

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
November 1, 2001

1.

The November meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2001, in Room 7, Gamble Hall. David Perry presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Adams, Ross	Grijalva, James	Perry, David
Askim, Mary	Heitkamp, Thomasine	Petros, Thomas
Bagheri, Fathollah	Hoffmann, Mark	Poochigian, Donald
Bartsch, Brent	Hunter, Susan	Porter, Kimberly
Benoit, Joseph	Jackson, Jon	Potvin, Martha
Bridewell, John	Jeno, Susan	Rakow, Lana
Brown, Matt	Johnson, Arnold	Rice, Daniel
Davis, W. Jeremy	Juntunen-Smith, Cindy	Schwartz, Rhonda
Dokken, Seth	Krogh, Nancy	Skramstad, Allan
Drewes, Mary	Kweit, Mary	Smith, Bruce
Ebertowski, Mary	Lang, Gretchen	Stofferahn, Curtis
Elbert, Dennis	Lieberman, Victor	Stolt, Wilbur
Elsinga, Lillian	Mabey, Renee	Thompson, Myra
Ettling, John	Meyer, Betsy	Thureen, Faythe
Fivizzani, Albert	Mochoruk, Jim	Tiffany, Mark
Gallager, Robert	Munski, Douglas	Todhunter, Paul
Greff, Jason	Murphy, Eric	Watson, John

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Antes, James	Hikins, James	Nichols, Elizabeth
Boyd, Robert	Jenniges, Sharleen	Romero, Alan
Brandt, Jerel	Juffer, Brad	Schneider, Mac
Cleveland, Mike	Kenville, Kimberly	Shaeffer, James
Frost, Chris	Kupchella, Charles	Smart, Kathy
Gagnon, Gregory	Lindseth, Glenda	Steen, Tom
Hanhan, Sara	Mann, Michael	Wilson, H. David
Hanson, Brent	McBride, Rosanne	

4.

The following announcements were made:

A. Mr. Perry announced the formation of the Ad Hoc Faculty Evaluation Form Committee by the Senate Executive Committee. He read a letter from the Student Senate to the University

Senate requesting that the number of students on the committee be increased from one to two. Mr. Mochoruk moved to increase the number of student members to two. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Mr. Perry announced the formation of the Ad Hoc Undergraduate Transfer Credit Policy Committee. Ms. Jenó moved to accept the formation of the committee. The motion carried unanimously.

5.

Mr. Perry noted that a misspelling of Mr. Bridewell's name occurred in the October 4, 2001 minutes, and asked for any additional corrections or additions. The minutes were approved as corrected.

6.

Mr. Bridewell moved to receive and file the annual reports on the Consent Calendar from the Honors Committee, the University Assessment Committee, the Standing Committee on Faculty Rights, the General Education Requirements Committee, and the Faculty Instructional Development Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

7.

The Chair announced that the Question Period would be delayed, and introduced James Grijalva who reported on the activities of the Council of College Faculties. He reported on current issues being considered by the Council and the State Board of Higher Education, including the tuition waiver policy, the presidential search policy, presidential compensation, and the resource allocation model. Mr. Grijalva announced that the State Board of Higher Education will meet on November 15 and 16 at the UND Rural Technology Center. There will be a dialogue from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on November 15 to discuss the topic: "What can or should the SBHE do -- in cooperation with public and private partners -- to fulfill the new mission of enhancing the economic and social vitality of North Dakota?" The public is invited to attend. More information can be found at: <http://www2.dsu.nodak.edu/users/blaman/CCF/Boardrep.htm>.

8.

Mr. Petros moved to allow Mr. Larry Isaak, Chancellor of the North Dakota University System, to address the Senate. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Isaak stated that he is visiting many of the state campuses to discuss the future of North Dakota education and the future with the adoption of the Roundtable Report. After the address, Mr. Isaak responded to several questions from the Senate.

9.

Mr. Petros presented the following resolution (as amended) to the Senate:

Whereas prior to the September meeting of the SBHE the Policy governing Presidential Search and Screening Procedures (Policy 601.1) directed the Chancellor to consult with appropriate campus constituencies when recommending membership of a presidential search committee (see points #1 and #2 below, excerpted from the policy before it was changed)

1. To assist in filling any presidential vacancy, the Chancellor shall recommend the membership of an institutional presidential search and screening committee to the president of the State Board of Higher Education following consultation with appropriate campus constituencies including, but not limited to, faculty, students, administrative staff, classified staff, alumni, and representatives from the region in which the institution is located. In the case of the University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University and the State College of Science, regional representatives are considered to be individuals from throughout the State of North Dakota. Upon receipt of the Chancellor's recommendations, the Board president shall appoint the presidential search and screening committee.
2. The Chancellor shall seek, insofar as practicable, to insure broad representation of the various functions and academic disciplines and other representative groups within the college or university. The Chancellor may, subject to availability of funds, retain the services of a consultant to assist the committee in its work. The institutions shall pay all costs for the consultation, search committee and other search activities, excluding costs incurred by Board members or the Chancellor.

Whereas the recent SBHE approved changes resulted in the deletion of:

- 1) required consultation with campus faculty (among other constituent groups),
- 2) ensured representation of the various functions and academic disciplines within the campus.

Whereas, the recent change in SBHE Policy 601.1 sends the message to the faculty that their experience and judgement about what makes a competent presidential candidate is not valued.

Whereas, the work of the president of the university impacts many stakeholder groups (not the least of which being the faculty), and in respect for these groups and in fairness to the person being hired, these groups should be consulted.

Be it resolved that, The University Senate of the University of North Dakota respectfully request that SBHE 601.1 be revisited and changed to insure that faculty, students, and other stakeholders will have a significant voice in the selection of the leader of their institution.

Mr. Stofferahn moved to accept the resolution. Discussion followed. Mr. Murphy moved to amend the resolution by changing the word "valued" to "required" in the fifth paragraph. Discussion followed. The motion failed on a vote of 42 to 5 with 1 abstention. Discussion continued. Mr. Jackson moved to change the last paragraph to read:

Be it resolved that, The University Senate of the University of North Dakota respectfully requests that SBHE 601.1 be revisited and changed to insure voting representation of faculty, students, and other stakeholders on the selection committee for the leader of their institution.

Discussion followed. Motion carried with two abstentions. Discussion continued on the main motion. Mr. Murphy asked for a friendly amendment to change the second paragraph by changing the word "sends" to the phrase "appears to send." This change was accepted. The motion to approve the resolution as approved was approved 46 to 2 with 1 abstention.

10.

Mr. Petros moved to extend the meeting time until 5:35 p.m. to allow the Question Period. Motion carried. Mr. Petros discussed the charge of the Ad Hoc Committee Faculty Evaluation Form Committee.

Mr. Perry thanked the members of the committees who submitted reports to the Senate.

11.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Nancy Krogh, Secretary