Executive Officers Present: “D” Papaeliou (Chair), Susan Warren (Vice Chair), and Donna Brown (Secretary).

Representative Present: Kathleen Coles, Brian Draper, Rose du Plessis, Debbie Ewell, Marianne Fuller, Curtis Funk, Lisa Johnson, Audra Knight, Vicki Krentz, Crystel Montecinos, Kathy Morris, Terry Torvinen, Peggy Troupe’, and Eve Welker.

Executive Officers and Representatives Absent: Eileen Aragon, Janis Bennett (proxy Audra Knight), Robin Collins excused, Kristy Forbes (proxy Jennifer Laslo), Danielle Gann-Lind, Verla Jackson-Davis (proxy Lisa Johnson), Michele Krick, Diane Krutz (proxy Donna Brown), John Morrow, Raymond Needham, Linda Spezia, Val Thomas excused and Diane Yohey (proxy Curtis Funk).

Advisor: Stephanie Flatt has been excused.

Guests: Georgianna Trexler, Administration & Finance
Regent Howard Rosenberg, Professor of Art

I. Call to order.

II. Approval of minutes – Approved as written.

III. Chair report.

   a. Kathy Morris was introduced to the Council as the new representative for University Development and Alumni Relations.

   b. The President’s Council has approved the fee waiver, although it is unofficial at this point.

       1 G. Trexler stated this issue has been put on hold for the time being as the UCCSN System Office would like to review all the fee waiver policies. Council members asked if there would be a standardization between classified and faculty fee waivers. G. Trexler stated there would not be any type of standardization.

   c. Regarding the Correctional Department issue, all but two officers that were on administrative leave have returned to work. This issue is still pending before the District Judge.
d. Chair Papaeliou would like to comment on the PEBP information on health insurance. On the last page, second to last paragraph of the March 14, 2003 update Jacque Ewing-Taylor stated, one option being explored included pooling all State of Nevada public employees, cities, towns, school districts, fire departments, etc into a +/-125,000 participant pool to affect some rate reductions. Chair Papaeliou would like to make it very clear this proposal came from SNEA. SNEA is representing all classified employees even those who are not members of the union.

IV. Old business.

a. The SEC t-shirts were discussed; they will be the same as last year. Those in need of a shirt should put their size next to their name on the roster. The money collected should be donated as last year.

b. Chair Papaeliou asked P. Troupe to invite Dr. Dhingra to the May meeting.

V. Committee reports.


b. Affirmative Action Advisory Board – Did not meet.

c. Arboretum Board – They met on February 25th, D. Elwell stated they discussed updates on old projects.

d. ASUN – Council member not in attendance.

e. Classified Employee of the Month and Year – E. Welker stated they met on March 5th at which time the Employee of the Month was selected. On March 25th they will meet to select the Employee of the Year. G. Trexler will take S. Flatt’s position for the Employee of the Year Award. The Parking Award will also be presented at the Honor the Best Ceremony.

f. Classified Staff Development – M. Fuller announced the committee awarded 6 applicants a total of $787.71 for books; this will leave a balance of $1,399.51.

g. Compensation Committee – Did not meet.

h. Educational Leave Stipend Committee – Did not meet.
Facilities Resource Committee – D. Brown reported on a potential list of occupants for space in Cain Hall. It was suggested a sign be placed on Virginia Street indicating the location of the Kiosk at the entrance of the campus.

The cadaver lab at the School of Medicine was discussed. The original cost of the renovation was submitted two or three years ago and the cost has risen from $200,000 to $600,000. B. Nelson, Facilities Director, will investigate this issue.

New fire exit doors will be installed at Sarah Fleischmann Day Care Center.

j. Faculty Senate – P. Troupe’ commented on the proposed changes for the split of Arts & Science and Mackay School of Mines. The Ad Hoc Committee voted 24-3 against the split. The Faculty Senate has approved the changes and has been sent to the President. The President’s answer will go back to the Faculty Senate and they will vote again. There will be a special meeting to approve the changes.

k. Parking and Traffic Board – K. Coles reported on the Sierra Street parking. It was suggested by M. Bayfield that the yellow spaces be changed to silver. This motion was deferred until Residential Life & Housing could be present for further discussion, also tabled until the next meeting was the suggestion for 12 spaces at the University Inn to be converted to silver parking.

M. Bayfield mentioned the surcharge that is placed on each ticket sold through Lawlor Event Center. It was suggested the surcharge go from $.42 to $1.00.

The new 2,000 space parking garage will have speed ramps which will enable the garage to be vacated within a half an hour.

Chris Adult has suggested a NCAA tennis court be built on the top level of the garage.

Regarding the green lot 2 on lower campus, M. Bayfield will conduct a survey to determine if that lot should be converted to silver.

Student Services Food/Retail Dining & Catering Committee – V. Krentz attended the meeting which was held on March 26th. The Committee is reviewing their master plan. Spring break hours of business was discussed and the options for the Crossroads facility.
m. SEC Bylaws – Vice Chair S. Warren stated she recalls in a prior meeting there has been discussion of SEC Council members not being eligible for awards while serving on the Council.

G. Trewler commented if this is something that is to be added to the SEC Bylaws; whoever is in charge of the Bylaws should compose a letter to the Chair stating Council members are not eligible to receive awards. Then the Council should vote on the issue before it goes into the Bylaws.

n. SEC Open House – All Council members agreed the Open House was a success. There has been very good feedback and they have suggestions for next years’ Open House. Next year safety measures will be considered in terms of slips and falls. This year as part of the decoration bails of hay were used and the issue of slipping was discussed; there were no injuries this year it was just a suggestion. It was also suggested to move the registration table to inside the main room.

o. SEC Luncheon – The committee is still working on the menu and pricing.

p. SEC Web Page – Photos from the SEC Open House will be available on the web site next week.

q. Special Interest – Council member unavailable for comment.

r. NCAA Certification Self Study Committee – Council member unavailable for comment.

s. University Disabled Committee – Did not meet.

UPC – Chair Papaeliou reported the committee has been meeting Monday from 5:00 pm to 7:30pm in hopes of having a final report to the President within two weeks. The Chair stated there will be more to report at the next meeting.

VI. Open Discussion.

Chair Papaeliou reported on the rally that was held in Carson City and Las Vegas in support of the Department of Corrections’ 1st Amendment Right. There have been union members that have had to be finger printed, their vehicles have been searched and 11 were put on administrative leave. All but two are back at work. In Carson City 69 people attended the rally, then three hours later in Las Vegas 300 people attended that rally to speak up for state employees. The rally was held to show support for improving health insurance, and freedom of association. The Las Vegas rally consisted of people from the Mental Health Department, Department of
Corrections and other state employees. Collective bargaining was a very important issue.

The Council discussed health insurance and what it means in terms of more money for less benefits. They have proposed to cut the life insurance in half.

VII. Guest speaker.

Regent and Art professor Howard Rosenberg stated the University is losing faculty as well as classified employees and he doesn’t know what can be done.

Regent Rosenberg commented that for 20 years everything had been stable; now you have more students than you can take care of and the professors don’t have the ability to get items needed to classes.

The new President came to UNR from another part of the country with new ideas and he came to make changes. According to Regent Rosenberg, President Lilley made the comment that the University is not in the 20th century let alone the 21st. President Lilley is doing just what the Regents wanted him to do, just not this soon stated Regent Rosenberg.

Regent Rosenberg stated President Lilley does listen, he can change his mind. Take for example the Planetarium. In the last 36 years Rosenberg has only been in the Planetarium about six times. There will be a lot of money needed for repairs but it has become a symbol.

Regarding the changes that are taking place with the split of the colleges, Rosenberg stated the faculty is upset as they don’t like changes .He feels they should roll up their sleeve and offer to help with this issue.

There needs to be new and creative ways of scheduling classes. He suggested holding classes on Friday nights, Saturdays or Sundays.

Regarding the millennium scholars, Rosenberg mentioned there is a possibility they will be given five years not ten to complete their education and while they are here they must maintain a 3.0 grade average. When asked how millennium scholars did compared with the students, they do better then other students replied Rosenberg.

Regent Rosenberg suggested inviting other faculty to attend the SEC meeting; if you bring more faculty and staff together they will hear the concerns of the classified employee. G. Trexler asked if he felt they would come and he said yes they would just invite them.
When asked about declassifying employees or outsourcing Rosenberg stated that has never been considered.

Regent Rosenberg suggested everyone giving President Lilley a chance. Don’t throw away all change because it maybe a good idea. He mentioned that everyone should tell other people this is not the best of times, it will be rough before it gets better but the school is 125 years old and it will be here long after all of us are gone. We will be okay according to Rosenberg.

He thanked the Council for inviting him, and he again stated we should invite other faculty to the meetings to hear our concerns, as they have concerns as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.