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UNK Faculty Senate criticizes chancellor

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unheard of," Johnston said. "That is why we have administrators."

The senate passed a separate resolution at their monthly meeting last week which specifically covered the circumstances surrounding the recent resignation of UNK senior vice chancellor of academic affairs, Gene Wubbels.

In the resolution, the senate expressed its "disappointment that Chancellor Johnston did neither inform nor consult the Faculty Senate or the Executive Committee," concerning the resignation of Wubbels and the decision to appoint UNK Chemistry Department Chairman, John Roark, to an interim position.

They pointed to senate bylaws that lay out the guidelines regarding filling a vacant senior administrative position.

The bylaws state that an advisory committee must be formed to assist the chancellor in appointing someone to fill the position — something Johnston did not do, said Ann Young,

past president and current senate member.

"We have a constitutional right to advise and consult with the chancellor on all academic matters," she said.

Young said Miller confronted the chancellor about that issue during their meeting Thursday.

"She told Richard (Miller) he was out of line for asking questions that the senate had asked him to bring up," she said.

Young's reaction to that, she said, "was the vote last night."

How the votes will effect Johnston is uncertain, Young said.

"I don't know what she'll think of it," Young said. "I would like her to think that she might need to change her management style a little bit."

What is certain to change are the members of the faculty senate.

In November, as scheduled, new members and a new president will be chosen.

"Hopefully I will find members who are more reasonable and open-minded about the idea of shared governance," Johnston said. "It takes both the faculty and the administrators to run the university."

But for now, Johnston hopes things can return to normal.

"I hope there is a cooling-off period," she said. "Then I will try to find more ways to work with the faculty."

Fund-raising goal increased by foundation

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Officially, \$94 million still needs to be raised for the foundation's original featured objectives, such as building improvements, scholarships and aid to the library system. But because all gifts that come in are counted, the \$250 million amount has been surpassed.

That \$94 million is included in the increased goal, Fairfield said. The remaining \$31 million that needs to be raised will go to student support, university programs, libraries, faculty support and equipment.

NU President Dennis Smith said during the Friday afternoon news conference that he already was looking toward the new goal.

"I'm excited about the progress made to date and about the progress we can make in the future," he said.

The foundation also said Friday that total income for fiscal year 1997 — more than \$219 million — was an 116 percent increase over the previous fiscal year.

Smith called the foundation's annual report and huge community support "evidence of the extraordinary commitment of our friends to advance this university both technologically and morally in an exciting, changing world."

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