Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
April 6, 2006

1.
The April meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2006 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Sue Jeno presided.

2.
The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Cindy  Jackson, Margaret  Perry, David
Benoit, Joseph   Jeno, Sue        Picklo, Matthew
Benoit, Virgil   Jerath, Sukhvarsh Potvin, Martha
Berne, Jane      Kim, Ju Hyo     Remfert, Matt
Blackburn, Royce La Duke, John     Rex, Janet
Braden, Chris    Little, Michael  Robertson, Charles
Campbell, Katherine Lovelace, Kent  Rosenberger, Thad
Dewar, Graeme    Mamaghani, Iraj  Routon, Claudia
Drewes, Mary     Martindale, Nathan Schnellert, Gary
Elbert, Dennis   Mayzer, Roni     Smart, Kathy
Flom-Meland, Cynthia Mochoruk, James Stolt, Wilbur
Flynn, Aaron     Moen, Janet      Watson, John
Goenner, Cullen  Mullegama, Saman  Widmer, Donovan
Goodwin, Janice  Munski, Doug     Williams, Carmen
Haskins, Robert  Nies, Gerry      Williams, Jim
Herrick, Ryan    Nowacki, Michael Olsen, Glenn
Hilliard, Nathaniel

3.
The following members of the Senate were absent:

Alfonso, Peter  Rice, Daniel
Anderson, Christopher  Sadeh, Eligar
Boyd, Robert  Schumacher, Peter
Bradley, April  Schwartz, Rhonda
Christopherson, Joel  Semke, William
Covington, Chandise  Skramstad, Allan
Cripe, Haylee  Smith, Bruce
DeMers, Judy  Streibel, Kent
Doze, Van  Weisenstein, Greg
Ellis, Rick  Wettersten, Kara
Elsinga, Lillian  Wilson, H. David
Fivizzani, Al  Wu, Min
Gallager, Robert  Yurkovich, Eleanor
Gosnold, Will
Grant, Emmanuel
Hans, Birgit
Jackson, Jon
Kupchella, Charles
Lane, Jason
LaVenture, Andrew
LeBeil, Paul
Mahar, Patricia
McBride, Rosanne
Myers, Bradley
Obma, Robert
Petros, Tom
The following announcements were made:

A. Ms. Jeno announced that the non-renewal notice, S-U grading, and double major/double degree policies passed at the March meeting were approved by the President.

B. Ms. Jeno announced that President Kupchella has asked for an extra 30 days to review the Conflict of Interest Policy passed at the March meeting to ensure consideration from all groups that report directly to him.

C. Ms. Jeno announced that the Assessment Plan is on the web and the committee would like campus feedback before they submit their report to the Senate for the May meeting.

D. Ms. Jeno announced that the President has signed the Standard Practice 240 Policy regarding surveillance equipment.

E. Ms. Jeno announced that the Campus Climate and NCAA Task Force surveys are being conducted on campus and encouraged faculty to take the time to complete them.

F. Ms. Jeno announced that the Promotion and Tenure Review Committee is a new campus-wide committee that will report to the Provost. It will be comprised of tenured/senior faculty voted from each College, two department chairs, one dean, legal counsel and other personnel as needed. The goal of the committee is to review departmental promotion and tenure guidelines to ensure guidelines exist in each department and that there is reference to each of the three areas of review: teaching, scholarly activity, and service.

G. Ms. Jeno announced that there will be a two-year pilot program beginning this summer to evaluate a funding model for summer session. More information will follow as it becomes available.

H. Ms. Jeno reported that she and Mr. Munski met with President Kupchella regarding the spring semester University Council meeting, which will be held sometime early in May. She also reported that the State Board of Higher Education will be voting on raises today and information from that meeting will be forthcoming.

I. Dorette Kerian gave a brief presentation on the Northern Tier Broadbanding Proposal. She requested that if anyone had questions, input, comments, or would like more information, that they direct them to her in an email.

The Chair asked for corrections or additions to the March 2, 2006 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

The question period was opened and closed at 4:32 p.m.

Mr. Mochoruk moved to accept the annual report of the Senate Conflict of Interest/Scientific Misconduct Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8.
Ms. Jeno, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, presented the slate of candidates for election to Senate committees. It was announced that Julie Kroll is leaving the University and will need to be taken off the ballot. The next highest vote getter will be appointed to complete her terms on the Curriculum and Honors committees. Mr. Mochoruk moved to accept the nominations with the corrections. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 50 in favor and 1 abstention.

9.
The Curriculum Committee report was reviewed. It was noted that the new CSD course, Language Development Laboratory, did not have a course number listed. The report will be corrected to reflect the course number. Mr. Robertson moved to accept the report with the course number correction. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 47 in favor and 2 abstentions.

10.
Mr. Rand, Chair of the Senate Academic Policies and Admissions Committee, presented a proposed change to the provisional admit policy and gave some background information on the change. A motion was made to approve the change. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

11.
Mr. Rand, Chair of the Senate Academic Policies and Admissions Committee, presented a proposed change to the honors policy. He gave background information and answered questions. Mr. Jerath moved to approve the change with an implementation date after May 2010. The motion was seconded and defeated on a vote of 9 in favor, 40 against.

Mr. Munski moved to approve the policy as originally submitted with an implementation date of December, 2007. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 36 in favor, 9 against and 1 abstention.

12.
Mr. Rand, Chair of the Senate Academic Policies and Admissions Committee, presented a proposed change to the Attendance policy. He gave background information and answered questions. Mr. Jerath moved to retain the sentence regarding students being made aware of the policy during the first class of the semester. The motion was seconded and defeated on a vote of 8 in favor, 34 against and 3 abstentions. The Senate continued discussion.

13.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m. due to the lack of a quorum.

Carmen Williams,
Secretary to the Senate