

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting

March 1, 2001

1.

The March meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:08 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2001, in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Randy Lee presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Bagheri, Fathollah	Jeno, Susan	Pederson, Randy
Berger, Kristy	Johnson, Arnold	Poochigian, Donald
Boyd, Robert	Khavanin, Mohammad	Rankin, Elizabeth
Cleveland, Mike	Krogh, Nancy	Robertson, Charles
Davis, W. Jeremy	Kupchella, Charles	Shaeffer, James
Elbert, Dennis	Kweit, Robert	Skramstad, Allan
Elsinga, Lillian	Lang, Gretchen	Stevens, Wes
Erickson, Daniel	Lee, Randy	Stofferahn, Curtis
Ettling, John	Lindseth, Glenda	Timmerman, Larry
Fivizzani, Albert	Lowe, D. Scott	Todhunter, Paul
Gabrynowicz, Joanne	Mabey, Renee	Tschacher, Walter
Gallager, Robert	Matthews, Jason	Undlin, Heather
Goodwin, Janice	Moen, Janet	Wellcome, Dan
Greves, Cole	Munski, Douglas	Yurkovich, Eleanor
Grijalva, James	Nelson, Berly	Zierdt, Candace
Hoffmann, Mark	Nelson, Theron	Zupher, Christopher
Hume, Wendelin	Nichols, Elizabeth	
Jackson, Jon	Olsen, Glenn	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Amjad, Sabrina	Kraidy, Marwan	Schletty, Chris
DeMers, Judy	Mann, Michael	Smart, Kathy
Drewes, Mary	Nelson, Enrique	Smith, Bruce
Even, Brock	Norton, Theresa	Stolt, Wilbur
Fox, Carl	Owens, Thomas	Towne, Gary
Frost, Chris	Petros, Thomas	Wilson, H. David
Holdman, Linda	Rice, Daniel	

4.

The following announcements were made by Mr. Lee:

1. The reason for the Provost's absence at this meeting is that he is on the conference call meeting of the Chancellor's Cabinet so that President Kupchella may attend this Senate meeting. (The Provost arrived shortly after the announcement.)
2. The membership of the joint (Student Senate, University Senate, Provost's Office) working group on student involvement in faculty evaluations is: Amanda Black, Charlene Chamberlain, Michael Cleveland, Linda Hurst-Torgerson, Jon Jackson, Glenda Lindseth,

Steve Moser, Tom Steen, and Larry Timmerman.

3. Item 8 on the agenda for this meeting has been withdrawn, since all of the recommendations for improvement to the draft policy on mediation have now been accepted and incorporated into the draft.
4. Please remind all of your college and departmental colleagues regarding the dates associated with upcoming council elections.
5. The Board of Higher Education is currently contemplating adoption of a policy stating its core beliefs and values. Subsequent to the Board action taken at its meeting in December to retain the UND "Fighting Sioux" nickname and to implement the Ben Brien logo, this language was proposed to be added to the statement of core system beliefs and values: "We believe in the implementation of education programs and curriculums to meet the needs of a culturally diverse student population and to prepare students to interact in an increasing (sic) pluralistic society."
6. President Kupchella was invited to make further announcements regarding the Research and Development Showcase in Bismarck March 6 and following. The President accepted that invitation and in addition: briefed the Senate on the legislative session, including the probable schedule for budget presentations; described the structure by which he hopes the strategic planning process's product will be translated into budget reality, which is by turning the planning committee into a planning and budget committee and by supplementing its membership at budget-building times with representative officers of the student, staff, and university senates, plus two additional faculty, in favor of which structure the currently existing budget committees (2) and the Restructuring and Reallocation Committee would be taken down; and handed out a matrix of considerations for use in review of program initiatives and continuations (25 criteria for academic programs, 17 for support programs), entitled "Strategic Resource Management Elements at the University of North Dakota."

5.

Mr. Lee called on Robert Kweit, Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee, who requested and obtained the Senate's special consent to add two items to the agenda: (1) a resolution authorizing the Committee, upon certain safeguards, to speak to legislation when the full Senate's meeting schedule and agenda deadlines do not permit Senate action; and (2) a resolution of opposition to SB 2291, transfer of NDUS credits.

6.

Mr. Lee asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 1, 2001 meeting. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

7.

The Chair introduced the Question Period at 4:33 p.m. There were no questions.

8.

Annual reports on the Consent Calendar from the Student Academic Standards Committee and the Administrative Procedures Committee were received and filed after a motion from Mr. Robertson, seconded by Ms. Berger.

9.

On behalf of the Committee on Committees, Mr. Bass announced the appointments of Kathy Smart to the Intellectual Property Committee to replace Pat Fry (to 2003); Lillian Elsinga to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee to replace William Becker (to 2003); and Mary Ebertowski to the Library Committee to replace Matthew McKeon (to 2003). Mr. Bass also discussed the slate of candidates for election to 21 Senate committees and asked for nominations to the various committees. He reminded the Senate there are a total of 44 committees, including those reporting to the Provost and President.

Mr. Lee reviewed the election process, explaining that today=s vote creates a master ballot. After the call for nominations, the following people were nominated: Thomasine Heitkamp (EHD), Curriculum Committee (2003) by Wes Stevens; and Jason Jenson (BPA), Compensation Committee (2004) by Robert Kweit. Ballots were marked and submitted to the Senate Secretary for tabulation.

10.

David Perry, Chair of the University Curriculum Committee, presented the Committee=s recommendations to approve two program termination requests: the M.S. in Vocational Education, and the B.S. in Aeronautics with a major in Air Transport. The Committee also recommended a request to change the title of the M.S. in Business Education to the M.S. in Career and Technical Education. Mr. Kweit moved to accept the requests, Mr. Robertson seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

11.

Mr. Kweit, Chair of the Senate Legislative Affairs Committee, distributed information pertaining to the first of the two items added to the agenda. This item requested that a resolution be adopted to add to the Committee Manual language giving the Legislative Affairs Committee the authority to speak regarding pending legislation when the schedule for that legislation will not permit Senate deliberation and action. Mr. Kweit explained that, at times, unforeseen legislative issues of importance to UND are acted upon on such a schedule that the University Senate cannot participate in the debate.

Ms. Gabrynowicz spoke in favor of the request, stating that it was consistent with the intent when the committee was established. Mr. Davis moved to amend the proposal by making

editorial changes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Poochigian, and then accepted as a friendly amendment by Mr. Kweit. Mr. Kweit then moved the adoption of the resolution as amended, Mr. Poochigian seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Functions and Responsibilities of the Senate Legislative Affairs Committee are amended by adding this language: When, because Senate agenda and meeting schedules and the schedule for an item of legislation are such that the Senate will not have an opportunity to speak to the legislation at an early enough time for its views to be taken into account, the Senate Legislative Affairs Committee may communicate to the appropriate legislative authorities its view, clearly identified as the committee's view, so long as it first obtains the concurrence of the Executive Committee with or without a formal meeting of the latter, and, promptly after the committee has communicated its views to the legislative authority, provides the text of its communication for dissemination to the Senate with the Senate's next agenda.

12.

Mr. Kweit introduced, and provided editorial corrections in, the second of the two items added to the agenda, a resolution speaking as follows:

Be it resolved that the University Senate supports the position of the State Board of Higher Education in opposition to SB 2291. We would urge the House of Representatives to encourage that this issue be sent to the Board of Higher Education for further study, and that the Board of Higher Education establish a committee consisting of administrators, faculty, and students and adopt a policy.

Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the resolution, Ms. Gabrynowicz seconded, and the motion was approved.

13.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Nancy Krogh, Secretary