

UNL FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
East Campus Union, Great Plains Room
Presidents Woodman, Purcell, and Bender, Presiding

1.0 Call to Order

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

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Recognition of New Senators

President Woodman welcomed and recognized new Senators: Professor Bill Glider, School of Biological Sciences; Professor Deb Minter, English; Professor Carolyn Brown Kramer, Psychology; Professor Yan Xia, Child, Youth & Family Sciences; Professor Joel Cramer, Nutrition & Health Sciences; Professor Stacie Ray, Special Education & Communication Disorders; Professor Mary Alice Casto, Textiles, Merchandising & Fashion Design; Professor Maria Szerszen, Civil Engineering; Professor Mathias Schubert, Electrical & Computer Engineering; Professor Philip Saperstein, Art, Art History, & Design; Professor Michelle Krehbiel, 4-H Youth Development; Professor Michelle Kang, Agricultural Leadership, Education & Communications; Professor Robert Wright, Entomology; Professor Vicki Schlegel, Food Science & Technology; Professor Rodrigo Cruz, Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences; Professor Nancy Frecks, West Central Research & Extension Center; Professor Karna Dam, Metro District. Senators re-elected: Professor John Fech, Metro District; Professor Dipak Santra, West Central Research & Extension Center; Professor Joan Konecky, University Libraries.

3.0 Election to Executive Committee

3.1 President-Elect

Professor Lee, Communication Studies, moved to approve Professor Rudy, Nutrition and Health Sciences, as President-Elect by acclamation. Motion seconded by Professor Weissling, Special Education and Communication Disorders. Motion approved by the Faculty Senate.

3.2 Secretary

Professor Joeckel, School of Natural Resources, moved to approve Professor Konecky, University Libraries, as Secretary by acclamation. Motion seconded by Professor Leiter, Law and approved by the Faculty Senate.

3.3 Executive Committee Members

Professor Adenwalla, Physics and Astronomy; Professor Belli, Psychology; Professor Peterson, Agricultural Economics; and Professor Vakilzadian, Electrical & Computer Engineering were elected to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

3.4 Extension Educator Executive Committee Member

Professor Lee moved to approved Professor Fech, Metro District, as an Executive Committee member by acclamation. Motion seconded by Professor Hanrahan, School of Music and approved by the Faculty Senate.

4.0 Chancellor Green

Chancellor Green wanted to acknowledge all of the people who have provided service to the Faculty Senate and said that he has found it a very valuable experience to have met and worked with the Senate Executive Committee. He thanked those faculty members who are retiring Senators for their service and also thanked the new Senators for taking on the additional commitment of serving on the Senate. He stated that he appreciates the opportunity to hear their concerns and comments.

Chancellor Green reported that the budget debate at the Legislature began today and he is keeping a close eye on what is happening. He thinks that the budget being proposed by the Appropriations Committee will be what the Legislature approves, however, the forecasting board report comes out tomorrow and there are a number of factors that could influence the final outcome. He noted that the Appropriations Committee's recommendation calls for a \$10 million reduction to the University in the first biennium and in the second year another \$7 million could be cut.

Chancellor Green reported that once the budget is set by the Legislature the Board of Regents needs to accept the University's budget. This will include the setting of tuition for the next fiscal year and he noted that there has been considerable discussion about how much of a tuition increase there should be for both in-state and

out-of-state students. He pointed out that the goal is to keep the increase low so it does not negatively impact enrollment. He stated that he hopes that our enrollment increases, but we won't have a sense of the fall enrollment numbers until early May.

Chancellor Green noted that President Bounds has created a series of budget reduction teams to look at the supporting business operations of the University to see if there are ways that we can be more efficient with these resources. In addition, a lot of work has been done on the administrative side to determine how best to deal with the budget cuts with as limited impacts as possible to the academic enterprise. He pointed out that the Chancellors' have reviewed the findings of the budget reduction teams and believe that there could be savings that could help soften the budget cuts. He noted that it will take work and effort and difficult decisions will need to be made, but he thinks we will be able to handle the balance of the cuts and in the end come out stronger.

Chancellor Green stated that his plan is to work on the strategic planning for the campus during the upcoming academic year. He noted that he has now received all four of the task forces reports and information has been amassed that will help us to develop the strategic plan. He pointed out that he would like to launch the strategic plan during our 150th anniversary year. He stated that he plans on engaging the Faculty Senate and the academic colleges and departments in the strategic planning process and that the plan will be campus driven. He noted that the Budget Model Task Force looked at a different budget model than the current central administration model and reviewed the responsibility-based management model. He stated that it is more than likely that changes to the budget model will be a hybrid of the systems. He pointed out that this will be a good time to work on fixing our budget model because the one in place does not allow for incentives in the system.

Chancellor Green noted that he was the strongest advocate for not having the Chancellor's installation, but he was glad we did it because it gave us a chance to talk about who we are as a University. He reported that he received many comments from people across the country saying they wished they could attend the installation and it was a very special time for him and his family.

