

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
January 16, 2003

1.

The January meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2003 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Jan Goodwin presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Alleva, Patti	Jackson, Jon	Rakow, Lana
Anderson, Angie	Jeno, Susan	Rice, Daniel
Bagheri, Fathollah	Jerath, Sukhvarsh	Romanick, Mark
Baker, Adam	Jose, Matt	Romero, Alan
Bartsch, Brent	Kenville, Kimberly	Ruff, Nick
Blackburn, Royce	Knight, Barbara	Ryan, Steffen
Boyd, Robert	Krogh, Nancy	Shaeffer, James
Bridewell, John	Kupchella, Charles	Shaeffer, Margaret
Drewes, Mary	Lee, Randy	Skramstad, Allan
Effertz, Kayla	Levang, Chris	Stanlake, Lowell
Elsinga, Lillian	Lovseth, Jon	Stofferahn, Curtis
Ettling, John	Marshall, David	Stolt, Wilbur
Fivizzani, Albert	McBride, Rosanne	Sukalski, Katherine
Gagnon, Gregory	Murphy, Eric	Thompson, Myra
Gerber, Anne	Norman, Katherine	Thureen, Faythe
Goodwin, Janice	Okunishi, Takeshi	Tiffany, Mark
Hansen, Kenneth	Perry, David	Venhuizen, Brett
Heitkamp, Thomasine	Petros, Thomas	Watson, John
Hoffmann, Mark	Porter, James	Zidon, Margaret
Hume, Wendelin	Porter, Kimberly	Zierdt, Candace

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Alfonso, Peter	Goenner, Cullen	Potvin, Martha
Benoit, Joseph	Hanhan, Sara	Sheridan, William
DeMers, Judy	Hikins, James	Smith, Bruce
Downie, Morgan	Hildre, Nate	Tschacher, Walter
Elbert, Dennis	Jenniges, Sharleen	Wilson, H. David
Gallager, Robert	Nichols, Elizabeth	

4.

The following announcement was made:

1) Mr. Ettling introduced Ms. Candance Zierdt, who was recently appointed Interim Dean for the School of Law.

2) Ms. Goodwin announced the Wellness Initiative for Preventive Care, and she encouraged the University community to participate.

5.

The Chair asked for corrections or additions to the December 5, 2002 minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The Chair opened the question period at 4:15 p.m. Ms. Norman asked why the Senate did not review the harassment policy that was recently distributed. Ms. Rakow stated that she serves on the President's Committee and they did not review the document. Ms. Rakow moved to request that the Senate Executive Committee inquire about the status of the document and to bring it to the Senate for discussion. Motion carried on a vote of 51 in favor, with 2 abstentions and 1 other.

7.

Mr. Marshall moved adoption of the new UND Constitution. The motion carried on a vote of 51 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstention and 1 other. Mr. Petros moved to recognize the ad hoc committee for the hundreds of hours of work they contributed. The members of the committee who were in attendance were recognized by applause.

8.

Ms. Goodwin introduced Chris Frost, Chair of the Ad Hoc Faculty Evaluation Form Committee, who addressed the agenda item regarding the faculty evaluation form. Mr. Hanson directed the Senate's attention to items number 2 and 3 on the form. He objected to including in the evaluation those students who do not meet the standards of excellence of attending class and participating. He moved to substitute current questions two and three for the items:

2. I completed all of my homework and reading assignments to prepare for class, unless excused.

SA=100%>A=95%N=70%>D=50%>SD.

3. I attended all class sessions and related, required meetings, unless excused.

SA=100%>A=95%N=70%>D=50%>SD.

The Senate discussed. Mr. Jerath offered a friendly amendment to delete all equalities in the sentence. Mr. Hanson did not accept the friendly amendment. Discussion continued. Mr. Fivizzani moved to split the motion into two parts: the first dealing with the composition of the two questions and the second part to determine the accounting of the motion. The Senate approved the motion to divide the question unanimously. Mr. Romanick offered a friendly amendment to keep test question number two and strike number three on the original form and add the two questions offered in the amendment. Mr. Hansen accepted the friendly amendment. The Senate voted to approve the first part of the motion on the language of the questions with a vote of 48 in favor, 7 against, and 1 abstention. Discussion on the second part of the motion continued. The motion was defeated on a vote of 49 opposed with 6 in favor.

9.

Ms. Goodwin asked for other discussion on the faculty evaluation form. Mr. Murphy moved to strike the words "to help students learn" on question number 5 on the current form. The motion carried on a vote of 31 in favor, 22 opposed and 3 abstentions.

10.

Mr. Murphy noted that the form should be changed to reflect present verb tense. Ms. Goodwin directed the committee to correct all verb tense formats. Mr. Lovseth moved to accept the form as amended. Discussion continued. The motion carried 55 in favor with 1 abstention.

11.

Mr. Frost, on behalf of the committee, moved to accept the procedures. The Senate discussed. Ms. Rakow moved to amend the procedures in step four to allow a responsible third party to administer the form. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hansen moved to change the procedures to allow all instructors to read or to display the instructions. Discussion ensued. Mr. Petros offered a friendly amendment to change the words to "read or display to enable comprehension of the instructions." Mr. Hansen accepted the friendly amendment. Discussion continued. The motion carried 49 in favor, with 2 opposed and 4 abstentions. The discussion on the procedures continued. Mr. Petros moved to omit step six for now and for a committee to be formed to consider procedures for handling forms in evening, weekend, distance, or other courses where submission to the department is not immediately available. The motion carried 46 in favor, 5 opposed, with 1 abstention. Ms. Sukalski moved to remove the word "student" in item four. The parliamentarian stated that the previous motion would achieve these changes, and the motion was withdrawn. Discussion continued on the main motion. Mr. Murphy asked for clarification of when this form and procedures would go into effect. Mr. Frost replied that the intent of the committee is to use the form in Summer of 2003. The motion to approve the procedures as amended was approved on a vote of 47 in favor, 4 opposed, with 1 abstention.

12.

Mr. Frost moved for the Senate Executive Committee to appoint a new ad hoc committee to consider the policies regarding evaluation of teaching. The Senate discussed. Mr. Petros moved to extend the meeting until 5:45 p.m. The motion carried. The motion to form the ad hoc committee carried on a vote of 45 in favor, 4 opposed, with 1 abstention. Ms. Goodwin thanked the members of the ad hoc faculty evaluation form committee for their work.

13.

Mr. Lovseth announced that Pick-A-Prof would be demonstrated January 21 at 7:00 p.m. and January 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl. Mr. Hanson moved to table the Pick-A-Prof demonstration on the agenda to the February Senate meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 26 in favor, 11 opposed, with 3 abstentions.

14.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Nancy Krogh
Secretary to the Senate