

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
November 4, 2004

1.

The November meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2004 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Sue Jenö presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Christopher	Jenö, Sue	Picklo, Matthew
Berne, Jane	Jones, Arthur	Pierce, David
Bjerke, Elizabeth	Kenville, Kimberly	Potvin, Martha
Blackburn, Royce	Knittel, David	Rakow, Lana
Chen, Tar-Pin	Krogh, Nancy	Reese, Ty
Dearden, Bruce	Kupchella, Charles	Remfert, Matt
Dever, Adam	LaDuke, John	Rex, Janet
Doze, Van	Lee, Randy	Robertson, Charles
Drewes, Mary	Lovelace, Kent	Ross, Vicki
Elbert, Dennis	Melland, Helen	Schuetzle, Jordan
Elsinga, Lillian	Miller, Charles	Schwartz, Rhonda
Erickson, Daniel	Mochoruk, James	Shaeffer, James
Gallager, Robert	Moen, Janet	Skramstad, Allan
Goodwin, Janice	Munski, Doug	Smart, Kathy
Grant, Emmanuel	Murphy, Eric	Smith, Bruce
Haskins, Robert	Myrick, Matt	Stanlake, Lowell
Heitkamp, Thomasine	Nelson, Susan	Stolt, Wilbur
Helgeson, Diane	Nowacki, Michael	Williams, Jim
Hume, Wendelin	Nutz, Amber	Yurkovich, Eleanor

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Alfonso, Peter	Foltz, Kenneth	Patton, Greg
Benoit, Joseph	Grijalva, Jim	Petros, Tom
Boyd, Robert	Hikins, James	Poochigian, Donald
Braden, Chris	Kalbfleisch, Pamela	Rankin, Libby
Brown, Richard	Lane, Jason	Rice, Daniel
Cooper, Chris	LaPointe, Jennifer	Sambor, Christina
Crawford, Richard	LeBel, Paul	Thureen, Faythe
DeMers, Judy	McBride, Rosanne	Watson, John
Elbert, Danielle	Muggli, Darrin	White, Daniel
El-Dweek, Daniel	Neuerburg, Linda	Wilson, H. David
Flower, Ann	Nies, Gerry	

4.

The following announcements were made:

A. On behalf of Mr. Grijalva, Ms. Jenö announced that there was no report from the Dean's Council as he had not been involved in any meetings this month.

B. Ms. Jenó reported that Mr. Grijalva has appointed three members from the Senate Restructuring and Reallocation Committee to the University Planning and Budget Committee when that committee operates in budget mode.

C. Ms. Jenó reported that she attended the first meeting of the University Planning and Budget Committee, which was held on October 28, 2004. The Committee reviewed the current status of the strategic plan. Due to the request from the UND Foundation for University priorities from our strategic plan which they can use during their strategic planning sessions in January, each subcommittee has been charged to identify priority items from their committees by December 31. Faculty and staff development was not specifically identified in the strategic plan; so as not to lose this important item, the Dean's Council will review faculty development opportunities--past, present and future. The Committee requests that the Staff Senate, via the Staff Senate representatives on University Senate, appoint an ad hoc committee to do the same type of review for staff development. Once the ad hoc committee is established, the Committee requests that the Staff Senate let the University Senate chair know who is on that committee. The SEC will keep in contact with the Committee. Both groups will report ideas back to the University Senate for discussion and the information will then be forwarded to the University Planning and Budget Committee.

D. Mr. Robertson announced that he has been appointed as the faculty representative to the Executive Steering Committee for ConnectND. He requested that senators contact him if they hear rumors or have any questions regarding ConnectND. His phone number is 777-4061 and his email address is: robertso@aero.und.edu.

5.

The Vice Chair asked for corrections or additions to the October 7, 2004 minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The Vice Chair opened the question period at 4:10 p.m.

Ms. Hume asked President Kuchella about the ad hoc committee on harassment report and whether suggestions contained in the report had been sent forward. Mr. Kupchella stated that the suggestions, along with a few revisions, were forwarded to the general counsel, and he believed to the Office of Civil Rights as well. Ms. Hume asked if the committee to monitor the committee had been appointed by the Senate Executive Committee. Ms. Jenó replied that the SEC would consider this and report at the next meeting.

Mr. LaDuke asked for an update on the Provost's search. Mr. Smith reported that the search committee had met that day and narrowed the search. The Committee will go through the final list, develop phone questions and meet again on Monday. The Committee hopes to identify finalists in November and to bring candidates to campus in December, although the Committee will extend the time line to find the best candidate. He asked senators to encourage excellent candidates to apply.

Mr. Blackburn asked if anyone knew the progress on adding the writing component back into the requirements for the ACT. Mr. Kupchella announced

that the Chancellor's cabinet considered it yesterday. He reported that a majority of academic vice presidents recommended it be adopted with a list of exceptions. He reported that the cabinet was considering language that would allow each campus to design their own policy and allow the campus to opt out. They discussed using the test as feedback for high schools on how the students are doing, but not as a placement tool. He said an amended policy would likely go forward to the State Board of Higher Education.

The question period closed at 4:20 p.m.

7.

Mr. Lee moved that the annual reports of the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee, Senate Student Policy Committee, Senate Honors Committee, and Senate General Education Requirements Committee be received and filed. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.

Mr. Myrick moved to accept the report from the Senate Curriculum Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.

The Senate considered the agenda item from the Council of College Faculties (CCF) to review proposed policy changes being considered by the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) that were distributed at the last meeting. The first policy was 305.1, which had proposed revisions to part 3.g. The Senate discussed the draft of the changes for this policy. Mr. Murphy moved to ask the CCF to inform the State Board of Higher Education that the Senate was in agreement with the proposed language to revise this policy. The senate discussed the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Senate also considered policy 605.3, which proposed revisions in section 9. Mr. Murphy moved to recommend to CCF that the Senate supports the proposed revisions as written. The motion was approved with a vote of 51 in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention.

10.

Mr. Schuetzle stated that the North Dakota Student Association and the UND Student Government have gone on record as opposing the writing requirement in the ACT exam. The Student Government discussed bringing a motion to the Senate, but decided to defer to the Senate to propose a motion.

11.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Nancy Krogh
Secretary to the Senate