Professor Adenwalla, Physics & Astronomy, asked who will be working on the budget model and what will happen with unexpected consequences from the change in the way the budget is handled. Chancellor Green reported that some of the Deans did scenarios on the budget models and looked at the outcomes for the different models. He stated that his plan is to be transparent about the process and conversations about it will take place at the leadership level on down to the faculty and staff.

Professor Belli, Psychology, asked for clarification on the timing of the budget cuts, noting that the cuts will be effective immediately, but the deliberation of the cuts will take some time. Chancellor Green pointed out that the cuts cannot be dealt with in real time. He noted that we will not know the actual amount of the budget cuts until August or September because we will not know the final enrollment numbers. He stated that we will have to do some cash flow adjustments, but the budget cuts will be addressed through the established budget cutting procedures. He pointed out that we will probably not be in the full budget cutting process until well into the fall semester.

Chancellor Green encouraged the Senators to participate in the upcoming May graduation ceremony as this is a joyous occasion for the students, their family, the faculty and the University.

5.0 Professor Potuto, Faculty Athletics Representative

Professor Potuto noted that she is a Professor of the Law College and serves on the NCAA as the University's Faculty Athletics Representative. She reported that has chaired the NCAA's committee on infractions and has served on the NCAA committee that focuses on student-athlete wellbeing issues. Her focus in the Law College is on compliance and risk management issues and how to structure systems to avoid problems and how to deal with problems when they arise.

Professor Potuto stated that as the Faculty Athletics Representative she has oversight of the initial academic eligibility of student-athletes at UNL and oversees compliance issues, rules in Athletics, and student-athletes' wellbeing. She noted that she serves on the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC) and reports to the IAC on NCAA matters that will affect Athletics and student-athletes at the university. She stated that the IAC reports annually to the Senate, but she would be happy to give a direct report to the Senate if there is interest for her to do so.

President-Elect Rudy noted that concerns were raised last year that more sporting events have been moved to mid-week to be on television and asked if the Big Ten has done anything to decrease the amount of travel for student-athletes. Professor Potuto reported that there has not been any significant movement concerning this issue, but noted that our counterparts, particularly those on the east coast have serious concerns about the issue. She pointed out that the Big Ten Commissioner is sympathetic, but there is constant pressure for universities to get more visibility and there is increased interest from fans to have more sports during mid-week. President-Elect Rudy noted that the volleyball championship match scheduled this past December for 11:00 on a Friday was a terrible idea. Professor Potuto agreed and stated that the game schedules need to be looked at and considered carefully and major athletic conferences are beginning to look at what the breaking point is for the student-athletes with these mid-week games.

Professor Lee asked if the incidents that happened at North Carolina, Baylor, and Miami are something that could happen here and whether these incidents affected the NCAA. Professor Potuto pointed out that it is essential that universities get a system in place that would enable problems, such as the ones that occurred at the schools that were mentioned, to be uncovered quickly so the problems can be dealt with immediately. She stated that the University of Nebraska has one of the best systems in place and compliance systems need to be set up so any potential problems can be identified. She stated that the NCAA enforcement staff has no subpoena powers and it can take a long time to build a case when an infraction has occurred. She stated that some schools have repeated violations of NCAA policies and if a university is found in violation of NCAA policies the NCAA infraction committee can come in and remove a national championship, but the reputation of the university remains tarnished. She pointed out that most of the time the majority of universities are in compliance with the rules.

6.0 Approval of April 4, 2017 Minutes

Professor Peterson, Agricultural Economics, moved for approval of the minutes. Motion seconded by Professor Vakilzadian, Electrical & Computer Engineering, seconded the motion which was then approved by the Faculty Senate.

7.0 Unfinished Business

President Purcell stated that the Senate Executive Committee is forwarding a resolution, LB 327, to support the University of Nebraska funding for the 2017-2019 biennium budget. She noted that she is declaring the resolution as an emergency motion since this was the last meeting of the Senate for this academic year and the Legislature would be setting the state budget next month. Professor Hanrahan, Glenn Korff School of Music, seconded the motion. The resolution was approved as an emergency motion by the Faculty Senate. President Purcell stated that since the Executive Committee was bringing the motion to the Senate it did not need a second. She asked the Senate to vote on the motion. The motion was approved overwhelmingly by the Faculty Senate.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Presentation of the Louise Pound-George Howard Career Service Award to Dean Marjorie Kostelnik, College of Education and Human Sciences, and Director Patrice Berger, Honors Program

President Purcell presented the Pound-Howard Award to Dean Kostelnik and to Director Berger and thanked them for their dedicated service and commitment to the University of Nebraska. A reception immediately following the Senate meeting was held for Dean Kostelnik and Director Berger.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. in the City Campus Union, Auditorium. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator, and Joan Latta Konecky, Secretary.