Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
November 6, 2008

1.

The November meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2008 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Jon Jackson presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Ernest  Ferraro, Richard  Light, Steven
Anderson, Suzanne  Fershee, Josh  Lim, Yeo
Bass, Gail  Fincke, Adam  McLennan, Kathleen
Benoit, Joseph  Goodwin, Janice  Miller, Charles
Bowman, Frank  Gottschalk, Martin  Munski, Doug
Boyd, Robert  Grandstrand, Tyrone  O’Keefe, Tim
Bradley, April  Haskins, James  Onchwari, Grace
Brekke, Alice  Hoffarth, Janice  Perkins, Dexter
Brevik, Harald  Hoffmann, Mark  Petros, Thomas
Bridewell, John  Houdek, Sherryl  Poochigian, Donald
Broedel, Hans  Hume, Wendelin  Rakow, Lana
Burbach, Nathan  Hunter, Susan  Schlosser, Isaac
Crawford, Sean  Jackson, Jon  Sens, Mary Ann
Crenshaw, Michael  Jerath, Sukhravsh  Smith, Wesley
DeMers, Judy  Kelley, Robert  Stolt, Wilbur
Dewar, Graeme  Kenville, Kimberly  Sun, Jeffrey
Doze, Van  Khavanin, Mohammad  Ulrich, Gary
Elbert, Dennis  Lawrence, David  Wanner, Kyle
Elsinga, Lillian  Lei, Saobo  Wirth, Nicole
Erickson, Daniel  Liepold, Loren

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Katherine  Smart, Kathy
Baker, Mary  Smith, Bruce
Berwald, Olaf  Tepper, Nadine
Carlson, Christine  Traylor-Schaffzin, Kate
Covington, Chandice  Weisenstein, Greg
Dockter, Sally  Wilson, H. David
Drechsel, Carol  Wu, Min
El-Rezini, Hesham
Gourneau, Bonni
Healy, Margaret
Knight, Barbara
LeBel, Paul
Lesch, Bill
McBride, Rosanne
Milavetz, Barry
Potvin, Martha
Rice, Daniel
Riedy, Joshua
Slater, Seinquis
4.

The following announcements were made:

a. Senators were encouraged to attend the production of South Pacific at the Burtness Theatre.
b. Senators were encouraged to read the new student paper, The Student Journal.

5.

The chair asked for corrections or additions to the October 2, 2008 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:10 p.m. There were no questions.

7.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, and seconded by Ms. DeMers, to accept and file the annual report from the Senate Essential Studies Committee. The motion was approved.

8.

Ms. Kenville moved to accept the University Curriculum Committee report. Mr. Poochigian seconded and the motion was approved with a vote of 52 for and 1 abstention.

9.

A request by the Academic Policies and Admissions Committee to change wording for the special examination for credit was presented. Approval was moved by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Mr. Fershee. The motion was approved unanimously.

10.

Mr. Petros presented the Essential Elements document regarding department guidelines for evaluation, promotion and tenure from the UND Promotion and Tenure Committee. Mr. Petros requested discussion and input. He will request a vote of approval at the December Senate meeting. Discussion ensued.

11.

Ms. DeMers presented a nomination for an honorary degree for December, 2008 commencement. She explained that this nomination did not follow the usual process but the nomination of William Marcil was made to the committee and approved by the committee. A motion was made by Ms. DeMers and seconded by Mr. Haskins to approve the nomination. The motion was approved unanimously.

12.

A change to the Essential Studies program was presented by Mr. Kitzes, chair of the Essential Studies Committee. The request was to change eligibility for the capstone course from senior year to second semester of the junior year. A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Mr. Fershee to approve the
change. The motion was approved with a vote of 48 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

13.

Mr. Grandstrand and Mr. Crenshaw presented a PowerPoint presentation describing concerns regarding the Higher One card and financial aid disbursements. They proposed support from Senate to recommend that President Kelley form a committee to evaluate and provide accountability.

14.

It was moved and seconded to extend the meeting by ten minutes to continue discussion. The motion was approved.

15.

There was discussion regarding Higher One and financial aid disbursement. Mr. McClure moved that the Senate recommend to President Kelley, the formation of a committee to evaluate Higher One, as proposed by Student President Grandstrand. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kenville.

16.

There was a motion to extend the meeting by five minutes. The motion was approved.

17.

There was clarification that the motion is to recommend to the President to set up the committee. Further discussion ensued. There was a motion by Mr. Haskins to table the discussion and address the motion at the December meeting to allow time for the administration perspective. The motion was seconded by Ms. Goodwin. The motion was defeated.

18.

There was a motion to extend the meeting an additional ten minutes. The motion was approved.

19.

There were further comments and discussion. The motion to send a letter to the President to recommend formation of a committee to look into Higher One was approved with a vote of 46 for and 3 against.

20.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate