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Graduate Faculty

The Executive Graduate Council (EGC) has revised its qualifications for UNK graduate faculty. Under section 2, item c, rather than "walk on water," the policy should read "change water into wine." Under section 3, item f, rather than "never," the policy should read "never ever." Under section 4, item b, rather than "application form," the policy should read "supplication form." The EGC would like to extend a welcome to the Kearney College faculty to the University family.

Facilities

Requests for UNK capital construction have obtained high priorities on the University Master Plan. The New Education Building has been ranked number 34 on the priority list, immediately after the proposed I.M. Hipp Running Back Weight Training Building for the Flagship campus. The Copeland Hall renovation has been numbered 65, right after the proposed parking garage for the Central Administration.

Retirement Plan

The Board of Regents is reviewing a new "phased retirement" policy. The policy is generally better than anything than KSC faculty have ever had, but not quite as good as the old "phased retirement" policy for UNL faculty. Therefore, it seems unlikely that the policy will be implemented.

Employee Benefits

Employee benefits for Kearney College will transitionalize into the current UNL benefit package. The UNK Office of Continuing Education in cooperation with the School of Education has decided that faculty and staff who attend the orientation sessions can earn 3 hours of graduate credit. These hours may not be applied toward a graduate degree.

Transfer of Credit

The Central Administration in consultation with the UNL and UNO administration has decided that UNK must accept UNL and UNO hours. UNK hours will transfer to UNL in a 2-1 ratio. UNK hours will transfer to UNO in a 3-2 ratio. UNK graduate hours will be applied as a credit to the student's health insurance policy.
Courier Service

Plans to offer some form of courier services linking the four campuses, the regional educational centers, and the community colleges are being explored. The utilization of existing services is a possibility. Dean Howit of UNK will coordinate those services. A temporary courier service to Lincoln has already been established using the back seat of the Graduate Dean's car.

Off-campus Instruction

UNK will coordinate off-campus offerings with the other campuses. In order to better coordinate and monitor UNK off-campus offerings, the central administration has installed governors on the vehicles of a number of UNK Deans. Furthermore, any UNK Dean leaving the city of Kearney must have a member of the central administration accompany them. The UNK Graduate Dean must report to a parole officer (or LaVonne Crosby) twice a week.

Bylaws

The Board of Regents is finishing its review of its Bylaws to include UNK. The changes will be mechanical in nature and will not substantially alter the existing Bylaws. The only major addition will be the inclusion of Karney Normal School in the list of campuses.

Department Transfers

The Board of Regents is considering proposals to transfer the UNK Department of Nursing to UNMC, the Department of Criminal Justice to UNO, the Department of Social Work to UNO, the UNK MBA Program to UNL, the Department of Sociology to McCook Community College, the Graduate School to oblivion, and the Department of Family and Consumer Science to Siberia.

Academic Computing

The Transition Team for Academic Computing has met and decided that Kearney College does not need computers for academic purposes.

School/College Names

The legislative action for the change of names of the schools at UNK is pending. Currently the proposed names are: College of Education, College of Fine Arts and Humanities, College of Natural and Social Sciences, and the College of Business, Applied Science, Technology, Human Development, Interior Design, Military Science, and Safety.

University Mascot

The central administration has decided that the UNK mascot, the Antelope, is not as dorky as UNL's CornHuskers or UNO's Mavericks. At the request of the UNL administration, a mascot transition team will be formed to select a new mascot whose image is more consistent with UNK's image. Possibilities include: the UNK Fighting Eunuches, the Little Reds, the Milo Pickers, the Scuds, and the Scum-Sucking Parasites.

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