Minutes of the University Senate Meeting (Revised)
January 12, 2006

1.
The January meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2006 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Sue Jeno presided.

2.
The following members of the Senate were present:

Alfonso, Peter  
Anderson, Christopher  
Anderson, Cindy  
Benoit, Virgil  
Berne, Jane  
Blackburn, Royce  
Boyd, Robert  
Braden, Chris  
Bradley, April  
Campbell, Katherine  
Christopherson, Joel  
Covington, Chandise  
Cripe, Haylee  
DeMers, Judy  
Dewar, Graeme  
Doze, Van  
Drewes, Mary  
Elbert, Dennis  
Ellis, Rick  
Fivizzani, Al  
Flom-Meland, Cynthia  
Flynn, Aaron

Gallager, Robert  
Goodwin, Janice  
Gosnold, Will  
Grant, Emmanuel  
Hans, Birgit  
Haskins, Robert  
Herrick, Ryan  
Hilliard, Nathaniel  
Jackson, Margaret  
Jeno, Sue  
Jerath, Sukhvarsh  
Kupchella, Charles  
La Duke, John  
Mahar, Patricia  
Mamaghani, Iraj  
Martindale, Nathan  
Mayzer, Roni  
McBride, Rosanne  
Mochoruk, James  
Moen, Janet  
Mullegama, Saman

Munski, Doug  
Nies, Gerry  
Obma, Robert  
Perry, David  
Petros, Tom  
Potvin, Martha  
Remfert, Matt  
Rex, Janet  
Rice, Daniel  
Routon, Claudia  
Schumacher, Peter  
Schwartz, Rhonda  
Semke, William  
Smart, Kathy  
Smith, Bruce  
Watson, John  
Weisenstein, Greg  
Widmer, Donovan  
Williams, Carmen  
Williams, Jim  
Wu, Min  
Yurkovich, Eleanor

3.
The following members of the Senate were absent:

Benoit, Joseph  
Elsinga, Lillian  
Goenner, Cullen  
Jackson, Jon  
Lane, Jason  
LaVenture, Andrew  
LeBel, Paul  
Lovelace, Kent  
Myers, Bradley  
Nowacki, Michael  
Olsen, Glenn  
Picklo, Matthew  
Robertson, Charles  
Rosenberger, Thad  
Sadeh, Eligar  
Schnellert, Gary  
Skramstad, Allan  
Strand, Robin  
Stolt, Wilbur  
Streibel, Kent  
Wettersten, Kara  
Wilson, H. David
4.

The following announcements were made:

A. The Chair announced that President Kupchella signed both of the policies passed at the December 1, 2005 meeting: 1) concerning the Institutional Review Board governance and oversight; and 2) the Guidelines for Faculty Engaged in Employment Controversies with the University.

B. The Chair reported that the Conflict of Interest policy is still under revision with the hope that the next draft will be complete by the February Senate meeting.

C. The Chair announced that the Institutional Diversity and Pluralism statement that was in the previous academic catalogs will be sent out via the listserv for review. This item will be on the February Senate agenda.

D. The Chair announced that all University Council members should have received a letter from the Committee on Committees regarding interest in committee work. She encouraged all to complete this form and return it by January 27. There is a special need for those who would be willing to be considered for the Vice Chair/Chair elect position.

5.

The Chair asked for corrections or additions to the December 1, 2005 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

In lieu of a question period Ms. Jeno gave a brief review of the standing rules of University Senate.

7.

President Kupchella reported that the University Planning and Budget Committee will be considering the FY07 budget. He also reported that the NCAA Classification Task Force is currently meeting; two senior faculty members are still needed to complete its membership.

The President updated the senators on the current status of the NCAA logo issue and items going on that are directly related to the logo issue. He reported that UND filed a second appeal before the holiday, which the NCAA Staff reviewed. We were given an opportunity to submit a rebuttal to go with their review to the NCAA Presidents Council. The NCAA Staff held off the Presidents Council consideration of our appeal pending their review of "new information" in our rebuttal - and offered to allow us to submit a rebuttal of their re-review. A State Board of Higher Education resolution directed the President to work with the tribes in North Dakota. An invitation has been extended to the Sioux Tribes to visit the campus, and members of the Standing Rock Tribal Council did visit UND before the holiday. The entire Spirit Lake Tribal Council visited last week. There are two more upcoming tribal visits, both yet to be scheduled. All of the meetings are designed to get as much input from the tribes as possible.

After updating the Senate, President Kupchella excused himself from the discussion.

8.
On behalf of Ms. Moen, the Chair displayed a definition of institutional discrimination to be used as background information for the discussion to follow.

9.

Ms. Hans gave an overview of the resolution regarding the Indianhead logo and nickname that was passed at the December 1, 2005 University Senate meeting and reviewed the NCA accreditation document that contained recommendations concerning the use of the logo.

After discussion and statements from various senators in favor or against the resolution, Ms. Hans moved to request that President Kupchella promptly seek authority from the State Board of Higher Education to develop and implement an orderly plan for discontinuing use of the Indian nickname and Indianhead logo. Mr. Mochoruk seconded and the members of the Senate approved the motion with a vote of 40 in favor, 12 against, and 11 abstaining. Due to an inconclusive voice vote, voting by roll call took place. (Resolution in its entirety attached)

10.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Carmen Williams,
Secretary to the Senate