Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
September 1, 2005

1. The September meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2005 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Sue Jeno presided.

2. The following members of the Senate were present:
   Alfonso, Peter
   Anderson, Christopher
   Benoit, Joseph
   Benoit, Virgil
   Berne, Jane
   Blackburn, Royce
   Boyd, Robert
   Braden, Chris
   Bradley, April
   Campbell, Katherine
   Christopherson, Joel
   Cripe, Haylee
   DeMers, Judy
   Doze, Van
   Drewes, Mary
   Elbert, Dennis
   Ellis, Rick
   Fivizzani, Al
   Flom-Meland, Cynthia
   Flynn, Aaron
   Gallagher, Robert
   Goodwin, Janice
   Gosnold, Will
   Grant, Emmanuel
   Hans, Birgit
   Haskins, Robert
   Herrick, Ryan
   Jackson, Jon
   Jackson, Margaret
   Jeno, Sue
   Kim, Ju Hyo
   Krogh, Nancy
   Lane, Jason
   LaVenture, Andrew
   LeBel, Paul
   Mamaghani, Iraj
   Martindale, Nathan
   Mayzer, Roni
   McBride, Rosanne
   Melland, Helen
   Mullegama, Saman
   Munski, Doug
   Nies, Gerry
   Obma, Robert
   Perry, David
   Picklo, Matthew
   Potvin, Martha
   Remfert, Matt
   Rex, Janet
   Rice, Daniel
   Robertson, Charles
   Rosenberger, Thad
   Routon, Claudia
   Schnellert, Gary
   Schumacher, Peter
   Schwartz, Rhonda
   Semke, William
   Skramstad, Allan
   Smart, Kathy
   Stolt, Wilbur
   Streibel, Kent
   Watson, John
   Weisenstein, Greg
   Wettersten, Kara
   Widmer, Donovan
   Williams, Jim

3. The following members of the Senate were absent:
   Anderson, Cindy
   Dewar, Graeme
   Elsenga, Lillian
   Goenner, Cullen
   Jerath, Sukhvarsh
   Kupchella, Charles
   La Duke, John
   Lovelace, Kent
   Mahar, Patricia
   Mochoruk, James
   Moen, Janet
   Myers, Bradley
   Nowacki, Michael
   Olsen, Glenn
   Petros, Tom
   Sadeh, Eligar
   Shaefler, James
   Smith, Bruce
   Strand, Robin
   Vande Brake, Katie
   Wilson, H. David
   Wu, Min
   Yurkovich, Eleanor

4. The chair welcomed all new senators and asked each senator to introduce themselves. The following announcements were made:

   A. The chair asked for a volunteer parliamentarian.
   B. The chair announced that the Curriculum Committee report will be added as agenda item #13.
   C. The chair conveyed apologies from President Kupchella for not being able
to attend. On his behalf, she also announced that the Strategic Plan will be out in the next few weeks.

D. The chair announced that the President will present his State of the University address at the University Council meeting on October 18. Any University Council agenda items can be forwarded to her.

E. The chair reported that the Senate Executive Committee heard a proposal for a Center for Rural Service Delivery, which has been sent to the State Board of Higher Education. The Senate Executive Committee agreed that appropriate routing and approval processes for this type of proposal do not exist on campus. The VPAA’s office will look into the development of these processes.

F. The chair announced that the “Guidelines for Faculty Engaged in Employment Controversies with the University” document passed by Senate in May, 2005, was vetoed by the President due to wording issues that are in conflict with Board policy. The document will be sent back to the Standing Committee on Faculty Rights for review and revision. It will be on a future Senate agenda.

G. The chair suggested that Senate committees should meet during September to elect a committee chair and notify the Registrar’s Office. The following Senate committee annual reports are overdue from last year: Budget, Restructuring & Reallocation Committee; Continuing Education Committee; Legislative Affairs Committee; and Standing Committee on Faculty Rights.

H. The chair reported enrollment statistics as of 8/31/05 provided by Vice President Boyd: 12,823 students enrolled (71 fewer than last year at same time); 1,892 new freshman (a decrease of 11%, but 42 more than called for in the strategic plan); 139 students who were admitted provisionally have enrolled and their progress will be tracked.

I. Mr. Boyd thanked the Senate as representatives of the University for our enrollment this fall. He thanked the faculty for their work and noted that what happens in the classroom is a strong contributor to the University’s success.

J. Mr. Boyd announced that the President has asked him to organize a response from the University to help other universities and students affected by Hurricane Katrina.

5.

The Chair asked for corrections or additions to the May 5, 2005 minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The Chair opened the question period at 4:19 p.m.

Ms. DeMers asked if the faculty sick leave policy had been approved and the secretary answered that the President approved it.

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

7.

Ms. Goodwin, chair of the Committee on Committees, presented the Committee’s nominations for Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the Senate: Doug Munski and Kathy Smart. The Chair called for nominations from the floor; there were none. The Senate voted and Mr. Munski was elected Senate Vice Chair/Chair Elect.
During the counting of the ballots, Ms. Jeno conducted an orientation to University Senate. She directed senators to the Senate website located at: www.und.edu/dept/registrar/senate and introduced the purpose of the Senate and the roles of the Senators. She talked about the delegation of Senate duties to committees, reviewed some of the standing rules of the Senate, and discussed appropriate motions and discussions at Senate meetings.

Ms. Goodwin presented the Committee on Committee’s nominations for a two-year term on the Senate Executive Committee: Birgit Hans and Jon Jackson. The Chair called for nominations from the floor; there were none. The Senate voted and Mr. Jackson was elected to the Senate Executive Committee.

Ms. Goodwin presented the Committee on Committee’s nominations for two representatives on the Committee on Committees: Cindy Anderson, Jan Moen and Claudia Routon. The Chair called for nominations from the floor; there were none. The Senate voted and Ms. Anderson and Ms. Routon were elected to the Senate Committee on Committees.

Ms. Goodwin presented the Committee on Committee’s nomination for the student representative on the Senate Executive Committee: Robert Haskins. Mr. Robertson moved to elect Mr. Haskins by a unanimous ballot. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Goodwin announced the appointees to the University Senate committees over the summer as follows: Barbara Combs replaced Mike Nitz on the Summer Session Committee; Lori Robison replaced Mike Nitz on the Student Policy Committee; Kanishka Marasinghe replaced Mary Cutler on the Curriculum Committee; Seong-Hyun Nam replaced Stephen Johnson on the Library Committee; and Barbara Voglewede replaced James Claflin on the University Assessment Committee.

Ms. Krogh moved to accept the list of candidates for degrees for Summer, 2005. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Senate considered proposed changes to the functions and responsibilities of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. The changes were approved unanimously.

The report from the Senate Curriculum Committee was considered from the floor. The report was approved unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Nancy Krogh,
Secretary to the Senate