

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
November 4, 2010

1.

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

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Julie	Guy, Mark	Oversen, Kylie
Antonova, Slavka	Hauschild, Grant	Potvin, Martha
Baker, Mary	Heitkamp, Thomasine	Rice, Daniel
Benoit, Joseph	Iiams, Michele	Routon, Claudia
Berger, Albert	Jackson, Jon	Schauer, Roger
Blackburn, Royce	Jeno, Sue	Seddoh, Amebu
Bonner Melissa	Johnson, Corbin	Semke, William
Bowman, Frank	Kelley, Robert	Senn, Ryan
Brekke, Alice	Kistner, Brian	Smart, Kathy
Campbell, Kate	Kitzes, Adam	Smith, Bruce
Casler, James	Kubatova, Alena	Smith, Wesley
Doze, Van	Laguetta, Soizik	Stofferahn, Curt
Drewes, Mary	LeBel, Paul	Stolt, Wilbur
Elbert, Dennis	Liepold, Loren	Stone, Jan
El-Rewini, Hesham	Marasinghe, Kanishka	Swartz, Kristi
Fershee, Kendra	Mayzer, Roni	Tyree, Elizabeth
Flower, Ann	Moen, Joseph	Ullrich, Gary
Francis, Clare	Munski, Doug	Urton, Raina
Gerbert, Shane	Murphy, Eric	Worley, Deborah
Gonsalez-Smith, Suzanne	Noiva, Jennifer	Young, William

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Ernest	Mosher, Sarah
Anderson, Suzanne	Onchwari, Grace
Badahdah, Abdallah	Rakow, Lana
Bakke, Matthew	Rand, Kathryn
Bonner, Kelly	Riedy, Joshua
Boyd, Robert	Runge, Robin
Dunlevy, Jane	Sturges, Denyse
Halgren, Cara	Suleiman, Nabil
Hall, Judith	Watson, William
Higgins, James	Wynne, Joshua
Jehlicka, Brenden	
Johnson, Phyllis	
Keengwe, Jared	
Kenney, Lynda	
Kenville, Kimberly	
Larson, Claire	
Lei, Saobo	
McBride, Rosanne	
Minnotte, Krista	

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Ryan Zerr and Brett Goodwin, co-chairs of the Undergraduate Learning Working Group, announced that an event titled "A Campus Conversation with the ULWG" will be held on November 8. At this event the campus will receive an update on the work of the ULWG, and will have an opportunity to provide input to aid in the ULWG's ongoing efforts. A follow-up event will be held on November 16 at 3:30 p.m. in the Badlands Room in the Union. Members from the group will also be available to visit departments if requested.

5.

Ms. Smart asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the October 7, 2010 meeting; hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:10 p.m.

- a. Mr. Munski moved to allow Mr. Petros to speak to the Senate. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Petros expressed his concern about President Kelley appointing Mr. LeBel as Provost without a national search. He asked the President to address his concerns. President Kelley responded by providing the history and explaining the factors that affected his decision. He reported that he had consulted with the University leadership, i.e., department heads, deans, the University, Staff and Student Senate leaderships, the President's cabinet, and the State Board of Higher Education, and received a uniform statement of confidence to move ahead with the appointment. Mr. Petros echoed his confidence in Mr. LeBel and stated he was happy with the explanation. Mr. Murphy suggested that the President should have addressed the Senate as a whole instead of just its leadership, and the President accepted that suggestion.
- b. It was moved and seconded to allow Jeff Weatherly to address the Senate. He asked President Kelley if the existing and upcoming Dean openings would require national searches. The President deferred the question to Mr. LeBel, who then reported that the search committees had been formed and that the interim incumbents will be considered for the positions if they apply for them.
- c. Mr. Gerbert asked why the bus stops across from the Christus Rex have been eliminated. Ms. Brekke replied that there was an immediate safety issue. A survey is being conducted and when the results are complete, the issue will be re-visited. Mr. Gerbert inquired about what the safety issues were and Ms. Brekke referred him to Peggy Lucke.
- d. Mr. Munski congratulated the University on obtaining support for the new Gorecki Alumni Center. He then stated that he had a three-part question regarding land use planning related to the new Center. His first question was, What will be done to obtain lost recreational space for students due to the location of the Alumni Center and who will be involved in that decision? Mr. Murphy replied that the Student Wellness Center was working on green space for outdoor student recreation on the Bronson property. These discussions were

initiated in a meeting with the Student Wellness Advisory Committee last spring and again this fall. The plan is coming together nicely and will offer students a place to play flag football and other outdoor pursuits. Ms. Brekke stated that a master plan has been made that will eventually open up more green space when old housing is eliminated. Mr. Munski's second question was, How will the parking lot adjacent to the new Alumni Center be zoned and will Alumni Association/UND Foundation personnel be paying appropriately? Ms. Brekke replied that the Parking Committee will address those issues. Mr. Munski deferred his third question to another time due to the lack of time remaining in the question period and to accommodate other questions.

- e. Mr. Berger asked what will happen to the historic Oxford House and the Strinden Center when the new Alumni Center project goes forward. President Kelley replied that they will be affected and that the future College of Business expansion project will affect those buildings as well. One option would be to move the Oxford House so it could be preserved. He did not have any information regarding the Strinden Center. Mr. Berger stated that if the Oxford House was moved from its original location it could lose its historical distinction.

The question period closed at 4:35 p.m.

7.

Mr. Stofferahn moved to approve the Continuing Education Committee annual report. The motion was seconded and the report was approved as submitted.

8.

Mr. LeBel presented two policies for inclusion in the Faculty Handbook: 1) Promotion of Special Appointment Faculty; and 2) Evaluation of Online Instruction. Mr. Munski moved and Mr. Murphy seconded to split the vote on each policy. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Munski moved and Mr. Murphy seconded to approve the Promotion of Special Appointment Faculty policy. Discussion ensued. Mr. Murphy moved to postpone discussion on this policy until the January Senate meeting. Mr. Berger seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 44 for and 1 against.

Mr. Munski moved to approve the Evaluation of Online Instruction policy. The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. The motion was approved with a vote of 51 for and 1 against.

9.

Brad Meyers, on behalf of the Conflict of Interest/Scientific Misconduct Committee, presented a proposed change to the Conflict of Interest Policy. He explained that the change had to do with documentation requirements for employees in the 6000 and 7000 bands. Mr. Munski moved to approve the change and Mr. Gerbert seconded. Discussion ensued. A question was asked about why just the 6000 and 7000 bands. Mr. Meyers replied that they were the bands brought to the Committee for review. It doesn't change who is covered, it just eases the documentation required. The motion was approved with a vote of 46 for, 3 against, and 3 abstentions.

10.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Submitted by Lori Hofland
for Suzanne Anderson, Secretary to the Senate