Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
May 4, 2006

1.

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

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Alfonso, Peter
Benoit, Virgil
Berne, Jane
Blackburn, Royce
Boyd, Robert
Bradley, April
Campbell, Katherine
Cripe, Haylee
DeMers, Judy
Drewes, Mary
Elsinga, Lillian
Fivizzani, Al
Flom-Meland, Cynthia
Gallager, Robert
Goodwin, Janice
Gosnold, Will
Grant, Emmanuel
Hans, Birgit
Haskins, Robert
Hilliard, Nathaniel
Jackson, Jon
Jackson, Margaret
Jeno, Sue
Jerath, Sukhvarsh
Kim, Ju Hyo
Kupchella, Charles
La Duke, John
Lane, Jason
LeBel, Paul
Little, Michael
Mahar, Patricia
Martindale, Nathan
Mochoruk, James
Mullegama, Saman
Munski, Doug
Nies, Gerry
Nowacki, Michael
Perry, David
Picklo, Matthew
Potvin, Martha
Rex, Janet
Rice, Daniel
Robertson, Charles
Rosenberger, Thad
Routon, Claudia
Sadeh, Eligar
Schwartz, Rhonda
Semke, William
Skramstad, Allan
Smart, Kathy
Smith, Bruce
Stolt, Wilbur
Streibel, Kent
Watson, John
Wettersten, Kara
Widmer, Donovan
Williams, Carmen
Williams, Jim
Wu, Min
Yurkovich, Eleanor

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Christopher
Anderson, Cindy
Benoit, Joseph
Braden, Chris
Christapherson, Joel
Covington, Chandice
Doze, Van
Elbert, Dennis
Ellis, Rick
Flynn, Aaron
Goenner, Cullen
Herrick, Ryan
LaVenture, Andrew
Lovelace, Kent
Mamaghani, Iraj
McBride, Rosanne
Moen, Janet
Myers, Bradley
Obma, Robert
Olsen, Glenn
Petros, Tom
Remfert, Matt
4.

The following announcements were made:

A. Ms. Jeno thanked the senators for their service on University Senate for the academic year.
B. Ms. Jeno announced that the Senate ROTC and Senate Intellectual Property Committee annual reports would be added to the consent calendar.
C. Ms. Jeno announced that the Conflict of Interest, General Honors, and Provisional Admission policy changes passed at the March meeting were approved by the President.
D. Ms. Jeno announced that the spring semester University Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom. She encouraged everyone to attend.
E. Tom Buning, Director of Athletics, presented an update on the UND Athletics program.

5.

The Chair asked for corrections or additions to the April 6, 2006 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:21 p.m.

A question was raised about what will happen to revenue generation if the logo/nickname is changed. There was no answer.

Mr. Picklo inquired about the new clicker system that some instructors are using in their classrooms, and asked why there seemed to be such a push for it. Ms. Smart replied that the text book publishers are offering the system free of charge to promote increased participation in large lecture classes. Three different systems are being looked at for possible use by faculty. Instructors always have a choice to utilize the system or not.

Mr. Little asked if there are plans to increase campus security in light of the recent vehicle break-ins that have occurred on campus. Mr. Gallager replied that there are no plans currently to increase security and that records do not show an increase in vandalism.

President Kupchella thanked Mr. Buning for his presentation on the Athletic department activities. He also reported on the commendable academic records of UND athletes.

President Kupchella presented a plaque to Ms. Jeno and thanked her for her service as Chair of the 2005-06 University Senate.

The question period closed at 4:35 p.m.

7.

Mr. Robertson moved to accept the annual reports of the Senate General Education Requirements Committee, Senate Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, Senate Scholarly Activities Committee, Senate ROTC Committee, and the Senate
Intellectual Property Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

8.

A motion was made to approve the list of candidates for degrees in May. The list was approved unanimously.

9.

The report from the Senate Curriculum Committee was considered and approved unanimously.

10.

Ms. Mabey presented the University Assessment Committee plan and the Committee’s recommendations for changes to the responsibilities of the Committee. Mr. Robertson moved to accept both University Assessment Committee items in total. The motion was approved with a vote of 57 in favor and 2 abstentions.

11.

Mr. Rand, Chair of the Senate Academic Policies and Admissions Committee, presented a proposed change to the Attendance policy.

12.

Mr. Sadeh made a friendly amendment to add “military service” to the list of excuses for class absence. The amendment was approved with a vote of 57 in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention.

13.

Mr. Rice made a friendly amendment to add “in the course syllabus” to the last sentence of the first paragraph. The amendment was approved with a vote of 55 in favor, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

14.

Mr. Mochoruk moved to accept the proposed attendance policy with the incorporated friendly amendments. Mr. Jackson seconded, and the motion was approved with a vote of 54 in favor, 2 against, and 3 abstentions.

15.

Ms. Walker, on behalf of the General Education Requirements Committee, presented the Committee’s recommendations to amend the committee’s structure to include an official past-chair (voting) and a chair-elect (voting). Mr. Mochoruk moved to accept the proposed change. The motion was seconded and approved with a vote of 56 in favor and 2 abstentions.

16.

Ms. Kenville, on behalf of the Student Policy Committee, presented the committee’s recommendation to reduce the committee membership of the Student Relations Committee from ten to six members. Mr. Mochoruk moved to accept the recommendation. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
17. 
Ms. Kenville, on behalf of the Student Policy Committee, presented proposed editorial changes to the Code of Student Life. Ms. Hans moved to accept the editorial changes. The motion was seconded and approved with a vote of 55 in favor and 1 abstention.

18. 
Mr. LaDuke moved to accept the Compensation Report previously presented to the Senate by Mr. Petros on behalf of the Council of College Faculties. The motion was seconded and approved with a vote of 52 in favor and 3 abstentions.

19. 
The Senators reviewed the proposed changes to the UND Statement on Institutional Diversity and Pluralism presented by the UND Diversity Advisory Sub-committee. Ms. Hans suggested a friendly amendment to re-insert the deleted portion of a sentence focusing on the University’s commitment to American Indians. The Senate discussed. Ms. Hans withdrew her amendment. Ms. Potvin moved to table the discussion and return the statement to the sub-committee for re-wording and re-consideration by the Senate in the fall. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 51 in favor, 3 against and 1 abstention.

20. 
Mr. Murphy, on behalf of the Senate Intellectual Property Committee, presented the committee’s recommendations for revisions to the UND Intellectual Property Policy.

21. 
Mr. Picklo moved to extend the meeting for 15 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 53 in favor and 3 against.

22. 
A motion was made to accept the recommended changes to the UND Intellectual Property Policy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

23. 
The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Carmen Williams, 
Secretary to the Senate