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

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Ernest  Mosher, Sarah
Anderson, Suzanne  Onchewari, 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
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.

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

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