Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
October 2, 2008

1.

The October meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2008 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Jon Jackson presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Ernest
Anderson, Katherine
Baker, Mary
Bass, Gail
Bowman, Frank
Boyd, Robert
Bradley, April
Brevik, Harald
Bridewell, John
Broedel, Hans
Burbach, Nathan
Carlson, Christine
Crawford, Sean
Crenshaw, Michael
DeMers, Judy
Dewar, Graeme
Dockter, Sally
Doze, Van
Drechsel, Carol
Elbert, Dennis
Elsinga, Lillian
Ferraro, Richard
Fershee, Josh
Fincke, Adam
Gottschalk, Martin
Gourneau, Bonni
Grandstrand, Tyrone
Haskins, James
Healy, Margaret
Hoffarth, Janice
Houdek, Sherryl
Hume, Wendelin
Hunter, Susan
Jackson, Jon
Jerath, Sukhvarsh
Kelley, Robert
Kenville, Kimberly
Khavanin, Mohammad
Knight, Barbara
LeBel, Paul
Lei, Saobo
Lesch, Bill
Liepold, Loren
Light, Steven

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Suzanne
Benoit, Joseph
Berwald, Olaf
Covington, Chandise
El-Rewini, Hesham
Erickson, Daniel
Gallager, Robert
Goodwin, Janice
Hoffmann, Mark
Mclennan, Kathleen
Miller, Charles
O’Keefe, Tim
Onchwari, Grace
Perkins, Dexter
Sens, Mary Ann
Smith, Wesley
Lim, Yeo
McBride, Rosanne
Munski, Doug
Petros, Thomas
Poochigian, Donald
Potvin, Martha
Rakow, Lana
Rice, Daniel
Riedy, Joshua
Schlosser, Isaac
Slater, Seinquis
Smart, Kathy
Smith, Bruce
Stolt, Wilbur
Sun, Jeffrey
Taylor-Schaffzin, Kate
Ullrich, Gary
Wanner, Kyle
Weisenstein, Greg
Wirth, Nicole
Wu, Min
4.

The following announcements were made:

a. Mr. Jackson announced that the State of the University address by President Kelley and the joint University Council meeting has been scheduled for October 15, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

b. Ms. Potvin reported that the College of Arts and Sciences is currently seeking the State Board of Higher Education’s approval to disband the School of Communication.

c. Brian Faison, Athletic Director, gave a Division I update and reported that UND has accepted an invitation to join a conference. The Alerus Center and Ralph Engelstad Arena contracts are being finalized and some staff reorganization has taken place in the Athletics division with added staff for NCAA duties and in the marketing area.

5.

Mr. Boyd moved to allow for a brief period of discussion and questions. Ms. Elsinga seconded and the motion was approved with a vote of 58 for and 1 abstention.

Mr. Faison was asked how many students receive scholarships and he replied that 140 scholarships are given out.

6.

Mr. Poochigian moved to add the Curriculum Committee report to the business calendar. Mr. Haskins seconded and the motion was approved with a vote of 58 for and 1 abstention.

7.

Mr. Munski, as chair of the Parking Task Force, gave a parking update. He reported that Student Government and the Staff Senate will get similar updates. The Task Force has recommended that faculty and staff parking permit fees be raised to $225 and student parking fees be raised to $155. The Task Force is recommending a five-year hold on these rates.

8.

The chair asked for corrections or additions to the September 4, 2008 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

9.

The question period was opened at 4:33 p.m.

Mr. Boyd commented that the Student Wellness Center parking lot was funded by the students, with the University maintaining the lot. Parking in the lot is also allowed for events, so it is very collaborative.
Mr. Jerath asked if the number of parking spaces is based on open parking or reserved and Dr. Munski replied that, since the preferred parking plan did not go forward, it is based on open parking.

Mr. Petros asked, given the large price increase, why the rate was being held for five years. Mr. Poochigian inquired how, if prices for maintenance, etc. go up, would the University handle the price increases if a five-year hold is implemented. Mr. Uhlir agreed that that would be a concern. Mr. Munski reported that the Parking Task Force’s next meeting is 8:00-9:30 a.m. on October 10, in the Prairie Room, Memorial Union. He encouraged the senator’s to forward comments or additional questions to him.

The question period was closed at 4:42 p.m.

10.

A motion was made by Mr. Haskins, and seconded by Mr. Poochigian, to accept and file the annual reports from the: Faculty Instructional Development Committee; University Assessment Committee; Curriculum Committee; Standing Committee on Faculty Rights; Committee on Committees; and Continuing Education Committee. The motion was approved.

11.

Mr. Poochigian moved to accept the University Curriculum Committee report. Mr. Haskins seconded and the motion was approved with a vote of 57 for and 1 abstention.

12.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Lori Hofland, for Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate