

**Faculty Council Meeting
Minutes from October 29, 2001**

Chancellor Greg O Brien opened the meeting with general remarks. He then introduced Michael Davidson as the new Director of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism, and Nancy Hunt as the new Director of the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching.

Chancellor O Brien introduced Carl Malmgren, chair of the Courses and Curriculum Committee. Chair Malmgren reminded faculty that an earlier date has been set for catalog proposals - February 1. He then presented the committee's proposal to change the number of required hours needed for a general degree from 128 to 120. He explained that the proposal comes from research of 20 other comparable institutions, finding that UNO was not currently in line with those schools in relation to their general degree requirements. He pointed out that the proposal changes the number of hours to graduate; it does not require individual departments to accept the changes. After movement to accept the proposal, and second by committee approval, the proposal was ratified.

Chancellor O Brien spoke on the September 11 response from the university. He informed the Council of a conversation earlier with Gov. Foster, who informed us that the state is moving to the highest level of security. Chancellor O Brien outlined the new bomb threat procedures as follows: Campus police will now require classes to evacuate buildings if threat is received, and professors should pre-arrange outside meeting area with class to help avoid lost time. The administration telephones are being equipped with call-tracing capabilities, and there are possible meetings with the police and FBI to discuss guidelines for exam security and class security. Faculty will receive an AP guideline regarding bomb threats and mail handling.

The Chancellor mentioned the stronger campus family that has formed after the terrorist attacks, in the wake of prayer vigils, international students meetings, and cultural awareness lectures. A new course in Liberal Arts will be introduced, comprised of lecture series, society of religion topics, conflict resolution, etc. Chancellor O Brien mentioned a proposal being introduced in Congress to limit foreign students in U.S., an idea he strongly opposes.

The Chancellor then presented a Power Point program entitled UNO as a Community Resource.

After the presentation, refreshments were available in LA 197 and the Liberal Arts Garden.