

UNL FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
City Campus Union, Auditorium
April 23, 2013
Presidents Schubert, Guevara, and LaCost Presiding

1.0 Call to Order

President Schubert called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Last Faculty Senate Meeting of the 2012-2013 Year

President Schubert reported that this was the last Senate meeting of the 2012-13 year. He noted that there will be a reception immediately following the meeting to honor the recipients of the Pound Howard Award and the James A. Lake Academic Freedom Award.

3.0 Election of Officers

3.1 Election of President Elect

Professor Nickerson, School of Biological Sciences, was elected as President-Elect.

3.2 Election of Secretary

Past President LaCost moved to elect by acclamation Professor Anaya, University Libraries as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Professor Wysocki, Computer and Electronics Engineering. The motion was approved.

3.3 Election of Executive Committee Members

Professor Joeckel, School of Natural Resources, Patricia Sollars, Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences, and Professor Woodman, School of Biological Sciences were elected to the Executive Committee.

4.0 Approval of April 2, 2013 Minutes

Professor Wysocki moved for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Professor Anaya. The motion was approved.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Motion to Approve Revisions to the Information Technologies and Services Committee Syllabus

President Elect Guevara noted that the motion to revise the Information Technologies and Services Committee syllabus was presented at the April 2nd meeting. He called for further discussion on the motion. No discussion was held and the motion was approved.

5.2 Motion to Approve Revisions to Commencement and Honors Convocations Committee

President Elect Guevara stated that the motion to revise the Commencement and Honors Convocations Committee was presented at the April 2nd meeting. He called for further discussion. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved.

5.3 Motion to Create an Ad Hoc Committee to Review ACE Procedures

President Elect Guevara reported that the motion to create an ad hoc committee to examine operational procedures of the ACE program and recommend changes/improvements was presented and seconded at the April 2nd meeting. He asked for further discussion. Hearing none a vote was taken and the motion was approved.

5.4 Discussion on the Draft Policy on the Use of KACE

President Schubert stated that the draft document is to establish a policy on the acceptable use of KACE. He stated that the idea is to develop a policy which will eventually be voted on by the Senate. Professor Hartke, chair of the Informational Technologies and Services Committee (ITSC), stated that the ITSC is seeking guidance from the faculty on the proposed policy.

Hearing no comments from the Senate, President Schubert suggested that the Executive Committee review the draft policy over the summer. Professor Hartke pointed out that he does not think the ITSC will be meeting over the summer, but he would be happy to have the Senate Executive Committee take the leadership on this issue. Past President LaCost suggested that it might be helpful to have an ad hoc committee look at

the policy more carefully. She noted that it might be more helpful if people had more time to look at the draft document. Professor Peterson, Agricultural Economics, stated that he is a bit confused with the intent of an ad hoc committee. He asked if the intent was to develop a Senate policy on the use of KACE. He pointed out that he did not know if the Senate has the right to do this. Professor Hartke stated that the force of the policy is not entirely clear, but the ITSC would like a statement on the appropriate use of KACE. He noted that there is a considerable amount of faculty governance issues involved. He stated that if the Senate would make a statement about what the policy should cover, the ITSC might develop the policy and then ask the Senate to endorse it. Professor Peterson asked if the document would eventually come to the Senate as a statement.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Campus Master Plan – Bill Nunez, Associate to the Chancellor and Jennifer Dam, Assistant Director of Campus Planning and Space Management

Associate to the Chancellor Nunez reported that the campus has had an inclusive planning process with the campus through open forums, feedback sessions, and dialogues in conjunction with Sasaki Associates to develop the campus master plan. He noted that the campus has had a year-long involvement with Sasaki Associates and the process is continuing. He stated that a lot of detailed information can be reviewed at <http://www.planbig.unl.edu>. He reported that the Board of Regents has approved the preliminary plans but the final approval will not be obtained until September. He wanted to thank everyone for their feedback on the master plan.

Assistant Director Dam stated that there were four open houses on each of the campuses about the master plan which were well attended. She noted that an online mapping survey was also provided and the team working on the campus master plan received numerous email messages regarding parking, mobility, and other concerns on campus. She reported that the website set up for input and to view the progress of the development of the plan had over 25,000 registered people with the average participant being a 38 year old male.

Assistant Director Dam stated that the proposed draft master plan is a combination of the mall and courtyard concepts. She stated that the plan calls for 16th street becoming a two-way street and the loop in front of Memorial Stadium becoming a mall. She noted that East campus will be similar to what it has been in the past, but there will be greater visual opening to the campus and the 40th street entrance will be shifted. She stated that the plan calls for the eventual connection of Fair Street to 48th Street to provide another entrance to East Campus. She pointed out that a big issue for the campus is with storm water management which needs to be improved.

Assistant Director Dam reported that the campus master plan calls for the remodeling of the Love Libraries, both the south and north building. She stated that the plan also calls for the renovation of the Nebraska Union. She noted that a study done several years ago on the life sciences indicated that there were insufficient laboratory facilities and the master plan includes creating a connection between Manter and Hamilton Hall. She stated that the idea with the master plan is to create a collaborative and engaging environment.

