Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
November 2, 2006

1.

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

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The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Cindy Iiams, Michele Perkins, Dexter
Baker, Mary Iverson, Joneen Petros, Thomas
Bass, Gail Jackson, Jon Poochigian, Donald
Berne, Jane Jackson, Margaret Rakow, Lana
Boyd, Robert Jacobson, Rachelle Rendahl, Stephen
Bradley, April Jeno, Sue Rex, Janet
Campbell, Katherine Jerath, Sukhvarsh Rice, Daniel
Dewar, Graeme Johnson, Stefan Rieke, Judy
Drewes, Mary Kitzes, Adam Robertson, Charles
Elbert, Dennis Koeser, Brandon Rosenberger, Thad
Elsinga, Lillian Kupchella, Charles Schnellert, Gary
Erickson, Daniel Lawrence, David Seddoh, Samuel
Faruque, Saleh Little, Michael Smart, Kathy
Ferraro, Richard Mahar, Patricia Smith, Bruce
Fisher, Jay Marasinghe, Kanishka Stofferahn, Curtis
Flom-Meland, Cynthia Martindale, Nathan Stolt, Wilbur
Folkestad, Sara Moen, Jan Streibel, Kent
Gallager, Robert Munski, Douglas Watson, John
Haskins, James Murphy, Eric Williams, Jim
Heitkamp, Thomasine Olsen, Glenn Wittgraf, Michael
Hume, Wendelin Owens, Sarah Yurkovich, Eleanor

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Alfonso, Peter Venhuizen, Brett
Anderson, Suzanne Weisenstein, Greg
Benolt, Joseph Wilson, H. David
Behrmann, William Covington, Chandise
Cripe, Haylee
Gosnold, Will
Hilliard, Nathaniel
Kelsch, Steven
Lane, Jason
LaPointe, Gary
LaVenture, Andrew
LeBel, Paul
Light, Steven
Lothspeich, Jason
Mamaghani, Iraj
Mayzer, Roni
Myers, Bradley
Nowacki, Michael
Perry, David
Picklo, Matthew
Potvin, Martha
4. The following announcements were made:
   a. Mr. Munski announced that Item #6 on the business calendar regarding the proposed maternity policy had been deferred to the December meeting per a request from the Maternity Task Force.
   b. Mr. Munski reminded the senators that Enrollment Services was hosting an open house on Saturday, November 4.
   c. Mr. Martindale encouraged everyone to complete the Academic Integrity Survey, which is currently on-line.

5. The Chair asked for corrections or additions to the October 5, 2006 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6. Mr. Petros moved and Mr. Fisher seconded to accept the annual report of the Senate Student Policy Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Mr. Haskins moved to accept the Curriculum Committee report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fisher and approved unanimously.

8. President Kupchella gave a presentation on the move to Division I athletics, which included the strategic context of the move, the action strategies, the rationale for the move, the charge to the DI Commission and subgroups, and a draft of the case statement. He explained that there will be no vote on the move.

   Mr. Bunning also presented on the Division I move, explaining that it will not cause a change to the mission of the University, nor to the concept of student-athlete and teacher-coach. He also reported on the athletic department budget, and explained that the athletic department is a self-supporting operation.

9. The question period was opened at 5:03 p.m.

   Mr. Perkins moved and Mr. Petros seconded to extend the question period until adjournment. The motion was approved with a vote of 44 in favor, 6 against, and 1 abstention.

   President Kupchella answered various questions regarding the Division I move.

10. Mr. Murphy moved to extend the meeting to 5:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jeno. Due to an inconclusive voice vote, a hand vote was conducted and the motion was defeated with a vote of 25 for and 26 against.
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The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Lori Hofland for Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate