The Senate meeting was conducted by President elect Jonathan Henning and Vice President elect Casey Bowen with Senate Advisor Dr. David Carver presiding.

Senate executive members in attendance include: President Jonathan Henning, Vice President Casey Bowen, Treasurer Sarah Keim, and Secretary Curtis McKnight.

Student Senators in attendance were Agnes Constantino, Andy Yang, Barbara Miller, Bradley Bohn, Brian Domack, Brooke Weinrich, Carrie Althoff, Chalie Livingston, Christopher March, Dan Connealy, Drew Klinekeblie, Erin Rodie, Jacqueline Wells, Jenny Kast, Jeremy Peterson, Jessica Chardoulais, Kalyan Nannuru, Karsen Duncan, Keith Jensen, Zac Handler, Mario Fernandez, Megan Montgomery, Natalie Riedmann Paula Richards, Razia Aziz-Sieble.

Meeting Minutes

1.0 Call to Order
2.0 John Adams: Strategic Planning Retreat (SPR)
   2.1 Topics for SPR
   2.1.1 Healthy aging
   2.1.1.1 Panel
   2.1.2 Healthcare quality
   2.1.2.1 Bioinformatics
   2.1.2.2 Disease prevention
   2.1.2.3 Chronic disease
   2.1.3 Building translational and clinical research
   2.1.3.1 Recruiting clinical researchers
   2.1.3.2 Securing NIH award status
   2.1.3.3 Overcoming health disparities
   2.1.4 The president and vice president of the student senate will attend, along with a photographer and blogger. The blog will be on UNMC intranet

2.2 Budget process
   2.2.1 83 million was added to the Nebraska total revenue by the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Board
   2.2.2 399 million (m) which is available to fund governor’s tax deductions is more than enough to offer better funding
   2.2.2.1 This is a key point that UNMC will try to advance
2.2.3 The total NU requested budget is 38.9 m which has already been reduced to roughly 25m

2.2.3.1 Discrepancies are expected between funding and budget. This may result in program reduction, increases in tuition, or both.

2.2.4 The Budget bill is due to the Legislature on 4/25/07. The process is rapidly involving and

3.0 Approval of Feb Minutes
3.1 Minutes approved

4.0 Advisor’s Report – Dr. David Carver

4.1 Still looking for nominees for Alvin E. Earle award.
   4.1.1 Nominations should be turned as soon as possible. Submit them to Patty George. Letters can be emailed, no formality needed. Heartfelt thoughts are as important as formalities.
   4.1.1.1 Just write a letter identifying a great teacher and giving a few reasons why.

4.1.2 April 10th, Tuesday will be the Lunch for the nominees and that is when the recipient will be announced.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Budget Resolution with new revision
   5.1.1 The Resolution Student Senate has passed has been modified. The modified version
   5.1.2 Resolution passes unanimously.
   5.1.3 The Resolution will be sent to the appropriations committee

5.2 Senate Seats in the College of Graduate Studies (any more discussion?)
   5.2.1 The proposed amendment of the constitution will be worded such that “5.0.3. One seat shall be assigned to the Graduate Student Association (GSA) president (or representative appointed by the president) with the remaining allotment of seats filled by at-large elections.

5.3 Recycling: To be continued.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Letter writing: Handout
   6.1.1 Do’s and Do not’s are included on the back.
   6.1.2 Great momentum going for us right now, so well timed student letters will help
   6.1.3 We will make another push in April closer to the date of debate on full unicameral floor.

6.2 Luau
   6.2.1 Mark the calendar, 4/14/07 will be the day of destiny
6.2.1.1 Held at Shark club, 7pm-1am
6.2.1.2 A block of 10 rooms will be rented, and the Hotel has given permission for the pool and hot tub to remain open all night.
6.2.1.2.1 Liability issues with the rooms may make them prohibited. We need to absolve ourselves from responsibility.
6.2.1.3 Tickets will be $10.
6.2.1.4 Safe ride system is still in progress.
6.2.2 Alternative driving for students?

7.0 Committee Breakout:
7.1 Issues Committee: Examine Senate Constitution and re-write in order to fulfill Graduate Study requests
7.2 Social Committee: Discuss Luau with Casey (tickets, front door sign up, alternative transportation?)
7.3 Executive Committee: Letter writing campaign for the budget

8.0 Announcements/Discussion/Issues

9.0 Officer Reports:
9.1 President – Jonathan Henning
9.1.1 I testified before the appropriations committed. The executive committee will spearhead the letter writing campaign.
9.1.2 I was going to testify for LB700, the cloning bill. It looks like it won’t get out of judicial committed.
9.2 Vice President – Casey Bowen
9.2.1 The rooms will be reserved, but individuals will be responsible for room fees and liability.
9.2.2 A Designated driver program will award gift certificates to the book store.
9.2.2.1 Book
9.3 Treasurer
9.4 Secretary

9.0 Adjournment