Assistant Director Dam reported that there are 232 parking spaces in the loop area in front of Memorial Stadium and the first part of creating the mall will be the development of the east stadium plaza. She stated that temporary parking would be phased in and eventually a parking garage would be built where the Health Center currently exists. She stated that the parking garage is a result of the feedback that was received from campus calling for the need for some centrally located campus parking. Professor Zlotnik, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, asked if the parking lot east of the stadium will be eliminated. Assistant Director Dam stated that eventually over time this parking would be eliminated to allow for expansion of the plaza area in front of the stadium. She pointed out that there are no set dates of when the parking will be removed, it depends on when the funding for a new Business Administration building can be completed and a new Health Center facility built. Professor Vitaly pointed out that parking in the loop is crucial to Earth & Atmospheric Sciences because of the equipment that is used by the faculty and students in the field. He stated that the Department met with representatives from parking and were told that the parking in front of Memorial Stadium will not be eliminated. Assistant Director Dam reported that the large surface lot will be eliminated but the loop drive will remain to accommodate service and handicap parking, however parking will be more limited. Professor Neal, Art & Art History, asked if these changes all hinge on the Business College getting funding to construct a new building. Assistant Director Dam stated that not everything hinges on this, but it is a key factor.

Professor Sarroub, Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education, asked about the collaboration with the Libraries. Assistant Director Dam reported that the renovations to Love North and South will be to develop

collaborative spaces for students and faculty to work. The idea is to create an exciting and vibrant environment. Professor Sarroub stated that while this sounds very nice the Libraries is a place where many people seek refuge to interact with texts and computers. She asked if the plans are to redefine the Libraries. Assistant Director Dam noted that Libraries across the country are changing and while we still need quiet, introspective spaces, there also needs to be active space in the Libraries as well.

7.0 Chancellor Perlman

Chancellor Perlman stated that he would be happy to respond to any questions. He noted that the campus master plan will impact campus in a somewhat provocative and transforming manner but he hopes the faculty will embrace the plan. He reported that the team working on the master plan looked at many of the campuses of the other Big Ten schools. He pointed out that life is changing and he hopes UNL will stay abreast of these changes.

Professor Joeckel, School of Natural Resources, noted that many journals are going digital. He asked if there will still be a place on campus where books will be available. Chancellor Perlman stated that he can assure the faculty that there will still be some books on campus. He noted that he comes from a book-based discipline and no changes to the Libraries will be made that will disrupt the commitment we have to books. He pointed out that text book learning is very different today than it was just ten years ago and it will be very different ten years from now as technologies evolve.

8.0 Presentation of the Louise Pound-George Howard Award to Professor Helen Moore, Sociology, and to Emeriti Professor John Janovy

Chancellor Perlman stated that he won't elaborate the long list of accomplishments of Dr. Janovy. He noted that Dr. Janovy is a campus icon who has been a member of UNL for a very long time and made enormous contributions to the University. He pointed out that Dr. Janovy has been a teacher, friend, mentor, and has had an extraordinary career and he appreciates all that he has done for UNL and the University.

Chancellor Perlman, along with Faculty Senate President Guevara, presented Dr. Janovy with the Louise Pound-George Howard Distinguished Career Service Award. Dr. Janovy thanked the Faculty Senate and the Chancellor and stated that it was an incredible honor to receive the award. He stated that he knows the challenges the faculty face in mixing service with teaching and research over your career. He noted that he began his career at UNL in 1966 and his first teaching assignment was a 7:30 Saturday morning class in Love Library. He stated that he found a way to enjoy this and for the next 46 years found his time at UNL to be the most valuable. He noted that the 46 years went by quickly. In closing he pointed out that he was a member of the initial committee to work on developing the ACE program and he remembered that the surest way to stop all progress on the effort was to use the word assessment, but he hopes the campus can continue to make the ideals of the ACE program come to fruition.

Chancellor Perlman stated that the Louise Pound-George Howard award also goes to Professor Helen Moore of Sociology who is iconic in so many words, not only to her department, but to the UNL campus and Lincoln community. He noted that she has chaired the Bureau of Research, been chair of the Sociology department, Director of the Women's Studies Program, and served on numerous campus committees. He stated that she has been a passionate force for many causes on campus and has fought long to achieve acknowledgment for many underrepresented groups on campus.

Professor Moore thanked the many faculty, students, and staff that have made her career a very exciting journey. She noted that she believes the Girl Scout goal of making this a better place than when you came and her efforts were to attain this goal. She stated that she appreciates what she has learned from other faculty members and the improvements that have been made at the University which has not always been an easy process. She thanked the Faculty Senate for the award.

9.0 Presentation of the James A. Lake Academic Freedom Award to Professor Laurie Thomas Lee

Chancellor Perlman stated that it was with great pleasure to present the James A. Lake Academic Freedom Award which was named after a former colleague of his and the first Professor of the University. He reported that Professor Lake was passionate about human rights and academic freedom and it is fitting to have this award in his name presented to Professor Lee. He noted that Professor Lee has been active in various environments of academia that promote academic freedom and has been actively involved in the ACLU and as President of the Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska.

Professor Lee thanked the Faculty and the Chancellor for the award. To see Professor Lee's speech go to: <http://www.unl.edu/facultysenate/senate/Lee%20AFA%20Speech%202013.pdf>.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2:30 p.m. in the East Campus Union, Arbor Suite. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator, and Toni Anaya, Secretary.