

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
February 4, 2010

1.

The February meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2010 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Wendelin Hume presided.

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The following members of the Senate were present:

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| Anderson, Ernest | Fincke, Adam | Munski, Doug |
| Anderson, Julie | Flower, Ann | Pohlman, Shelley |
| Anderson, Suzanne | Goodwin, Janice | Poochigian, Donald |
| Barkhouse, Wayne | Grandstrand, Tyrone | Potvin, Martha |
| Bass, Gail | Graziano, Rocky | Rakow, Lana |
| Bates, Sandi | Guy, Mark | Rand, Kathryn |
| Berry, Colleen | Heitkamp, Thomasine | Rice, Daniel |
| Blackburn, Royce | Higgins, James | Schwartz, Rhonda |
| Bonner, Melissa | Hume, Wendelin | Smart, Kathy |
| Bowman, Frank | Iiams, Michele | Smith, Bruce |
| Boyd, Robert | Jeno, Sue | Smith, Wesley |
| Brekke, Alice | Kelley, Robert | Stofferahn, Curt |
| Broedel, Hans | Kenville, Kimberly | Stolt, Wilbur |
| Elbert, Dennis | Khavanin, Mohammad | Tyree, Elizabeth |
| El-Rewini, Hesham | Kitzes, Adam | Ullrich, Gary |
| Elsinga, Lillian | Knight, Barbara | Wang, Enru |
| Erickson, Daniel | Lawrence, David | Werner, John |
| Ferraro, Richard | Lee, Ethan | Widmer, Donovan |
| Fershee, Josh | Liepold, Loren | Worley, Deborah |

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

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| Bakke, Matthew | Marasinghe, Kanishka |
| Benoit, Joseph | McBride, Rosanne |
| Bibel, George | Murphy, Eric |
| Borgerson, Matthew | O'Keefe, Tim |
| Bridewell, John | Pelton, Brady |
| Christie, Isham | Perkins, Dexter |
| Crawford, Sean | Petros, Thomas |
| Dewar, Graeme | Riedy, Joshua |
| Drewes, Mary | Seddoh, Samuel |
| Graham, Cody | Tienter, Dan |
| Hartman, Joseph | West, Jordan |
| Haskins, James | Wynne, Joshua |
| Hippen, Karyn | |
| Houdek, Sherryl | |
| Johnson, Phyllis | |
| Kenney, Lynda | |
| LeBel, Paul | |
| Lei, Saobo | |
| Light, Steven | |
| Little, Michael | |

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Ms. Hume welcomed the senators to the first meeting of the semester, reminding them that the January meeting was not necessary and was cancelled.
- b. Ms. Hume indicated that there will be a brief update and opportunity for questions at the next meeting on enrollment and recruitment efforts.
- c. Ms. Hume reported that there is a new staff senator, and although she is not able to join us today, her name is Karyn Hippen.
- d. Sue Jenö, the athletics NCAA faculty representative, shared good news regarding student athlete academic success with the senators. During the fall semester, there were nearly 500 student athletes. The average team GPA was 3.12. The average for men's teams was 2.93 and for women's teams it was 3.28. In addition, of the 55 football student athletes that were selected for the national football all academic team, two were from UND. Of those 55 football student athletes, six are eligible for a post graduate scholarship; both of the football student athletes from UND were included in the six. UND nominated three student athletes for the NCAA post graduate scholarship and one for the Walter Byer scholarship.

Ms. Jenö indicated that the student athletes should have presented their travel schedules to faculty. She indicated that if a student athlete is gone for a test, she can assist to have a faculty member at the away campus proctor that exam. She thanked the faculty for completing progress reports. There was a 70% return rate which was very good. Those reports will be out each semester to promote the success of athletes. Student athletes can have access to wireless internet while on buses and vans to support school work while traveling. There was a question on student athletes being gone and increasing amount of time from class. The question was if there were any guidelines regarding the permissible number of missed class days? Ms. Jenö explained that there is a policy but not a set number of days. The hope is to address this issue when we are in a conference which is less spread across the country. When asked about when a conference change may occur, she indicated that the possibility of changing to a conference closer to home is on hold at this time.

5.

The December Senate minutes were reviewed. Approval was moved by Mr. Stofferahn and seconded by Mr. Munski. The minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:16 p.m.

- a. Mr. Barkhouse posed a question about what fraction of the in-state tuition rate will be returned to the college for summer session. Ms. Brekke said she did not have details but would get that to the Senate.
- b. Mr. Higgins asked about what he had been hearing regarding changing tuition to a per credit tuition model. Ms. Brekke indicated the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) is interested in tuition models.

Different campuses have made changes and there is not currently one NDUS tuition model. Therefore, the SBHE is looking into different tuition models, delivery mode impact, and residency models. Like campuses were asked to work together to discuss possible changes. There was a UND campus group that met to research tuition models, what goals would be achieved if there was a change, and challenges that would occur if the tuition model changed. UND then worked with NDSU. The document that came from that collaboration went back to the SBHE. In fall 2009, the SBHE discussed the submitted information from all like campus groups. The next step will be a campus group to review information being sent back from the SBHE. That UND group will report back to the SBHE next fall.

- c. Mr. Grandstrand asked if there was any discussion of effects on student behavior based on tuition models. Ms. Brekke indicated that, as of yet, the subject has not been discussed but the SBHE will look to the campuses to have that conversation.
- d. Ms. Kenville asked if there will be discussion of disparity of DCE online and on-campus tuition. Ms. Brekke said yes, this study will look at all disparities and impacts.

The question period closed at 4:25 p.m.

7.

The annual report of the Senate Summer Session Committee was presented. It was moved by Mr. Munski to accept the report. Mr. Poochigian seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

8.

The annual report of the Senate Library Committee was presented. Mr. Wang raised a question about library databases that are helpful for researchers. He asked if the Library Committee would consider specific databases. Mr. Stolt responded that in making decisions on what databases are available at the Library, they consult with faculty and take recommendations and then work within their budgets. He stated that the decision on what databases the Library obtains is based on the best value available. He further stated that cost is a consideration along with meeting the needs of students and faculty. Mr. Blackburn moved acceptance of the report. Ms. Smart seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

9.

The Curriculum Committee report was presented. Approval was moved by Ms. Jenö and seconded by Mr. Ullrich to approve the report. The motion was approved with a vote of 53 for and 2 abstentions.

10.

The proposed changes to the Senate Essential Studies Committee membership were presented. Mr. Stofferahn made a motion to approve the changes, it was seconded by Mr. Munski and approved unanimously.

11.

The chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee was not present for the Committee report and recommendations. No action was taken on that item.

12.

Ms. J. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Rakow seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate