1.0 Call to Order
President Guevara called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

2.0 Announcements
2.1 Summer Executive Committee Schedule
President Guevara announced that the Executive Committee will be implementing its summer schedule, but he urged the Senators to continue bringing their concerns to the Committee by contacting President Ken Nickerson or the Senate Office.

3.0 Executive Committee Elections
3.1 President-Elect
President Guevara reported that Professor Bender, College of Journalism and Mass Communications, was running unopposed for President-Elect. President Guevara asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Professor Wysocki, Computer and Electronics Engineering, moved for approval by acclam. The motion was seconded by Professor Joeckel, School of Natural Resources. The motion was approved.

3.2 Secretary
President Guevara stated that Professor Wysocki was running unopposed for Secretary and he asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Professor Sollars, Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences, moved for approval by acclam. The motion was seconded by Professor Vakilzadian, Electrical Engineering. The motion was approved.

3.3 Executive Committee Members
President Guevara asked the Senators to vote to elect four members to the Senate Executive Committee. Professor Konecky, University Libraries; Professor Rudy, Nutrition & Health Sciences; Professor Ruchala, School of Accountancy; and Professor Steffen, Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences were elected with Professor Ruchala serving for one year.

3.4 Extension Educator Member
President Guevara stated that Professor Purcell, Southeast Research & Extension Center, was running unopposed to the Executive Committee. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Professor Sollars moved to approve by acclam. The motion was seconded by Professor Woodman, School of Biological Sciences. The motion was approved.

4.0 Recognition of New Senators
President Nickerson welcomed and recognized new and re-elected Senate members: Professor Handa, Architecture; Professor Schleck, English; Professor Coble, History; Professor Wacker, Special Education & Communication Disorders; Professor Bunnur, Textiles, Fashion Merchandising, and Design; Professor Li, Civil Engineering; Professor Soundararajan, Biochemistry; Professor Fech, Southeast Research & Extension Center; Professor Phillips, Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education; Professor Subbiah, Food Science and Technology; Professor Purcell, Southeast Research & Extension Center.

5.0 Chancellor Perlman
(Chancellor Perlman’s speech was previously videotaped.) Chancellor Perlman apologized for not being able to attend the last Senate meeting of the year but he wanted to alert the Senate to a few issues. He noted that the budget reductions have been proposed and the Academic Planning Committee is acting on the cuts. He pointed out that it was discouraging to once again have to make reductions in the budget, but he has proposed a plan that will hopefully provide the least disruption to the university. He reported that he hopes to be able to give back in January part of the salary increase that was used for the budget reductions. He noted that this will depend on the tuition the campus receives. He stated that he is painfully aware of the difference in salaries between us and our peers and that this issue will need to be addressed in the future.
Chancellor Perlman reported that the enrollments for next year look good and he remains positive and optimistic that we will have significant growth. He noted that there was some concern that with the limitations of the 120 credit hour requirement for graduation there would be a reduction in the number of students enrolled, but the credit hour production continues to grow.

Chancellor Perlman stated that the structural problem with the distance education tuition will be fixed which will allow more tuition revenue to come to the campus. He noted that there will be a shift incentive to provide more distance education program to outside students which will help increase our revenue.

Chancellor Perlman reported that the campus is meeting its research objectives, but obtaining grants is becoming more and more competitive. He said that to remain competitive in the next few years we need to focus on interdisciplinary research efforts and pointed out that there are opportunities even within the U.S. agencies for research funding if we have an international partner. He wanted to call the Senate’s attention to UARC which has been in operation for about a year now. He pointed out that it is a partnership with STRATCOM which is relative to the department of defense but involves disciplines far broader than what most people think. He noted that working through UARC can provide great opportunities for the university.

Chancellor Perlman reported that there are a number of projects underway on East Campus that will make it a more vibrant campus. He noted that these include the East Campus recreation center upgrade, a housing project for undergraduate students, and several other projects. He stated that another campus project is the renovation of Bracie which is the second oldest building on campus. He reported that it will be the first building, in his tenure, that is devoted to teaching. He stated that the renovations will bring this old building back into a sparkling teaching facility and it will be used as a general teaching environment.

Chancellor Perlman stated that two buildings will be coming online on Innovation Campus, one of which is the extraordinary conference building. He stated that he hopes that faculty members and students will be able to see the facility so they can see what an attribute it will be. He noted that another building is the food science building which is under construction. He noted that the Food Science and Technology department is scheduled to move into the building in 2015.

Chancellor Perlman reported that we are realizing the benefits of being in the Big Ten with the quality of students and the number of them that are applying to UNL. He stated that he thinks that people want to be a part of the Big Ten. He wants to thank all of the faculty for everything they do for the university and wish them well over the summer.

6.0 Approval of 4/1/14 Minutes
Professor Joeckel moved for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Professor Saner, West Central Research and Extension Center. The motion was approved.

7.0 Unfinished Business
7.1 Report on Non-Tenure Track Faculty Forum (Professor Woodman)
Professor Woodman reported that a forum was held for non-tenure track faculty members (Professors of Practice, Lecturers, and Senior Lecturers) on April 18. He pointed out that these faculty members play an important role at the university and help to make the university function smoothly. He noted that the forum made the attendees aware of the various aspects of university policies that affect employment for non-tenure track faculty members who are particularly prone to changes in administrative policies and the forum informed them of their rights as faculty members.

Professor Woodman reported that the forum featured six speakers including Associate Vice Chancellor Perez who spoke of current university policies, salaries, and employment periods for non-tenure track faculty members. He stated that other speakers included Professor Jacobson who was previously Associate Vice Chancellor during the time that the professor of practice positions were created. He stated that other guest speakers were Professor Bender, Chair of the Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee, who informed the attendees that they have the opportunity to go to the ARRC should they wish to file a complaint. Professor Moshman and Professor Laurie Thomas Lee spoke on academic freedom and provided information on the Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska. Professor Schleck spoke to the attendees about AAUP.

Professor Woodman stated that the forum was well attended with about 40 people representing the various non-tenure track positions. He stated that there were discussions after the presentations and handouts were provided. He stated that what emerged from the forum was that many of the non-tenure track faculty members were unclear about how the university works.
Professor Woodman pointed out that the Executive Committee decided to do a repeat survey in two years. Consequently a survey will be conducted this fall with the hope of obtaining more information.

8.0 **New Business**

8.1 **Presentation of the Louise Pound-George Howard Distinguished Career Service Award to Professor L. James Walter.**

President Nickerson noted that each year the Honorary Degrees Committee receives approximately 4 – 6 nominations for the Pound Howard award and the process is very competitive due to the excellent qualifications of the nominees.

President Nickerson presented the award to Professor Walter. A reception in honor of Professor Walter was held immediately following the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. in the City Campus Union, Auditorium. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator, and Tad Wysocki, Secretary.