Minutes of the University Senate Meeting (Revised)
October 6, 2005

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The October meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2005 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Sue Jeno presided.

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The following members of the Senate were present:

Alfonso, Peter
Anderson, Cindy
Benoit, Joseph
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Braden, Chris
Bradley, April
Campbell, Katherine
Christopherson, Joel
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Cripe, Haylee
DeMers, Judy
Dewar, Graeme
Drewes, Mary
Elbert, Dennis
Elsinga, Lillian
Fivizzani, Al
Flom-Meland, Cynthia
Flynn, Aaron
Gallager, Robert
Goenner, Cullen
Goodwin, Janice
Hans, Birgit
Haskins, Robert
Herrick, Ryan
Jackson, Jon
Jackson, Margaret
Jeno, Sue
Jerath, Sukhvarsh
Kim, Ju Hyo
Krogh, Nancy
La Duke, John
Lane, Jason
LaVenture, Andrew
Lovelace, Kent
Mahar, Patricia
Martindale, Nathan
Mayzer, Roni
Moen, Janet
Mullegama, Saman
Munski, Doug
Myers, Bradley
Nies, Gerry
Obma, Robert
Perry, David
Potvin, Martha
Remfert, Matt
Rex, Janet
Rice, Daniel
Robertson, Charles
Rosenberger, Thad
Sadah, Eligar
Schumacher, Peter
Semke, William
Shaefler, James
Smart, Kathy
Stolt, Wilbur
Streibel, Kent
Weisenstein, Greg
Wettersten, Kara
Widmer, Donovan
Williams, Jim
Wu, Min
Yurkovich, Eleanor

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Christopher
Covington, Chandice
Doze, Van
Gosnold, Will
Grant, Emmanuel
Kupchella, Charles
LeBel, Paul
McBride, Rosanne
Mochoruk, James
Nowacki, Michael
Olsen, Glenn
Petros, Tom
Picklo, Matthew
Routon, Claudia
Schnellert, Gary
Schwartz, Rhonda
Skramstad, Allan
Smith, Bruce
Strand, Robin
Vande Brake, Katie
Watson, John
Wilson, H. David
The following announcements were made:

A. The chair announced that the University Council will meet on October 18, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom. Ms. Jeno will present Senate updates and the President will unveil the Strategic Plan.

B. Agenda item seven on the business calendar will be tabled because the presenter was unable to attend. The document will be in the final form for the November agenda and the chair asked the senators to read the document to be ready for consideration at the November meeting.

C. The Chair announced that the United Way campaign is underway and UND hopes to surpass previous donation and participation levels.

D. The sick leave policy passed by the Senate at the May, 2005 meeting has been added to the faculty handbook. The dean’s council will form a subcommittee to consider maternity and breast feeding policies. A member of the Senate Compensation Committee will represent the Senate on that Committee.

E. The State Board of Higher Education passed policy 609, regarding language proficiency which requires each institution to establish a process to verify communication skills. The University is beginning to work on this process.

F. Ms. Jeno announced that Carmen Williams will serve as interim registrar and secretary to the Senate, and Ms. Jeno thanked Ms. Krogh for her service to the Senate.

G. Jim Shaeffer will also be leaving UND and the chair thanked him for his service as a senator.

The Chair asked for corrections or additions to the September 1, 2005 minutes. The minutes were approved as distributed with one typographical error corrected.

The question period was opened and closed at 4:12 p.m.

The annual reports of the Senate Committee on Committees and the Senate Continuing Education, Distance Education & Outreach Committee were approved unanimously.

The chair announced that the Compensation Committee, the Faculty Instructional Development Committee, the Honors Committee and the University Assessment Committee annual reports are now past due. The General Education Requirements Committee, the Honorary Degrees Committee and the Standing Committee on Faculty Rights annual reports are due in November.
Mr. Robertson moved to accept the report from the Curriculum Committee. The report was approved on a vote of 65 to 1.

The Senate discussed proposed revisions to the Conflict of Interest Policy presented by Mark Askelson, chair of the Senate Conflict of Interest Committee. He stated that the goal of any new policy should be to manage the issues regarding potential conflicts and to facilitate activities for faculty or other UND employees to protect the interests of the employee and the University. Mr. Askelson reviewed some of the differences between the proposed policy and the previous policy and some of the factors influencing the proposed changes, such as changes in Federal funding rules in agencies like the National Institute of Health. Discussion followed.

Mr. Virgil Benoit remarked on how much work the committee must have done on this, and suggested that the Senate recognize and thank the committee for all of their efforts. Ms. Jeno also stated that it is important to recognize the hard work of this and other committees. Ms. Jeno thanked Mr. Askelson for his presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Nancy Krogh,
Secretary to the Senate