**UNL Research Council**

**March 28, 2013**

**MINUTES**

***Present:*** Professors Awada, Azzam, Bloom, Burnett, Gonzalez-Allende, Ladunga, Sarroub and Shipley.

***Call to Orde*r:** Bloom called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

***Approval of Minutes February 26, 2013:***  Motion made to add the following sentence to the minutes under the *Mentoring Junior Faculty* section “Burnett and Gonzalez-Allende commented on the scarcity of outside funding for humanities research. Mentoring junior humanities faculty should include better training in writing winning grant applications.” Motion seconded and the minutes were approved as amended.

***Spring Nebraska Lecture:*** Reminder that Timothy Gay, Physics & Astronomy, will make his presentation, “Football: Its Physics and Future” on April 5, 2013 at 12:15 p.m. in the West Stadium, Club Level. Bloom will serve as the moderator for the event.

***Nebraska Lecturer Nominations:***  Members voted on the twelve nominations. Bloom will forward the Council’s recommendations on to Dr. Paul.

***Spring Visiting Scholars/Symposia/Distinguished Lecturers:***  Ladunga and Gonzalez-Allende presented their funding recommendations for the Distinguished Lecturer and Visiting Scholar applications that were received. Discussion was held on the merits of each of the applications and the difference of each category. There was also discussion regarding advertising the Council deadlines, do we need to do more? Isn’t it up to the department chairs and heads to make sure their departments are aware of the deadlines and their faculty are taking advantage of those opportunities? Motion was made to accept the funding recommendations as presented. Motion seconded and approved.

***Remaining Meeting for Spring Semester 2013:*** Mari will send out a doodle poll with possible dates for the last meeting of the semester.

***Adjournment:*** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

After the meeting, Dr. Charles Wood gave Council members a tour of the Morrison Life Sciences Research Center.