Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
February 1, 2007

1.

The February meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2007 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Douglas Munski presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Cindy  
Anderson, Suzanne  
Bass, Gail  
Berne, Jane  
Buhr, Jordan  
Campbell, Katherine  
Covington, Chandice  
Dewar, Graeme  
Elsinga, Lillian  
Erickson, Daniel  
Ferraro, Richard  
Fisher, Jay  
Flom-Meland, Cynthia  
Folkestad, Sara  
Gallager, Robert  
Haskins, James  
Heitkamp, Thomasine  
Hilliard, Nathaniel  
Hume, Wendelin  
Iiams, Michele  
Iverson, Joneen  
Jackson, Jon  
Jackson, Margaret  
Jerath, Sukhvarsh  
Kitzes, Adam  
Lane, Jason  
LaVenture, Andrew  
Lawrence, David  
Light, Steven  
Little, Michael  
Lothspeich, Jason  
Mahar, Patricia  
Marasinghe, Kanishka  
Martindale, Nathan  
Mayzer, Roni  
Munski, Douglas  
Murphy, Eric  
Owens, Sarah  
Perry, David  
Poochigian, Donald  
Potvin, Martha  
Rakow, Lana  
Rex, Janet  
Rice, Daniel  
Rieke, Judy  
Seddoh, Samuel  
Smart, Kathy  
Smith, Bruce  
Stofferahn, Curtis  
Stolt, Wilbur  
Watson, John  
Wittgraf, Michael  
Yurkovich, Eleanor

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Alfonso, Peter  
Baker, Mary  
Behrmann, William  
Benoit, Joseph  
Boyd, Robert  
Bradley, April  
Cripe, Haylee  
Drewes, Mary  
Elbert, Dennis  
Faruque, Saleh  
Gosnold, Will  
Jacobson, Rachelle  
Jeno, Sue  
Johnson, Stefan  
Kelsch, Steven  
Koeser, Brandon  
Kupchella, Charles  
LeBel, Paul  
Mamaghani, Iraj  
Moen, Jan  
Myers, Bradley  
Nowacki, Michael  
Olsen, Glenn  
Perkins, Dexter  
Petros, Thomas
4.

a. The proposed catalog wording for the honors policy effective dates was presented for information. The wording reflects the changes passed by the resolution at the January Senate meeting.
b. The English Coulee committee is partnering with CleanFlo International to clean up the Coulee. They are looking for persons interested in helping with the project. There will be a future forum regarding this project.
c. The Study Abroad Fair is scheduled for February 7, 2007.
d. There is a new ITSS Incident Response Policy which is under review.
e. Dr. Jeffrey Powell, from the Dean of Students Office, indicated that he is soliciting and accepting changes to the Code of Student Life that may need approval by the University Senate. He indicated that the process will start next month. He also reported that there is a faculty opening for the Student Policy Committee.
f. The Committee on Committees is soliciting nominees for various committees for the next year. Ms. Smart, chair of Committee on Committees, is accepting nominations.
g. CCF report by Curt Stofferahn: The CCF made recommendations which included a combined salary increase for faculty and staff of 7.4%, increased health contributions, and increased retirement contributions for staff with more that 15 years of service. There was also the recommendation that 21% of the ND budget be for higher education. Mr. Stofferahn indicated that the position of the Higher Education Roundtable is that ND is not living up to their agreement of support to higher ed. They support funding at 21%; however, the Governor requested a 96% budget. His budget proposal is for a 5% salary increase plus some equity money. The current status of the budget process is not hopeful. It looks like maintaining the 5% salary increase with separate promotion funding will be difficult. Full funding of health insurance will be difficult as well.

Senator Jerath asked about tuition. It was explained that the proposed cap will mean that we cannot rely on tuition for increased revenue. Senator Rice stressed the need for and importance of full funding for health insurance.

Mr. Stofferahn closed by presenting the names and brief comments about the Chancellor candidates.
h. Mr. Martindale commented on the ND Student Association work in Bismarck on legislation. He reported that there is not a lot of good news on the student front as well. He indicated that although capping tuition may be good, it may ultimately result in higher tuition later. He shared a concern that Montana and Minnesota bills will be acted on after the ND legislative session has been concluded which may present significant issues. Also, the ConnectND issue is not looking good. Fees will probably be raised again rather than the requested elimination.
i. Senator Gallagher shared that there is a strong resistance in the legislature to the 21% higher education funding and that the ConnectND fee will probably go up.

The Chair asked for corrections or additions to the January 11, 2007 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.
6. The question period was opened and closed at 4:45 p.m.

7. Mr. Murphy moved to accept and file the annual report of the Senate Summer Sessions Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

8. Mr. Hilliard moved to accept the revised Curriculum Committee report. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

9. The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate