

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
February 6, 2003

1.

The February meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2003 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Jan Goodwin presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Alleva, Patti	Heitkamp, Thomasine	Porter, Kimberly
Anderson, Angie	Hildre, Nate	Rakow, Lana
Bagheri, Fathollah	Hoffmann, Mark	Rice, Daniel
Baker, Adam	Hume, Wendelin	Ruff, Nick
Bartsch, Brent	Jackson, Jon	Ryan, Steffen
Benoit, Joseph	Jenniges, Sharleen	Shaeffer, James
Blackburn, Royce	Jeno, Susan	Shaeffer, Margaret
Boyd, Robert	Jerath, Sukhvarsh	Skramstad, Allan
Bridewell, John	Jose, Matt	Smith, Bruce
DeMers, Judy	Kenville, Kimberly	Stanlake, Lowell
Drewes, Mary	Krogh, Nancy	Stofferahn, Curtis
Elbert, Dennis	Kupchella, Charles	Stolt, Wilbur
Elsinga, Lillian	Lee, Randy	Sukalski, Katherine
Ettling, John	Lovseth, Jon	Thompson, Myra
Fivizzani, Albert	Marshall, David	Thureen, Faythe
Gallager, Robert	Nichols, Elizabeth	Tiffany, Mark
Gerber, Anne	Norman, Katherine	Tschacher, Walter
Goenner, Cullen	Okunishi, Takeshi	Venhuizen, Brett
Goodwin, Janice	Perry, David	Watson, John
Hanhan, Sara	Petros, Thomas	Zidon, Margaret
Hansen, Kenneth	Porter, James	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Alfonso, Peter	Knight, Barbara	Romanick, Mark
Downie, Morgan	Levang, Chris	Romero, Alan
Effertz, Kayla	McBride, Rosanne	Sheridan, William
Gagnon, Gregory	Murphy, Eric	Wilson, H. David
Hikins, James	Potvin, Martha	Zierdt, Candace

4.

The following announcement was made:

A. Ms. Thureen announced that the 15th annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum will be held at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota on February 14 and 15, and gave information for registration, which can be found at www.peaceprizeforum.org.

5.

The chair asked for corrections to the January 16, 2003 minutes. Ms. Hume asked to correct the name in item number 6 from Ms. Norman to Ms. Hume. Ms.

Rakow asked that the words "the President's Committee" be changed to the "President's Advisory Council on Women." Mr. Fivizanni moved to accept the minutes as corrected. It was approved unanimously.

6.

The chair opened the question period at 4:11 p.m. Mr. Marshall made an announcement congratulating the President and Vice Presidents for the speed of administration in Twamley Hall.

7.

Mr. Lee moved that the annual report of the Academic Policies and Admissions Committee be received and filed. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.

The chair announced the addition of business from the Honorary Degrees Committee to the business calendar as item number 8.

9.

Mr. Kupchella addressed the Senate about the harassment policy. He began by providing background. He stated that policies regarding harassment are subject to the laws enforced by the Office of Civil Rights. After a recent visit, this office recommended that we develop a clear policy that is explicit about not tolerating racial harassment. They also required the University to provide training about tolerance to all employees. An early draft of a harassment policy was sent to the Senate, but was tabled. The policy was not returned to the Senate for consideration before completion because of the short amount of time available to send it to the Office of Civil Rights to close their recent inquiry. While the policy did not go through Senate review, the President assured the Senate that policies are always open for discussion. Ms. Rakow asked about a change in the policy regarding where harassment cases would be heard. Mr. Kupchella stated that some of the revisions were required by State Board of Higher Education policy, but reminded the Senate that any policy can be examined. Mr. Lee asked if the notice that has been distributed on campus is the official policy and if the harassment policy and grievance policy have been combined. Mr. Kupchella answered that these two policies were separate. Ms. Rakow moved to direct the Senate Executive Committee to find an appropriate body or mechanism for review of the harassment policy and report back to the Senate. The motion carried.

10.

Mr. Kupchella summarized the process for selecting commencement speakers. The President directed the Senate to the agenda attachment detailing the criteria for selection for winter, spring, and summer commencements and asked for their recommendations for future speakers.

11.

The President briefed the Senate about the University funding recommendations before the current legislative session. He reviewed the UND biennial budget request including projected cost increases and the percent of tuition increase needed if appropriations do not increase. He pointed the Senate to a PowerPoint presentation which was created to tell the legislature what the University of North Dakota provides to the State. Mr. Hansen asked about plans in the legislature for employees to pay a premium for health insurance. He asked the legislature to consider reducing pay rather than premiums to save the cost of social security taxes. Mr. Okunishi asked about the difference in cost of living and the cost of inflation. Mr. Kupchella replied that we need better than the rate of inflation for increases in salary to keep the level of talent needed for UND faculty. Mr. Watson asked whether cost of living differences were figured into the averages. The President answered no, but that the point has been made that we are not that different from other markets.

12.

Ms. Sukalski, chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, presented a vita nominating a candidate for an honorary degree. The nomination was approved unanimously.

13.

Mr. Stofferahn presented the changes proposed to the *Code of Student Life* by the Student Policy Committee. The Senate discussed. Ms. Kenville moved to accept the proposed changes to the *Code of Student Life*. Discussion continued. The motion carried.

14.

Mr. Lovseth and Mr. Baker gave a demonstration of Pick-A-Prof. Mr. Lovseth introduced it as a web-based system purchased by student government for UND student use. This system provides compiled scantron results from course evaluations and schedule information. They gave a summary of the benefits student government foresees from this product and took many questions from Senators.

15.

Mr. Jackson moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to 5:45 p.m. The motion was approved.

16.

The discussion about Pick-A-Prof continued.

17.

Mr. Tiffany moved to extend the meeting to 6:30 p.m., and the motion failed. Mr. Petros moved to extend the meeting to 6:00 p.m. and the motion carried.

18.

Discussion about Pick-A-Prof continued. Mr. Stofferahn moved to table the discussion and the motion carried.

19.

The chair recognized Mr. Doug Marshall, chair of the University Curriculum Committee, to present curriculum changes for Senate approval. The motion to approve the changes carried unanimously.

20.

Mr. Petros introduced a resolution regarding the adoption of the Pick-A-Prof system. He moved to approve this resolution as a request to student government to stop the posting of Pick-A-Prof. Discussion ensued. Mr. Lovseth moved to table. The motion was defeated. The main motion was called and the motion carried.

21.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Nancy Krogh
Secretary to the Senate