Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
March 2, 2006

1.

The March meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2006 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Sue Jeno presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Cindy   Herrick, Ryan   Petros, Tom
Benoit, Virgil    Hilliard, Nathaniel    Picklo, Matthew
Berne, Jane       Jackson, Jon         Potvin, Martha
Blackburn, Royce  Jackson, Margaret    Remfert, Matt
Boyd, Robert      Jeno, Sue            Rex, Janet
Campbell, Katherine    Jerath, Sukhvarsh    Rice, Daniel
Christopherson, Joel  Kim, Ju Hyo          Robertson, Charles
DeMers, Judy      La Duke, John          Rosenberger, Thad
Dewar, Graeme     LeBel, Paul            Sadeh, Eligar
Doze, Van         Little, Michael        Schumacher, Peter
Drewes, Mary      Lovelace, Kent         Schwartz, Rhonda
Elbert, Dennis    Mahar, Patricia       Skramstad, Allan
Elsinga, Lillian  Mamaghani, Iraj        Smart, Kathy
Fivizzani, Al     Martindale, Nathan     Streibel, Kent
Flom-Meland, Cynthia    Mayzer, Roni      Watson, John
Flynn, Aaron      Mochoruk, James        Weisenstein, Greg
Goenner, Cullen   Moen, Janet           Widmer, Donovan
Goodwin, Janice   Mullegama, Saman       Williams, Carmen
Gosnold, Will     Munski, Doug           Wu, Min
Grant, Emmanuel  Myers, Bradley          Yurkovich, Eleanor
Hans, Birguemmanuel Nies, Gerry           
Haskins, Robert    Nowacki, Michael      

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Alfonso, Peter       Wettersten, Kara
Anderson, Christopher Williams, Jim
Benoit, Joseph       Wilson, H. David
Braden, Chris        
Bradley, April       
Covington, Chandice  
Cripe, Haylee        
Ellis, Rick          
Gallager, Robert     
Kupchella, Charles   
Lane, Jason          
LaVenture, Andrew    
McBride, Rosanne     
Obma, Robert         
Olsen, Glenn         
Perry, David         
Routon, Claudia      
Schnellert, Gary     
Semke, William       
Smith, Bruce         
Stolt, Wilbur
The following announcements were made:

A. It was announced by the student senators that the “Big Event” will be held on April 22 and that a recruitment drive is under way to encourage more faculty and staff involvement this year. More information can be found on the web.

B. Ms. Jeno announced that the Swanson parking ramp construction will be starting soon on the east end of campus near the Hyslop and this will reduce the number of allocated parking spaces during the 18-month project.

C. Ms. Jeno announced that the President approved the policy on the Presidential Honor Roll that was passed at the February 2, 2006 Senate meeting.

D. Ms. Moen announced that an on-line survey regarding campus climate that is open to all students, staff and faculty will be available March 27 –April 14. She encouraged senators to make announcements in their classes. This survey is co-sponsored by the UND Diversity Advisory Subcommittee and the NDUS Community Climate Project.

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

The question period was opened at 4:10 p.m.

Ms. Goodwin asked if there was a plan to reallocate more spots or temporary parking spots during construction of the parking ramp. Mr. Munski replied that people are being asked to make use of shuttle buses, periphery parking lots, and encouraged to walk more.

Ms. Yurkovich asked if another campus climate survey hadn’t been recently done. Ms. Williams replied that Institutional Research had conducted one in April, 2005. Ms. Potvin reported that if anyone was interested, Jean Chen in Institutional Research could be contacted for further information regarding that survey.

The question period ended at 4:15 p.m.

Mr. Robertson moved to accept the annual reports of the Senate Student Academic Standards Committee and the Senate Administrative Procedures Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ms. Jeno, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, presented the committee’s nominations for Senate committees. Committee membership was reviewed for accuracy and nominations were taken from the floor. Ms. Potvin moved to accept the nominations. The motion was seconded by Ms. DeMers and passed with a vote of 59 in favor and 2 abstentions.
9.
Mr. Robertson moved to accept the Curriculum Committee report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

10.
Mr. Rand, Chair of the Senate Academic Policies and Admissions Committee, presented a proposed change to the S-U grading policy and gave some background information on the change. Ms. Potvin moved to approve the change. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 61 in favor and 1 abstention.

11.
Mr. Rand, Chair of the Senate Academic Policies and Admissions Committee, presented a proposed change to the double majors and double degrees provisions. He gave background information and explained that the changes are only for language clarification in the academic catalog. Ms. Hans moved to approve the change. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

12.
The Senate considered a motion from the Senate Executive Committee regarding the proposed change regarding SBHE non-renewal notices. The proposed change in wording is: "At the University of North Dakota, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, or the Vice President for Health Affairs (for the School of Medicine and Health Sciences), decides whether a probationary appointment should be renewed upon recommendations by the department and college where the faculty member is appointed; notices of non-renewal shall be issued to the faculty member from the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, or the Vice President for Health Affairs, as appropriate.” This would replace the wording currently in the Faculty Handbook located in Section II-8.1.3. Mr. Robertson moved to accept the change. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

13.
Mr. Askelson, Chair, Senate Conflict of Interest Committee, presented the draft Conflict of Interest Policy. After some discussion, the following editorial changes were made: 1) On Form 2, the word “significant” was added to Item #2 to read, “Use significant University resources...” and 2) On Form 2, the words “or interest” were deleted from Item #6. Mr. Mochoruk moved to approve the document with the two editorial changes. The motion was seconded and approved with a vote of 55 in favor and 1 abstention.

14.
Mr. Petros, on behalf of the Council of College Faculties, presented a draft of a proposed resolution regarding a system-wide NDUS Standing Committee on Faculty Rights (SCoFR), which would allow a final appeal to the system SCoFR (not to re-hear, but only if the faculty member’s appeal can point out if unjust consideration/procedural inadequacies were involved). The system SCoFR would make a recommendation to the chancellor and the chancellor’s decision would be final. A final draft of the resolution will be ready for Senate action at the April meeting.
15.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Carmen Williams,
Secretary to the Senate