MINUTES: School of Professional Studies Meeting, May 4, 2009, 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Dean Batterson, Dr. Asmussen, Dr. Drew, Ms. Edris, Dr. Galardi, Dr. Goebel-Lundholm, Ms. Gottschalk, Mr. Griffin, Dr. J. Grotrian, Ms. S. Grotrian, Mr. Jackson, Dr. Lundak, Dr. Nevitt, Dr. Seay, Dr. Snyder, Ms. Staples, Mr. Wray

1. Minutes of the April 9th school meeting were approved. Motion was made and seconded by Dr. Asmussen and Mr. Wray.

2. Mr. Brad Griffin was nominated and unanimously voted to represent the School of Professional Studies on the Assessment Committee. Nomination was made by Dr. Snyder. Motion and second to close nominations and to elect Mr. Griffin to the post were made by Dr. Snyder and Dr. Asmussen.

3. Dr. Judy Grotrian nominated Mr. Alan Jackson to represent the School of Professional Studies on the Academic and Curriculum Committee. Motion and second to close nominations and to elect Mr. Jackson to the post were made by Dr. Snyder and Dr. Asmussen. Vote was unanimous.

4. Dr. Judy Grotrian was elected to represent the School of Professional Studies on the Tenure and Promotion Committee. Motion and second were made by Dr. Gregory Galardi and Mr. Alan Jackson.

5. Consultation with Dr. Hutchison will be made before nominations are made for the Teacher Education Committee.

6. Members discussed whether the Nona Palmer Business Education Scholarship and the Troy Rippen Memorial Scholarship had been awarded. Dean Batterson advised that he would take nominations via email.

7. Dean Batterson recognized the change of status for Dr. Joel Lundak and Dr. James Thomas. While not leaving, they are taking phased retirement and will have reduced teaching loads.

Ms. Gottschalk and Ms. Bennett will be teaching part time online in the fall semester 2009.

Dr. Mark Beischel and Dr. Kelli Gardner will be teaching psychology classes for the School of Professional Studies in the fall semester 2009.

Dean Batterson will be moving to a new position, Vice President for Administration and Finance, effective the middle of June.

8. Dean Batterson encouraged faculty members to develop honors courses. Dr. Nevitt’s two Analysis of Evil classes have developed a following. Dr. Nevitt writes the graphic novels used in the classes.
9. Recognition of Faculty Members:

a. Dr. Snyder and his students traveled to Kansas City visiting the Negro Baseball League Museum and Hallmark and eating ribs at Arthur Bryant’s. Dr. Snyder indicated that in observing the students’ interactions with the Hallmark representatives, he had no doubt that our students could compete.

b. Dr. Asmussen’s course, International Field Experience (CJUS 491), has been submitted to the Faculty Senate for approval. Dr. Asmussen and the students leave for Australia May 18th.

c. Dr. Judy Grotrian received the 2008 Mountain-Plains Business Education Association Collegiate Teacher of the Year.

d. Dr. Goebel-Lundholm presented five guest lecturers in her International Business class.

e. Ms. Gottschalk brought the poverty simulation to the campus.

f. Mr. Jackson’s team in the Business Policy class qualified for best 100 out of 3,200 teams in the business strategy game.

g. Dr. Galardi brought the Otoe County Police Canine/Drug dog and her handler to campus for a demonstration. Seven Peru students will be taking part in the Nebraska Department of Corrections internship program.

h. Ms. Sheri Grotrian will accompany 13 PBL students to the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California in June.

i. Mr. Griffin arranged for more software:
   1. Virtualization VM Ware products for free
   2. MSDN
   3. All kinds of Microsoft software

j. Dr. Grotrian advised that Mauritce Ivy was inducted into the Omaha Sports Hall of Fame. Her students attended, cheering her on, “Go Bobcats!”

k. Dr. Snyder has arranged for a faculty lounge with coffee pot to be available to faculty next school year.

l. Dr. Asmussen will be presenting Friday and Saturday at a Higher Education Conference.

10. Faculty College will be held at Chadron on May 18th and 19th.

11. Dean Batterson reminded faculty members to turn in grades on time.

12. Meeting was adjourned.