

**UNL FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 1, 2016**  
**City Campus Union, Auditorium**  
**Presidents Bender, Woodman, and Nickerson Presiding**

**1.0 Call to Order**

President Bender called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. He noted that no committee reports will be given in order to get through the agenda to allow Senators to attend the presentation of the third candidate for Chancellor.

**2.0 Announcements**

**2.1 Faculty Senate Executive Committee Elections**

President Bender reported that elections for President-Elect, Secretary, and three Executive Committee members will take place at the April 26 meeting. He encouraged Senators to run for election, particularly because it is important at this juncture with the campus getting a new Chancellor that there is participation of faculty members and the Faculty Senate. He stated that anyone interested in running for election should contact any member of the Executive Committee or Coordinator Karen Griffin.

**3.0 Chancellor Perlman**

Chancellor Perlman encouraged the Senators to actively be involved in the selection of his successor. He stated that he believes things on campus are in reasonably good order and there are not too many loose threads or skeletons that the next Chancellor will need to confront. He stated that he hopes that everyone will give the new Chancellor the same respect and help that he has received over the years.

**4.0 Louise Pound-George Howard Award**

President Bender, on behalf of the Faculty Senate, presented Chancellor Perlman with the Louise Pound George Howard Distinguished Career Award noting that the Chancellor has served the University for over five decades.

Chancellor Perlman noted that he is not good at receiving awards, but he was honored to receive this award, particularly because it was being presented by the faculty. He stated that in reviewing the list of previous recipients he did not see the name of any former Chancellor and the fact that the Faculty Senate choose to give him this award makes it even more special for him. He pointed out that, while he and the Faculty Senate have not always agreed on everything, overall the engagements and open and candidate conversations with the Senate have been good. He stated that he cannot think of an award that he would rather receive than the Pound-Howard Award. He noted that he came to the university in 1959 and that it has been so satisfying to observe the University grow and prosper over the years. He stated that he is looking forward to stepping back into the faculty and thanked the Faculty Senate for the award.

**5.0 Approval of January 13, 2016 Minutes**

President Bender call for approval of the minutes. Professor Joeckel, School of Natural Resources, moved for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Professor Peterson, Agricultural Economics and approved by the Senate.

**6.0 Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business was discussed.

**7.0 New Business**

**7.1 Emergency Motion to Approve the Ballot for Elections to the Academic Planning Committee, Academic Rights & Responsibilities Committee, and Academic Rights & Responsibilities Panel**

President Bender noted that due to the cancellation of the February 2 Faculty Senate meeting because of inclement weather there needs to be an emergency motion to approve the ballot for election of faculty members to the APC, ARRC, and ARRP. He pointed out that the ballot needs to be sent to the entire faculty so they can respond before the end of the semester. Professor Joeckel moved that the motion be approved as an emergency. Professor Peterson seconded the motion which was then approved by the Senate.

President Bender than asked the Senate to vote on the ballot. He noted that it did not need a second because

the motion was being made by a Senate committee, the Committee on Committees. The Senate approved the ballot.

### **7.2 Proposed Resolution on Extension Educators**

President Bender stated that the Executive Committee is presenting a resolution calling for revisions to the Regents Bylaws regarding Extension Educators. He noted that the resolution is being put forward as a result of discussions with Extension Educators. Professor Belli, Psychology, asked for clarification on why the resolution is being made. Professor Purcell, Southeast Research & Extension Center, stated that Regents Bylaw 4.4.5 is no longer accurate because Extension Educators are now solely University employees and have been since 1998. Previously they were paid in part by the county. Since they are University faculty employees the resolution proposes a 90-day notice of termination be extended with length of notice dependent on rank, with 90-days for Assistant Extension Educators, 6-months for Associate Extension Educator, and 1-year for Extension Educators.

Professor Peterson asked if it will go to the Board of Regents if the motion is approved. President Bender stated that it would have to go to the Board for approval.

Professor Schleck, English, asked if there is an appeal process for Extension Educators. President Bender pointed out that Extension Educators are faculty who can file a formal complaint to the Academic Rights & Responsibilities Committee. He noted that cases filed by Extension Educators would fall under a grievance or professional misconduct.

Professor Belli noted that Bylaw 4.4.5 indicates that Extension Educators are not covered by those sections that covers regular employees. Professor Purcell pointed out that Bylaw 4.4.5 specifically states that Extension Educators are county employees but this is no longer accurate. Previously they were paid through Extension, UNL, and ¼ by County Commissioners but in reality they fall under Bylaw 4.4.1 as a special appointment. Special appointments receive at least a 90-day termination period. She stated that the idea of the resolution was to provide the Extension Educators with a termination period that was equivalent to Professors of Practice and Research Professors.

President Bender stated that the motion will be voted on at the April 5 meeting.

### **7.3 Motion to Revise the University Curriculum Committee Syllabus**

President Bender stated that the motion to revise the University Curriculum Committee syllabus was being presented to the Senate and would be voted on at the April 5 meeting.

Professor Hanrahan, Glenn Korff School of Music, noted that there were some changes in the titles of members on the committee but asked if there was a change being proposed on the number of members. Past President Nickerson stated that there has been a change in that the University Registrar, along with two designees from the office, will serve on the Committee.

President Bender noted that the changes also include language clarifying that approval for any changes in the ACE program, outcomes, and governing documents must be approved by the Colleges. Any changes to the duties, powers, and procedures of the ACE Subcommittee will require approval of the Faculty Senate.

Secretary Reisbig suggested that reference to the CREQ program be changed to a more general description because the actual program could be changed in the future. President Bender stated that this was a good suggestion that will be considered.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in the City Campus Union, Auditorium. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator, and Allison Reisbig, Secretary.