Minutes
Faculty Senate Faculty Welfare Committee
6 December 2012

Present: Jeremy Dillon, Dave Palmer, George Lawson, Tommy Hansen, Greg Anderson, Scott Darveau.
Absent: Sheryl Heidenrich

* A quorum being present, Chair Dillon called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

* Dillon handed out several examples of office hour polices, both face-to-face and online, from other institutions, which he had found on the Web. He found nothing at either UNL or UNO regarding office hours for faculty teaching online courses.

* The Committee discussed whether the Faculty Senate’s charge was to prepare a draft office hours policy or a broader policy covering faculty presence on campus. Darveau explained that the Senate was interested in both.

* The Committee held a wide-ranging discussion about both faculty office hours and faculty presence on campus.

* From the discussion it became clear that because of the diversity of programs on the UNK campus, a one-size-fits-all policy would not be workable.

* The Committee decided to develop a set of principles – rather than a university-wide policy – for faculty to use in writing policies for their own departments.

* The members agreed to think over the break about what principles might be appropriate and to meet early in early January to prepare a draft to forward to the Faculty Senate for its February meeting.

* Chair Dillon adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Anderson
Secretary