Minutes
March 7, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
Advisor's Report-Dave Carver-Nothing to report
Speaker-Ron Schaefer-Education Task Force: Mr. Schaefer gave a brief presentation about the upcoming renovations to the UNMC campus. Included will be a new parking structure, a new research building, a new utilities building, and a new children's dentistry division to the Munroe-Meyer Institute. The changes will begin to be noticed by this summer and various traffic rerouting may occur at a future time. Apparently there may be as many as six scy cranes in the area.
Old Business
Constitution: The new amendments to the constitution are still being worked on by Javine and Carrie and possibly will be ready for the April meeting of the Board of Regents.
SLC Facilities Update: The floor of the men's shower has been replaced since the last meeting. Also, Tim Sheierman has the data about the number of members who use the facilities and what area of the campus they are from. Apparently students use the facilities the most. There is a funding problem for new equipment, but the issue is being looked into further by the Student Center.
Recycling Bins: Rick Boldt spoke about the recycling situation on campus. UNMC has its own paper recycling facility that takes care of UNMC, NHS, UNO, and Douglas County. Nearly four truckloads of paper are recycled per month. UNMC doesn't receive much money from the effort. Also, the campus is moving away from aluminum cans to plastic bottles, so the recycling effort has been diminished. Talks with Coca-Cola and Pepsi may turn out to provide a means for recycling the plastics in the future. For those wishing to talk to Rick about the issue, his email is rboldt@unmc.edu, and he can be reached at 9-2163.
Facilities at Eppley: The sound system at Eppley has been fixed and no problems have been reported since.
India Earthquake Relief: Ganga has had good success in raising money for the earthquake relief in India. He thanked those that helped and his committee. He is also currently waiting for more canisters to distribute to more areas on campus.
Fall Break: The issue of a day off in the fall is still pending and more information is to come.
New Business
Luau: The luau will be on April 21 at the Holiday Inn on 72nd street. There will be a dinner preceding the regular party. It will be important to get a good head count of those that will attend the dinner, and there may possibly be a children's carnival before the party. This would be to include those students with families.
UNE Card Update: Those having trouble with their cards should contact Ken Tillford. Also, the issue of using cards for photocopying or other services is still pending.
Graduation Date for 2002: The graduation date of May 11th has been agreed upon by the members of the senate despite its conflict with Mother's Day. The medical students may end up graduating earlier because they get done earlier. The issue will be discussed further with the administration and a decision will be made soon.
Officer Reports
President: None.
Vice President: Committee meeting after the senate meeting.
Treasurer: Current balance of $10,000.
Secretary: None.
Announcements
Tuition: The Board of Regents has begun to speak of raising tuition of the University of Nebraska. The amount has not been decided upon, but is believed to be a 10% increase for the next two years. NU President L. Dennis Smith spoke to UNMC about the acquisition of funds for the new budget and supported the tuition raise. However, UNMC pays an above-average tuition when compared to its peers and will be hurt the most by the increase. Brock Wentz produced a resolution that was approved 18-0 by the senate and will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. Javine encouraged members of the senate to think about making the meeting on April 7. The senate may pay for
buses transport students to the meeting if enough interested students are willing to go.

SLC Microwave: Since removal of the hot food cart from the SLC students have had trouble with heating up their food because there is only one microwave. The senate was encouraged to write a letter to Keith Swarts, Director of Business Services at UNMC. His mailing address is 985060 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha 68198. His email is kswarts@unmc.edu.

AMSA Basketball Tournament: AMSA will be having a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on March 25 in the SLC. The cost is $50 per team. Also, the asked for the senate to donate to the Child Saving Institute. The appropriations committee will look into the donation.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.