March 1, 2006 @ 5:30 pm in WH3010

1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Approval of February Minutes – No discussion – passed

3.0 Speakers
   3.1 Susan Mann – Budget Office Manager – Reviewed student health fund B – reported that there will be no changes in cost of student health insurance for the upcoming fiscal year. The student health insurance fee covers costs of student health cost as well as referrals to specialists in the UNMC system.

   3.2 Dr. John Adams – Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget and Strategic Planning – Reviewed 2005-2006 strategic plan with the senate – A strategic planning retreat scheduled for March 23, 2006 will be attended by administrators, faculty and student representatives – goals of the retreat will focus on thinking of UNMC as an economic engine as we develop plans for 2006-2009.

4.0 Advisor’s Report – Dr. David Carver – Reminder of faculty/student senate dinner – Discussion of Alvin Earle Teaching Award – Nominations requested by March 31st. The award will be given April 18th – the winner will be determined by the Student Senate Executive Committee.

5.0 Old Business
   5.1 Background Checks – Student senate recommendations sent to Dr. David Crouse – He will contact the student senate in the next few months for further student input prior to developing the guidelines that will be written in the Student Handbook.
   5.2 SLC – Construction/Renovation to the SLC Student Lounge Area will begin on Monday, March 20th. This space will be closed for the remainder of the school year – It will be reopened this summer with a smaller student area that will be updated with new furniture, new carpet, and a larger computer cluster.

6.0 New Business
   6.1 Faculty Salary Resolution – Resolution 1.2006 drafted by the issues committee in February to support the faculty and administration in their push to bring UNMC faculty/staff salaries in line with schools in our peer group. The resolution was discussed – The resolution was voted on and passed unanimously.
   6.2 Technology Fees – Technology fees will be added for medical students starting in fall of 2006. The fee will be $150/semester for the first two years. The fees will go to fund upkeep of technology in the anatomy lab, histology lab, and will also help fund computer upkeep in the new CHSE building. At this time the fees will not affect PT, Allied Health or Pharmacy students, although a similar fee may be added for those students in the near future. These fees will be added to the overall bill and will be covered by loans.

7.0 Announcements
   7.1 Faculty Senate Outstanding Teacher Awards – Nomination forms passed out to senators. The awards will be presented on April 25th. Students are encouraged to nominate teachers.
   7.2 Graduation – Invocation/Benediction – Open to all graduating students who would be
interested in giving the invocation/benediction. If you are interested please contact Dan Connealy at stupres@unmc.edu

7.3 Fundraisers—CON Food Drive

8.0 Officer Reports—
8.1 President (Dan Connealy)—Berkshire Hathaway is having yearly corporate meeting the same weekend as UNMC Graduation both this year and next – Hotel rooms will be filling up fast so get your reservations as soon as possible.
8.2 Vice President (Mike Furasek)—Planning for Luau will start this week – there will be a social committee meeting prior to Luau to discuss decorations, ticket sales etc. Watch your email for details.
8.3 Secretary (Josh Priluck) – Student Senate Webpage currently being updated – will allow us to post senate meeting minutes as well as student senate information on blackboard.
8.4 Treasurer (Drew Klinkebiel) – Budget developed for 2006 – distributed to senators and discussed. Will discontinue student senate office phone, pager, and cable to SLC lounge during renovations.