

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting

December 7, 2000

1.

The December meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2000, in room 7, Gamble Hall. Randy Lee presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Bagheri, Fathollah	Holdman, Linda	Rankin, Elizabeth
Bass, Gerald	Hume, Wendelin	Rice, Daniel
Berger, Kristy	Jeno, Susan	Robertson, Charles
Boyd, Robert	Johnson, Arnold	Shaeffer, James
Cleveland, Mike	Khavanin, Mohammad	Skramstad, Allan
Davis, W. Jeremy	Krogh, Nancy	Smith, Bruce
DeMers, Judy	Kweit, Robert	Stevens, Wes
Drewes, Mary	Lee, Randy	Stofferahn, Curtis
Elbert, Dennis	Lindseth, Glenda	Stolt, Wilbur
Elsinga, Lillian	Lowe, D. Scott	Timmerman, Larry
Erickson, Daniel	Mabey, Renee	Todhunter, Paul
Ettling, John	Munski, Douglas	Towne, Gary
Fivizzani, Albert	Nelson, Berly	Tschacher, Walter
Gabrynowicz,	Nelson, Enrique	Wellcome, Dan
JoAnne	Nichols, Elizabeth	Woehle, Ralph
Gallager, Robert	Norton, Theresa	Yurkovich, Eleanor
Goodwin, Janice	Owens, Thomas	Zierdt, Candace
Grijalva, James	Pederson, Randy	
Hoffmann, Mark	Petros, Thomas	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Amjad, Sabrina	Kraidy, Marwan	Poochigian, Donald
Even, Brock	Kupchella, Charles	Schletty, Chris
Fox, Carl	Lang, Gretchen	Smart, Kathy
Frost, Chris	Mann, Michael	Undlin, Heather
Greves, Cole	Moen, Janet	Wilson, H. David
Hafner, Andrew	Nelson, Theron	
Jackson, Jon	Olsen, Glenn	

4.

The following announcements were made:

A. Mr. Lee announced that, as he promised at the last meeting, he sent a letter to State Board of Higher Education

President Issacson and Chancellor Isaak, forwarding the Senate's resolution adopted at its March, 2000 meeting regarding Board action on a faculty sick leave policy and also reporting concerns of the Senate on the same subject discussed at the November, 2000 Senate meeting. Mr. Lee did not know what action was taken on the matter at the Board meeting. Mr. Gallager reported that there was further discussion and that the policy was not adopted at the meeting.

B. Mr. Lee announced that both the UND Student Senate and the North Dakota Student Association had sent a resolution to the State Board of Higher Education asking for inclusion of a statement of commitment to the preservation, protection, and promotion of the Liberal Arts in the current Roundtable report. Copies of the resolutions were distributed at the meeting.

C. Mr. Lee distributed copies of the AAC/CCF Appeals and Grievance Task Force meeting minutes from December 1, 2000 and copies of the final draft of the Mediation Policy produced by this Task Force for submission to the Board. He announced that he would refer the draft to the Standing Committee on Faculty Rights for any recommendation it might wish to bring to the Senate regarding the draft.

D. Mr. Lee announced that legislation to implement the Roundtable Task Force Report has been pre-filed for the upcoming session of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, and that copies of the Legislation had been obtained and preliminarily reviewed by the Senate's Legislative Affairs Committee chaired by Senator Robert Kweit. According to Mr. Kweit, the Legislative Affairs Committee will continue to review the legislation, and bring to the Senate for action any resolutions regarding a formal position it believes appropriate.

E. Mr. Lee announced that the January Senate meeting will be held on January 11, 2001.

5.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 2, 2000 meeting. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The Chairman introduced the Question Period at 4:16 p.m. Mr. Petros asked Mr. Ettlting about the Strategic Planning process and its accommodation to the Roundtable initiatives and their implementation, especially in the event that some of the initiatives might be planned to be accomplished through reallocation of funds. Mr. Ettlting responded that it was too early in the process to address this, but that he would remind the President of the role of the Senate Restructuring and Reallocation Committee and its relationship to any Strategic Plan proposals to be pursued through reallocations.

Mr. Lee asked Mr. Ettlting about the wording in subsection 3.D. in the draft mediation policy presented during the announcements. The item states "...the mediator shall notify the individual designated in subsections 3.A. of this section...", but subsection 3.A. does not identify any individual. Mr. Ettlting stated he will ask for clarification of this wording.

Ms. Gabrynowicz asked Mr. Ettlting about the implications of the draft of the mediation policy. Mr. Ettlting responded that the process, assisted by consultations with Professor James Antes of the Psychology Department, has revealed how many different philosophies of mediation exist, and this proposed policy reflects a particular view of mediation.

7.

Ms. Elsinga moved to receive and file the annual reports from the Senate Continuing Education, Distance Education and Outreach Committee; the Senate Legislative Affairs Committee; the Senate Library Committee; and the Student Policy Committee. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion, and it was voted upon, and carried unanimously.

8.

Ms. Krogh moved to accept the tentative December 2000 list of Candidates for Graduation for recommendation to the State Board of Higher Education for the awarding of degrees indicated, upon successful completion of requirements. Mr. Bass seconded the motion, which was voted upon and carried unanimously.

9.

Mr. Lee called the Senate's attention to agenda item #9, the recommendation from the Senate Executive Committee to add

language to the Senate Bylaws. The proposed language, to be added to the end of the present bylaw on Officers, states:

In the event of any vacancy in the office of Chair, the Vice Chair shall become the Chair. In the event of any vacancy in the office of Vice Chair, the Committee on Committees shall at the next regular meeting of the Senate nominate at least two elected members, the Chair must ask for nominations from the floor, and the Senate shall elect a new Vice Chair from all the nominees.

Because the Bylaw on amending the Bylaws requires two meetings of notice before action may be taken, this recommendation will be acted upon at the January 11, 2001 Senate meeting.

10.

Mr. Erickson presented recommendations on behalf of the Curriculum Committee for curriculum changes. Mr. Munski moved to approve the list attached to the agenda (attachment # 7). Mr. Stevens seconded the motion, which was voted upon and approved unanimously.

11.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Nancy Krogh, Secretary