

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
October 7, 2010

1.

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

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Ernest	Higgins, James	Onchwari, Grace
Anderson, Julie	Iiams, Michele	Rakow, Lana
Antonova, Slavka	Jehlicka, Brenden	Rice, Daniel
Benoit, Joseph	Keengwe, Jared	Seddoh, Amebu
Blackburn, Royce	Kenville, Kimberly	Smart, Kathy
Bonner, Kelly	Kistner, Brian	Smith, Wesley
Bonner Melissa	Kitzes, Adam	Stofferahn, Curt
Bowman, Frank	Kubatova, Alena	Stone, Jan
Campbell, Kate	Larson, Claire	Sturges, Denyse
Drewes, Mary	LeBel, Paul	Suleiman, Nabil
Dunlevy, Jane	Liepold, Loren	Swartz, Kristi
Faruque, Saleh	Mayzer, Roni	Tyree, Elizabeth
Fershee, Kendra	McBride, Rosanne	Ullrich, Gary
Flower, Ann	Minnotte, Krista	Urton, Raina
Gerbert, Shane	Moen, Joseph	Watson, William
Gonsalez-Smith, Suzanne	Munski, Doug	Worley, Deborah
Hall, Judith	Murphy, Eric	
Heitkamp, Thomasine	Noiva, Jennifer	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Suzanne	Lei, Saobo
Badahdah, Abdallah	Marasinghe, Kanishka
Baker, Mary	Mosher, Sarah
Bakke, Matthew	Oversen, Kylie
Berger, Albert	Potvin, Martha
Boyd, Robert	Rand, Kathryn
Brekke, Alice	Riedy, Joshua
Casler, James	Routon, Claudia
Doze, Van	Runge, Robin
Elbert, Dennis	Schauer, Roger
El-Rewini, Hesham	Semke, William
Francis, Clare	Senn, Ryan
Guy, Mark	Smith, Bruce
Halgren, Cara	Stolt, Wilbur
Hauschild, Grant	Wynne, Joshua
Jackson, Jon	Young, William
Johnson, Corbin	
Johnson, Phyllis	
Kelley, Robert	
Kenney, Lynda	
Laguetta, Soizik	

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Ms. Smart moved to add an honorary degree recommendation from the Honorary Degrees Committee to the business calendar. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The item was added to the business calendar.
- b. Ryan Zerr announced that an event will be held by the Undergraduate Learning Working Group 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. More detailed information will follow in the *U Letter* and the *On Teaching* newsletter.
- c. Eric Murphy, Intellectual Property Committee chair, gave an update on the Committee's proposed action on the Intellectual Property Policy. The Committee is currently asking Michael Moore for input on the policy and will then consult with the President. The target date to bring it before the Senate is January or February, 2011.

5.

Ms. Smart asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the September 2, 2010 meeting; hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:18 p.m.

- a. Mr. Munski stated that the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education was meeting October 21 in Valley City about the "Nontraditional No More" initiative. He requested that a report on the initiative be made to the Senate at its November 4 meeting. Mr. LeBel added that the focus is on 35-44 year olds and that it is a concerted effort to reach out to that population.
- b. Mr. Munski asked when UND will install a fence to take care of the traffic problems caused by illegal pedestrian crossings on Columbia Road. There was no one in attendance to answer the question.
- c. Ms. Flower, Chair of the Committee on Committees, announced that there are two vacancies on the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, a current one and one that will occur in January due to a retirement. Ms. Flower encouraged senators to contact her if they were interested in serving on the committee.
- d. Mr. Murphy asked about the need for the Dean's signature on the grade change form, but not the chair's, and why the signature structure is the way it is. Mr. LeBel commented that the forms go the Administrative Procedures Committee and having the dean's signature is a way to insulate the department chair from pressure from students. He also stated that an internal arrangement can be made in departments regarding the signature process.
- e. Ms. Fershee asked why chips were so much cheaper than veggies at the Memorial Union Food Court. Mr. Munski stated that fresh produce always comes at a higher price in this area and he suggested that she direct her question to Orlynn Rosaasen, Director of Dining Services.

The question period closed at 4:28 p.m.

7.

Mr. Gerbert moved to approve the consent calendar annual reports in toto. Mr. Liepold seconded and the reports were approved as submitted.

8.

The Curriculum Committee report was presented. Ms. Campbell, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, noted that there was a typo related to the BADM course. The prefix should be ISYS. Mr. Munski moved to approve the report, Ms. Kenville seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9.

Ms. Smart introduced the proposed change to the Standing Rules of the University Senate. She explained that the change was to ensure that the vice-chair remain a member of Senate through the leadership cycle. Discussion ensued. A typo was pointed out in the proposed change. A question was asked as to whether "leadership cycle" is defined elsewhere? Mr. Munski explained that when you are elected vice-chair it is actually a three-year term. The first year is considered a learning experience, the second year is a leadership role, and the third year is to provide counseling and continuity. It was suggested that "leadership cycle" be defined in the proposal. Mr. Murphy raised the question about not being able to serve past the consecutive four-year rule of being on Senate and how this would affect the change. Mr. Munski moved to postpone the discussion until the November meeting. Ms. Rakow seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 45 for and 1 against.

10.

Ms. Kenville, on behalf of the Honorary Degrees Committee, presented the honorary degree recommendation for winter commencement. Mr. Ullrich moved to approve the recommendation and Mr. Stofferahn seconded. Ms. Antonova asked what the honor entails, how many are awarded each year, and what distinction this award brings to the University. Mr. Benoit replied that an average of one to four honorary degrees are awarded each year, with an average of one to six applicants considered. The criteria are set by the University and U.S. policy. It is the doctor of letters category. Mr. LeBel stated that the University doesn't award the degree, the State Board of Higher Education makes the award. He also stated that the applicants have already brought distinction to the University and are being considered because of that. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

11.

Mr. Benoit noted that, due to the death of Dr. Richard Schultz, there is a vacancy on the Honorary Degrees Committee. He requested that the opening be filled. Ms. Smart asked for a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Schultz.

12.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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