for faculty to report on Academic Dishonesty. The Faculty Senate has read a draft of the form, and it is now being finalized. What is the best process to have faculty fill out the forms, where should they be sent, and how and where should they be stored? What restrictions should be placed regarding the information and how could any liability associated with the central file be addressed?
The new academic dishonesty reporting form was discussed along with a discussion of the process that needs to be put in place to adequately manage academic dishonesty issues on campus. In the near term, Dr. Bicak agrees that his office will be the central repository for all completed academic dishonesty forms. The faculty still needs to work together to determine the process for handling academic dishonesty cases in the future. In particular, the faculty needs to address cases of repeat offenses in which students are found to have committed academic dishonesty across different classes and/or semesters. Faculty need to decide who will address such cases and how to mete out additional punishments.

Senator Carlson inquired about any legal issues or FERPA restrictions associated with housing the forms. All in attendance agreed that the academic dishonesty forms are academic documents and information should be able to be shared amongst faculty members.

**Advance Items and Questions:**

**eShop:** In fall, we discussed the concern that, in the new eShop system, some of the costs seemed higher than those previously available through UNK Connections. We were informed that not all of the vendors that UNK used had yet been input into the eShop system and when that would take place, prices should be similar. The Faculty Senate wanted to know if at this time, all of the vendors have been added, resulting in the competitive costs UNK has been used to seeing.

Discussion was tabled as VCBF Johnson was not able to attend the meeting due to illness.

**Residence Hall Fees:** It appears that colleges and departments are now being asked to pay for residence hall use during academic, music, and athletic camps. What has brought about this change and why is it needed? What is the money being used for?

DSA Oravecz assured the faculty that no academic or athletic departments are currently being billed for the use of residence halls during pre-season camps. Dr. Oravecz did mention that mock bills were sent to departments as a means to indicate the potential cost of covering costs during pre-season camps. He also stressed that no decisions have been made about how costs for such camps will be covered and that on-going discussions are underway with administration and departments that require pre-semester camps.

Chancellor Kristensen noted that this is a particularly challenging issue as the costs need to be covered somehow, but how and where the funds come from is difficult to determine.

**Blackboard Collaborate:** Why is Blackboard Collaborate usage being limited to online instructors only? Is the module licensed for the whole campus? If so, it would seem a better use of the resource to expand access. Allowing faculty, even in traditional classes could improve on-campus courses as well as raise faculty capabilities for when they do use Collaborate in an online class.

This issue is currently being investigated by Deb Schroeder who is trying to negotiate to make Collaborate available for all classes on campus.
Reports from Administration

Chancellor Kristensen:
- On January 31st the three new Regents will be visiting campus to get more acquainted with the facilities and programs at UNK. All of the Regents will be visiting the campus on 2/14 for their biennial visit. The discussions will likely focus on the new health sciences education complex, plans for south campus, student research and advances in mobile learning.

- Chancellor Kristensen mentioned that building approval has been granted for CTE and for the new Wellness Center, which is set to be under construction soon.

- The Chancellor also mentioned the recently announced gift from Good Samaritan Hospital and discussed the target date for opening the new health sciences complex as being in the fall of 2015.

- Chancellor Kristensen also noted that the university is making great progress toward achieving the $50 million Campaign Nebraska fundraising goal by the end of 2014.

SCVAASL Bicak:
- Dr. Bicak noted that discussions are being held to build the new health sciences complex on west campus, though nothing has been finalized. He also would like to address the North Central Accreditation process with the Faculty Senate when he meets with the entire Senate later this semester.

DSA Oravecz:
- Dean Oravecz stressed the importance of following up with students after academic advising appointments. Closing the loop with good faculty follow-up is a key element in getting students to enroll.

- We will be having FAFSA Fridays from 11-2 to provide students with accessible help from financial counselors and peer advisors to encourage students to file their financial aid forms early.

- At present we are out of the influenza vaccine, as is the Kearney Clinic.

- Peer health education is sending out 21st birthday cards to students to encourage them to “remember your 21st birthday”.

- No more students are in triple rooms as capacity has eased as several 1 year study-abroad students from South Korea departed in December.

- Academic and career services is working with the international office to get a better understanding of the number of students arriving from South Korea each term. The process still needs to be improved, but we’re getting a better understanding of the process and will continue to try to do a better job of coordinating with department chairs and academic units.