

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
September 4, 2008

1.

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

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Ernest	Gallager, Robert	Liepold, Loren
Anderson, Suzanne	Goodwin, Janice	Light, Steven
Baker, Mary	Gourneau, Bonni	McBride, Rosanne
Bass, Gail	Grandstrand, Tyrone	McLennan, Kathleen
Benoit, Joseph	Haskins, James	Miller, Charles
Berwald, Olaf	Healy, Margaret	Munski, Doug
Bowman, Frank	Hoffarth, Janice	O'Keefe, Tim
Boyd, Robert	Hoffmann, Mark	Perkins, Dexter
Bradley, April	Houdek, Sherryl	Petros, Thomas
Bridewell, John	Hume, Wendelin	Poochigian, Donald
Broedel, Hans	Hunter, Susan	Potvin, Martha
Crenshaw, Michael	Jackson, Jon	Rakow, Lana
DeMers, Judy	Jerath, Sukhvarsh	Rice, Daniel
Dewar, Graeme	Johnson, Gary	Schlosser, Isaac
Dockter, Sally	Kelley, Robert	Smart, Kathy
Doze, Van	Kenville, Kimberly	Smith, Bruce
Drechsel, Carol	Khavanin, Mohammad	Smith, Wesley
Elbert, Dennis	Knight, Barbara	Stolt, Wilbur
Elsinga, Lillian	Lawrence, David	Sun, Jeffrey
Erickson, Daniel	LeBel, Paul	Ullrich, Gary
Ferraro, Richard	Lei, Saobo	Weisenstein, Greg
Fershee, Josh	Lesch, Bill	Wu, Min3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Katherine
Covington, Chandice
El-Rewini, Hesham
Gottschalk, Martin
Lim, Yeo
Onchwari, Grace
Riedy, Joshua
Sens, Mary Ann
Tepper, Nadine
Traylor-Schaffzin, Kate
Wilson, H. David

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Mr. Jackson called for a moment of silence in memory of Victoria Holden Smith, who passed away over the summer.
- b. Mr. Jackson welcomed President Kelley, and invited him to address the Senate. President Kelley thanked the senators for the warm welcome to the campus. He expressed his great optimism about UND while acknowledging the work that needs to be done at UND and with the legislature. Much of his time will be spent building the endowment for which he indicated he will need the assistance of the senators.
- c. Mr. Sun announced that on November 6 at 3:15 p.m. Sharon Parks will speak on the complex issues young people face. Her visit is part of the 125th Anniversary celebration.
- d. Mr. Stolt announced that President John F. Kennedy visited UND in 1963. September 25 is the 45th anniversary of that visit, and an international conference is planned to commemorate the visit. There is a website for the event listing many distinguished speakers and panel participants.
- e. Mr. Munki gave an update on the Parking Task Force. He shared the original charge and the expanded charge. The representatives on the Task Force are campus wide and represent all constituencies. The fall standing meeting time is Friday from 8-10 a.m. in the Prairie Room at the Memorial Union. The Task Force is looking at determining actual cost of parking and how to fund it successfully. During the semester, the Task Force will meet with many constituencies to listen to wants and needs, as well as share opportunities. Mr. Perkins stated that there is a considerable deficit for parking and that the recommendation for the future will probably be a significant increase in parking fees.
- f. Mr. Jackson is the representative to the State Board of Higher Education for all faculty across the system. He reported that UND student, Haylee Cripe, is a voting member for the State Board and is doing an exceptional job. He further indicated that the SBHE has heard the need for salary increases and worked to address the issues; however, there are capital needs that have been deferred. By and large, he said, the SBHE members seem to understand the needs of higher education.
- g. Mr. Petros talked about the Promotion and Tenure Committee report. He called attention to the packet of materials that he sent electronically to the senators and reviewed the documents. The packet included the Promotion and Tenure Committee membership, the charge for the Committee, a document with guidelines for departments, and the full Committee report.
- h. Tom Steen reported on Essential Studies. The approved curriculum is now effective for freshmen in 2008. Transfer students will be under Essential Studies starting in 2009. In August 2008, an Essential Studies Office was established and Tom Steen was appointed the half-time director. The Office will focus on administrative issues and the Senate Essential Studies Committee will focus on policy and approval of courses. Mr. Steen also announced that the Association of General and Liberal Studies gives awards annually for improvement in general studies. UND won one of two national awards. He also reminded the senators that on September 5 there will be an Essential Studies Summit with events for advisors, faculty and departments.
- i. Due to the absence of a spokesperson, the announcement on the Digital Millennium Copyright Act Policy was deferred to a later meeting.

- j. The senators were reminded by Mr. Jackson of President Kelley's inauguration on September 12. If faculty and staff wish to participate, they must notify the Office of Special Programs by noon, September 5. All were encouraged to participate.
- k. Mr. Jackson asked new senators or those that were returning after a time out to stand so they could be recognized and welcomed.

5.

The chair asked for corrections or additions to the May 1, 2008 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:51 p.m.

Ms. Potvin asked to whom comments on the Promotion and Tenure Report should be addressed. Mr. Petros indicated they should be sent to him as chair of the Committee. Mr. Weisenstein commented on the background for establishing the Committee and thanked the Committee members for their good work on a difficult task.

The question period was closed at 4:53 p.m.

7.

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

8.

The election for vice chair/chair elect of Senate was opened. Mark Hoffman and Wendelin Hume were presented as nominees. There was a call for nominations from the floor and Dexter Perkins was nominated. The Senate voted and Wendelin Hume was elected.

9.

During the elections, Mr. Jackson oriented the senators on their duties. The Senate exercises business under authority of the University Council to act on behalf of the University. Committees perform work of the Senate. He stressed the value of student participation in Senate business and committees. The standing rules were reviewed. Highlights of Sturgis parliamentary order were reviewed.

10.

The election of a faculty representative for a two-year term on the Senate Executive Committee was opened. Van Doze and Kathy Smart were presented as nominees. There was a call for nominations from the floor and Donald Poochigian was nominated. The Senate voted and Kathy Smart was elected.

11.

The election of two members for Committee on Committees was opened. Janice Goodwin, Sherryl Houdek and David Lawrence were presented as nominees. There

was a call for nominations from the floor and none were presented. The Senate voted and Janice Goodwin and Sherryl Houdek were elected.

12.

The election of the student representative for Senate Executive Committee was opened. Tyrone Grandstrand was presented as the nominee. There was a motion by Mr. Munski and a second by Ms. Elsinga to accept the ballot by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

13.

Mr. Jackson presented the list of August candidates for degrees. Mr. Poochigian moved approval and Mr. Haskins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

14.

Ms. Goodwin, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Faculty Rights, gave an update on the SBHE Policy 605.4 changes. The Committee worked for two years on the originally approved procedure. Ms. Goodwin presented additional changes regarding the implementation of SBHE 605.4 at UND involving the paper review procedure. There was a motion by Mr. Haskins and a second by Mr. Perkins to approve the changes. Mr. Sun pointed out that there were typographical errors. Mr. Haskins and Mr. Perkins accepted correcting those errors as a friendly amendment. The motion was approved with a vote of 52 for and 2 abstentions.

15.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate