

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
December 6, 2001

1.

The December meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2001, in Room 7, Gamble Hall. David Perry presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Antes, James	Hanhan, Sara	Petros, Thomas
Askim, Mary	Heitkamp, Thomasine	Poochigian, Donald
Bartsch, Brent	Hikins, James	Porter, Kimberly
Boyd, Robert	Hoffmann, Mark	Potvin, Martha
Brandt, Jerel	Hunter, Susan	Rakow, Lana
Bridewell, John	Jackson, Jon	Romero, Alan
Brown, Matt	Jenniges, Sharleen	Shaeffer, James
Cleveland, Mike	Jeno, Susan	Skramstad, Allan
Davis, W. Jeremy	Johnson, Arnold	Smith, Bruce
Dokken, Seth	Juntunen-Smith, Cindy	Steen, Tom
Drewes, Mary	Krogh, Nancy	Stofferahn, Curtis
Elsinga, Lillian	Kupchella, Charles	Stolt, Wilbur
Ettling, John	Kweit, Mary	Thompson, Myra
Fivizzani, Albert	Lang, Gretchen	Thureen, Faythe
Frost, Chris	McBride, Rosanne	Todhunter, Paul
Gagnon, Gregory	Meyer, Betsy	Watson, John
Greff, Jason	Murphy, Eric	
Grijalva, James	Perry, David	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Adams, Ross	Kenville, Kimberly	Rice, Daniel
Bagheri, Fathollah	Lieberman, Victor	Schneider, Mac
Benoit, Joseph	Lindseth, Glenda	Schwartz, Rhonda
Ebertowski, Mary	Mabey, Renee	Smart, Kathy
Elbert, Dennis	Mann, Michael	Tiffany, Mark
Gallager, Robert	Mochoruk, Jim	Wilson, H. David
Hanson, Brent	Munski, Douglas	
Juffer, Brad	Nichols, Elizabeth	

4.

The following announcements were made by the Chairman:

A. The UND Student Senate has passed a resolution regarding presidential searches that is very similar to the resolution passed at the November 2001 University Senate meeting. Mr. Perry also stated that other NDUS institutions have also adopted similar resolutions

B. The Senate Executive Committee has adopted a policy drafted by Randy Lee to update the Faculty Handbook. The standing committee created by this policy has met.

C. There will be two resolutions added to the agenda in the Business Calendar.

5.

The minutes of the last University Senate meeting were approved with one correction: The addition of the words "the deletion of" to the end of the first sentence of the second paragraph in item #2 under section #9 of the minutes.

6.

The Chairman introduced the question period at 4:13 p.m. There were no questions.

7.

Three Annual Reports on the Consent Calendar from the Senate Library Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee, and the Student Policy Committee were received and filed after Mr. Gagnon moved to approve. The Senate voted unanimously to accept the reports. (Attachments #1, 2, and 3 on file in the Office of the Registrar)

8.

Mr. Grijalva reported on the recent activities of the Council of College Faculties (CCF). He announced that the North Dakota Student Association and four other campuses have joined UND in asking for more participation in presidential searches. He expects CCF will consider a resolution at the next meeting. CCF is also considering improving communication in both frequency and content from the Board to the CCF, the campuses, and the public; funding for presidential compensation; and a policy change from the Board concerning faculty grievances and mediation. At CCF's request, the proposed policy package was amended to lengthen the time (from 10 business days to 20 calendar days) that faculty have to respond to certain steps in the grievance process. He also reported about discretionary funds allocated system-wide for projects related to Board objectives and towards equity with peer institutions. The next CCF meeting will be over IVN on December 11 at 10:00 a.m.

9.

Ms. Jenó moved to approve the recommendations from the Curriculum Committee for new program and course requests. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. (Attachment #4 on file in the Office of the Registrar)

10.

Mr. Jackson moved to approve the list of candidates for degrees in December 2001. The motion carried unanimously.

11.

Mr. Perry updated the Senate on the work of the Seed Money Committee. This fall the committee has evaluated 40 proposals and recommended funding for 15. Additional funding of \$240,000 from the City of Grand Forks and matched three to one by the University are now available. Discussion continued about the Faculty Seed Money Committee and its formal relationship to the University Senate. The Senate Executive Committee will communicate to the Seed Money Committee and continue to report back to the Senate.

Mr. Bridewell moved to approve the following resolution:

Whereas,
the Faculty Research Seed Money Committee was instrumental and timely in its decision making and distribution of funds through the Faculty Seed Money Grant Program, and

Whereas,
the Committee acted with University Senate approval, and

Whereas,
forty proposals were evaluated with a total of \$400,000 disbursed for faculty research, and

Whereas,
these efforts may result in future funding of up to \$11,383,934 for individual faculty, departments, and the University,

Be it therefore resolved, that
the University of North Dakota Senate, on behalf of the University Faculty, Administration, and Student Body, conveys its appreciation to committee members: Gail Bass, Birgit Hans, Rashid Hasan, Bill Lesch, Kathleen McLennan, Mike Poellot, Jeff Weatherly, and Kevin Young for all of their efforts.

After discussion the motion carried unanimously.

12.

Mr. Petros moved to adopt the following resolution:

One outcome of the recent State of the Faculty Conference was the commitment to enhance communication among the faculty of the campuses with their CCF representatives and the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE). Specifically, the participants at this meeting talked about requesting that the SBHE office put up on its web site all the materials that are sent to the board

members so all who wish to follow the board activities can be fully informed prior to the meeting as to the nuts and bolts of upcoming issues.

Therefore, the University Senate of the University of North Dakota requests that the board office uploads to the NDUS web site at the time the agenda for the State Board of Higher Education Meetings is posted, all the documents and attachments that are sent to the SBHE members. This would allow CCF members to be better informed and to better communicate to the CCF representative at Board meetings. Further, this change would allow campus senates to keep current about board activities and to better inform their CCF representatives as to their opinions and concerns about SBHE activity. In addition, since the Roundtable positions the NDUS as a major player in growing the state economy, all taxpayers in the state would have immediate access to the activities of the SBHE.

After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Nancy Krogh, Secretary