

**Meeting Summary  
Faculty Senate  
11/15-07**

***Visit with Regent Howard Rosenberg:***

Regent Rosenberg discussed the upcoming salary study of part-time faculty that the regents had requested that Vice Chancellor Jane Nichols prepare for them. Rosenberg felt that most regents did not really understand the range of LOAs and their salaries.

Regent Rosenberg reported that at the next meeting each president would be asked to speak about the effect the budget cuts would have on each institution. Regent Rosenberg would like to see the curriculum again managed by the faculty, not the students or administration. Faculty should not be concerned about contacting regents with issues. The regents have been trying to do the right thing by each institution and while they do not always understand the issue they are willing to learn. Many times they act reactively as opposed to proactively based on the information received.

***Chair's Report: Steve Rock***

Chair Steve Rock updated the senate on the ad hoc and standing committees

- The *Academy for the Environment Review Committee* has met and begun the review. It should be an interesting review with the large federal earmark that runs through this academy. The 72 million dollar earmark is set up for the majority of the funding to go to acquisition of water rights and only 14 million for research.
- The *Conflict of Interest Committee* has met and was working on updating the policy to keep in compliance with Board of Regents' Policy.
- The *Non-traditional Task Force* would meet in December. The NTT would look at the LOA salary issue on campus.
- The *Institutional Budgets Committee* would review other intuitions' models to see if the senate's budget committee should be reconvened.
- The executive board decided to delay convening the *research committee*. The Vice President of Research's department will be conducting a self-study and an external review. Once this process is completed, the board would look at whether or not to constitute the research committee.
- The *Center for Excellence in Leadership and Civic Engagement Review Committee* was scheduled to meet November 20, 2007 to receive their charges.

Standing committees' summary:

- The *Bylaws and Code Committee* was looking at making the department bylaws less cumbersome and more efficient. Instead of

the department bylaws going through the entire process, the bylaws would receive final approval at the Dean's level. The committee was still working on templates to ease the process.

- The *Technology Committee* has awarded the software and is continuing to track the iNtegrate process.
- The *Campus Affairs Committee* was looking at the graying of campus and what other campuses are doing regarding this issue. They are also looking at phase in retirement and emeritus faculty.
- The UCCC would report to the *Academic Standards Committee* on policy changes. The goal is to put ownership of the curriculum back to the faculty.

The Board of Regents would be discussing the outside consulting policy and the council of chairs has kept this on their radar. All of the senate chairs are supportive of the proposed policy. However, there is concern that it will be pulled out of the committee report to change the policy to require public disclosure of all consulting then voted on in the regents' meeting. There was a discussion of the importance of consulting to the campus. Consulting provide opportunities for faculty to work with the community, business, and industry. These experiences provide strengthen real world applications in teaching and often create opportunities for research. Frequently, faculty consulting involves students in a variety of experiences. Requiring public disclosure will discourage some businesses from working faculty due to the competitiveness.

### ***Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) Survey: John Mahaffey & Steve Cavote***

John Mahaffey and Steve Cavote with Assessment presented a possible survey if the senate was interested that would also provide data that could be compared with peer institutions. The senate felt that rather than do the HERI survey, that the institution should look at developing their own that would help the committees do their work.

### ***Electronic Campus Communication: Jake Kupiec, Director University Digital Media Initiative***

Jake Kupiec spoke regarding campus communication. Her main question to faculty was how would faculty like to receive campus communications? At this time, there are some different channels to get news and events out. There is an events page where faculty can get their events posted. Both Nevada News and Our Workplace are available for news items. Currently Our Workplace is a faculty/staff newsletter it will soon be folded into Nevada News. Senators asked what process was used to decide that campus announcements should be discontinued and that that Milt be reminded that top-down decisions without faculty input were cited as issues in the morale report. The decision was made to stop anonymous announcements, and

discussed in the President's Council who were the owners of these lists. A number of discussions took place regarding responsibility of sending announcements and nothing changed, so President Glick made the decision to stop all anonymous campus announcements. Some new lists were created such as the Police emergency list, and the faculty senate list. These lists actually receive a response from faculty so they are not anonymous list serves.

***Information Technology (IT) Security: Steve Zink, vice President for Information Technology***

Steve Zink spoke about IT security and the lost flash drive. Zink said that the drive was not encrypted. The university has paid the subscription to Equifax in case of issues with the information that was on the drive. It appeared that no one had accessed the flash drive at this point. The flash drive contained information on 16,000 freshmen. While this incident was a concern, Zink felt that damage was minimal. Recommendation from IT are for faculty and staff not to keep unnecessary files on their laptops or flash drives, keep sensitive information in secure areas, lock you computer if you will be away from it for any period of time. The security policy is on the IT website at this link:

<http://www.it.unr.edu/guidelines/documents/UNR%20IT%20Policy.pdf>

***New Business:***

Office of Sponsored Projects will be doing a rapid deployment using a new system. Registration begins November 16, 2007.