Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
September 7, 2006

1.
The September meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2006 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Douglas Munski presided.

2.
The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Suzanne  
Baker, Mary  
Bass, Gail  
Behrmann, William  
Benoit, Joseph  
Berne, Jane  
Bradley, April  
Campbell, Katherine  
Dewar, Graeme  
Drewes, Mary  
Elbert, Dennis  
Elsinga, Lillian  
Erickson, Daniel  
Faruque, Saleh  
Ferraro, Richard  
Fisher, Jay  
Flom-Meland, Cynthia  
Gosnold, Will  
Haskins, James  
Heitkamp, Thomasine  
Hillard, Nathaniel  
Hume, Wendelin  
Iiams, Michele  
Iverson, Joneen  
Jackson, Jon  
Jacobson, Rachelle  
Jeno, Sue  
Jerath, Sukhvarsh  
Johnson, Stefan  
Kelsch, Steven  
Kitzes, Adam  
Koeser, Brandon  
LaVenture, Andrew  
Lawrence, David  
Light, Steven  
Little, Michael  
Lothspeich, Jason  
Mamaghani, Iraj  
Marasinghe, Kanishka  
Martindale, Nathan  
Mayzer, Roni  
Munski, Douglas  
Murphy, Eric  
Myers, Bradley  

Owens, Sarah  
Perkins, Dexter  
Petros, Thomas  
Picklo, Matthew  
Poochigian, Donald  
Potvin, Martha  
Rakow, Lana  
Rex, Janet  
Rice, Daniel  
Rieke, Judy  
Robertson, Charles  
Rosenberger, Thad  
Routon, Claudia  
Seddoh, Samuel  
Smart, Kathy  
Stofferahn, Curtis  
Stolt, Wilbur  
Streibel, Kent  
Watson, John  
Williams, Jim  
Wittgraf, Michael  
Yurkovich, Eleanor

3.
The following members of the Senate were absent:

Alfonso, Peter  
Anderson, Cindy  
Boyd, Robert  
Covington, Chandice  
Cripe, Haylee  
Gallager, Robert  
Jackson, Margaret  
Kupchella, Charles  
Lane, Jason  
LaPointe, Gary  
LeBel, Paul  
Mahar, Patricia  
Nowacki, Michael  
Olsen, Glenn  
Perry, David  
Rendahl, Stephen  
Schnellert, Gary  
Smith, Bruce  
Venhuizen, Brett  
Weisenstein, Greg  
Wilson, H. David
4.

The following announcements were made:

A. Mr. Munski announced that, due to the Legislative campus visit, the President and vice presidents would not be attending Senate.
B. Mr. Benoit announced, in compliance with State Board policy 440, the definition for full-time graduate students is nine semester hours and the definition for half-time graduate students is six semester hours. There are other internal definitions and policies that are yet to be addressed.
C. Mr. Benoit announced that the Provost has established a work group regarding the process and policies regarding revocation of degrees. A request was made for two University Senate volunteers and one undergraduate student senator. Along with Mr. Benoit, the other members of the group will be Suzanne Anderson and Rachelle Jacobson, graduate student senator.
D. Mr. Benoit announced that the Committee on Academic Integrity would be doing a survey of students and faculty after fall midterms. Based on that information, there will be a review of UND policies and procedures with recommendations coming to the Senate.
E. Ms. Anderson reported on projects for the upcoming year. Senate will be kept informed of the progress on the following:
   a. Online transcript ordering/tracking software and a $5 transcript fee with an October 1 implementation goal.
   b. Class scheduling software implementation
   c. Transfer articulation work group and articulation conference on November 6, 2006.
   d. Electronic transfer articulation project
   e. Electronic degree audit project
F. Mr. Munski reported on the death of Jim Beasley, reference librarian at the Chester Fritz Library.

5.

The Chair asked for corrections or additions to the May 4, 2006 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:29 p.m.

Mr. Perkins stated that in the spring a survey indicated scant support to move to Division I athletics. He then asked why UND is moving to Division I. He further stated concerns regarding the financial impact. Mr. Perkins asked when there can be a vote regarding this matter. Ms. Jeno, a member of the Division I Task Force, indicated that the Task Force issued a report to the President. The decision was the President’s, with input from the report. In August, 2006, a commission was put together. The co-chairs of the commission are Bob Boyd and Tom Buning. Ms. Jeno indicated that if all matters come together to move to Division I, it would be done; however, it is not currently a “done deal.” Mr. Perkins requested that this matter be an agenda item at the October meeting.

The question period closed at 4:34 p.m.
Mr. Munski recognized Claudia Routon for her work on the Committee on Committees and presented the Committee on Committee’s nomination for vice chair/chair elect, Tom Petros. The Chair called for nominations from the floor. Mr. Petros nominated Will Gosnold. Hearing no other nominations, the Senate voted. Mr. Petros was elected Senate Vice Chair/Chair Elect for 2006-08.

During the counting of the ballots, Mr. Munski conducted an orientation to the University Senate. He directed senators to the Senate website located at: www.und.edu/dept/registrarsenate and introduced the purpose of the Senate and the roles of the Senators. He talked about the delegation of Senate duties to committees, reviewed some of the standing rules of the Senate, and discussed appropriate motions and discussions at Senate meetings.

Mr. Munski presented the Committee on Committee’s nominations for faculty representative for a two-year term on the Senate Executive Committee: Will Gosnold, Jason Lane and Michael Wittgraf. The Chair called for nominations from the floor; there were none. The Senate voted and Mr. Gosnold was elected.

Mr. Munski presented the Committee on Committee’s nominations for three representatives on the Committee on Committees: Michele Iiams, Steven Light and Kathy Smart. The Chair called for nominations from the floor; Mr. Murphy nominated Matthew Picklo. Hearing no other nominations, the Senate voted. Michelle Iiams, Steven Light, and Kathy Smart were elected.

Mr. Munski presented the Committee on Committee’s nominations for the student representative on the Senate Executive Committee, Nathan Martindale. Mr. Jackson moved to elect Mr. Martindale by unanimous ballot. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Anderson presented the list of candidates for degrees for Summer, 2006. Mr. Picklo moved to approve the candidates. Mr. Gosnold seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Martindale moved to adjourn. Mr. Hilliard seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate