Minutes
February 7, 2001

Student senate meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Roll Call: Those present included President-Javine Winterboer, Vice President-Carrie Gwilt, Secretary-Casey Johnston, Treasurer-Gangadhar Sunkara, Executive Board-Rachel Forster, Carey Pryal, Sara Pavelka, Grad-Christy Rothermund, Michael Dixon, Troy Luster, Luke Handke, Ana Maria Soto, Matt Wiebe, Jason Wilken, Med-Deepak Dev, Brock Wentz, Brandon, Freeman, Rob Zatechka, Matt Mendlick, Angie Brennan, David Hall, Allied Health-Matt Erickson, Tim Scheierman, Aaron Wenburg, Pharm-Ramon Ulmar.

Advisor's report-Dave Carver
Dr. Carver reported on the Health Sciences Advisory Committee. The group is headed by he and Dr. Wheatly and meets Tuesdays or Thursdays at noon to discuss student health issues such as insurance. Those interested should talk to Dr. Wheatly or Dr. Carver.

Speaker-Tom Osmond-Cafeteria Discounts
Tom Osmond was not present to talk about cafeteria discounts, but Javine spoke on his behalf. Students may be willing to get discounts by using ID cards. By putting money on the card and using it as the cafeteria, students would get an added 10% of what they put on it. This would be similar to getting a 10% discount. More updates are to come later.

Old Business
Constitution: The new changes to the constitution were to be approved by the Board of Regents during the January meeting. However, some of the wording needed to be changed before it could be presented. The new changes were made and approval should come at the March meeting.

Recycling Bins: Matt Mendlick again reported on the recycle bins. He talked to Rich Bolt about getting new bins and getting the food services to get rid of plastics. More is to come of the situation at the next meeting.

New Business
Committee Assignments: Committee assignments were given out for each of the officers' committees.

Luau: The date for the luau has become an issue as Barrett's will not be available and the original date was the day before Easter. The date will probably be April 21 at an undecided location.

Computer for the office: The student senate office will be getting a new Dell computer for $1,100. The senate approved the purchase for the new computer.

Officer/Committee Reports
President: Javine reiterated about the approval of the constitution at the March Regent meeting. She also reported she is on the education task force and representatives will be at the next meeting to talk about the renovation of the campus facilities.

Vice President: Carrie again talked about the luau as her top priority and also said the format will be the same as last year.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report will be given at a later date.

Secretary: The first issue of the Student Signal is done. Casey is looking for articles from the various colleges about student issues. Also, an updated roster will be sent out as soon as it is available.

Announcements
Graduation Day: It has come to the attention of some students that graduation day will be on a Wednesday. The senate will be looking into that in order to get it changed to a weekend.

Facilities Management: The deteriorating sound system at Eppley is still a problem. Attempts at fixing it in the past have failed. The issue is to be looked into further.

Student Center for Healthy Living: In the past, the senate has agreed to giving more money to the SLC for facility upkeep and somewhat private use. There is concern that their end of the deal is not being held up, as increased numbers and deteriorating facilities have been a problem. Also new equipment could be purchased. A small committee is going to look in to the issue and report at the next meeting.

India Earthquake Relief: Ganga addressed the issue of the suffering in India due to the earthquake that struck recently. He thought we as a senate should set up some contribution effort through the Red Cross in order to do our part to help. Some thought maybe we could have a philanthropy event to raise some money. Ganga and others are going to set something up and senate members will be e-mailed with the details.

Dance: The Sweetheart Ball will be held on Friday 16 at Barrett's Castle to support those students going to Nicaragua. The cost will be $10.

Break: It was suggested that students be given a day off during the fall semester as somewhat of a break during the
stretch from Labor Day to Thanksgiving. The issue is to be taken to David Crouse to be talked about. Many senators were interested and a report will be given the next meeting.

Issues: Legislation

Members were presented with bills the Nebraska Legislature will be voting on this year and encouraged members to write letters in support of biomedical funding for the research universities in Nebraska.

Adjournment was at about 6:10