

Minutes of the University Council Meeting
April 7, 2010

Wendelin Hume, Chair of University Senate, called the meeting of the University Council to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Lecture Bowl in the Memorial Union.

Ms. Hume reported on the work of the University Senate for the 2009-2010 year. She indicated that there is a lot of work done by the Senate over the year through various committees. She indicated that service on the committees is very valuable to the University and it is essential to have Council members available for election to serve in the various committee capacities. The slate to fill all the committees is complete for the 2010-2011 year. Ms. Hume encouraged support and appreciation for those serving in this capacity.

There have been seven University Senate meetings held thus far, with one remaining on May 6, 2010. It is important at that meeting to have a quorum to conduct necessary business which includes approving candidates for degrees. Attendance by all members will be appreciated.

The Senate business conducted throughout the year improved and enhanced policies including the Conflict of Interest policy, Faculty Salary Administration, and several academic policies. In addition, a second cycle for selecting honorary degree candidates was added. The current issues include the Intellectual Property policy and discussion regarding an ombudsperson.

Ms. Hume indicated that the main reason for the University Council meeting is the President's address. She then introduced President Kelley.

President Kelley indicated that his address would focus on two issues: how the institution generates revenue, and where the revenue goes. He would also report on the present fiscal situation and then Alice Brekke would report on the University moving into the second year of the biennium and the capital projects.

President Kelley described the current revenue funding sources which included state appropriation, tuition and fees, grants and contracts, sales and services, auxiliary revenues, endowment and miscellaneous. He then described expenditures by type. Finally, he discussed the cost of business and expenditures by function. He indicated that the pie charts of the financial matters are all available on the UND website in the 2009 Annual Financial Report.

In describing the budget going forward into 2011-2013, the President talked about the cost to continue. He indicated that there is a request for salary increases of 4.5%, as well as equity dollars. Affordability is a driver and tuition increases will be limited to 4%. A significant part of the budget going forward will be technology, including Internet II, increased bandwidth, etc. Another significant aspect of the budget is support for academic priorities. The deans are working on the priorities and the requests include petroleum engineering, a masters of public health, a doctorate in nurse practice, and several others. There is also funding for EPSCOR. The President indicated that the state system is requesting an increase of about 19.6%. The School of Medicine and Health Sciences request is a different line in the budget. The request includes a long-range plan to increase enrollment in medicine, allied health, and residents. The major

portion of the increase is for geriatric education and equity and affordability. He then introduced Alice Brekke to discuss the state of the current biennium.

Ms. Brekke first explained that for the 2011-2013 biennium, the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) did not take any action on the state-funded instruction priorities. She indicated that the SBHE will first establish priorities and then UND can present on the institutional priorities.

Ms. Brekke indicated that there are five building projects that are proposed by UND. The five include: 1) a Law School renovation and addition; 2) a clean coal initiative and replacement of the coal fire burner; 3) a clinical services training center; 4) medical health sciences facilities; and 5) a joint request from NDUS and UND for an IT facility. Priority decisions on the projects will be made in June and then the next steps will be determined. The non-state funded projects presented to the SBHE were for EERC, Housing, Wilkerson renovation/addition, and a University townhouse complex.

Ms. Brekke then discussed the 2011 UND annual budget. She indicated that the initial submissions from the various institutional entities have been completed. The average salary increase is 5% with unit level discretion based on performance, equity and market. The increased enrollment is good news due to increased available funds. The challenge is the mix of the tuition sources due to decreased traditional tuition and increased online tuition. Because of the dollar distribution, there will be further discussions. There is also an ongoing discussion of athletics and Division I funding.

President Kelly commented on how well we are representing ourselves as a Division I institution, all across the board.

The meeting was opened up for questions.

Ms. Brekke described the SBHE tuition model study and goals. She explained that our current task is to assess how our current tuition model or a changed model supports the goals and intention of the goals within the SBHE guidelines. The current state of the process is that UND is now talking about model options to consider.

President Kelley closed the meeting by thanking all for their work to further the core mission of the University of North Dakota.

Ms. Hume asked the audience if there were any other matters arising. There were none and the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Anderson, Council Secretary