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## MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING

March 20, 1975

1.

The March meeting of the University Senate was held at 4: 00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 1975, in room 7, Gamble Hall. Mr. Lewis presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Clifford, Thomas	Iseminger, Gordon	Omdahl, Lloyd
Baldwin, Joel	Kemper, Gene	Oring, Lewis
Beach, David	Koenig, Walter	Oslund, Valborg
Beck, Robert	Kraft, Lee	Paulson, David
Behringer, Marjorie	Kraus, Olen	Potter, Gerald
Bender, Myron	Larson, Omer	Ramsett, David
Brown, Russell	Lewis, Robert	Rogers, John
Caldwell, Mary	Lockney, Thomas	Rushing, Robert
Clark, Alice	Lundberg, Stuart	Russell, LaVonne
Curry, Mabel	Markovich, Stephen	Stakston, Chuck
Harlow, Steven	Murray, Stanley	Strentz, Herbert
Hedahl, Beulah	Nelson, Edward	Thorson, Playford
Heyse, Margaret	O'Kelly, Bernard	Ulven, Milford
Ingstad, Jack		

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Apanian, Ronald	Koenker, William	Sanders, Bob
Batko, Yvonne	Kraft, Larry	Shermoen, Steve
Bzoch, Ronald	Krebsbach, Gregg	Skogley, Gerald
Fletcher, Alan	McElroy, Jacqueline A.	Stokke, Cindy
Ford, Donald	Penn, John	Swanson, Loren
Grina, Mary	Perrone, Vito	Swenson, John
Hamre, Laurie	Phillips, Monte	Tomasek, Henry
Jarman, Lloyd	Power, Paula	Tweton, D. Jerome
Johnson, A. William	Raymond, Arthur	Van Voorhis, Robert
Johnson, Walter	Reid, John	Vennes, John
Kaelke, Michael	Robertson, Donald	Warner, Edward
Knutson, Linda	Rowe, Clair	Wright, Paul

3.

There being no corrections, the minutes of the February 6, 1975, meeting were approved as submitted.

## 4.

In the absence of Mr. Kaelke, Mr. Russell Brown presented the proposed policy statement on student records:

"The University of North Dakota recognizes and upholds the right of students to inspect specified education records which pertain directly to them as individuals.

The privacy of student records will continue to be maintained. No records will be released to other than authorized personnel unless there is a written consent from the student.

Students have the right to challenge the content of their records. Formal appeals may be made to the University Student Records Committee.

A copy of the University procedures governing access and release of student records may be obtained from the Office of Student Development or the Registrar's Office."

Mr. Ingstad seconded the motion and discussion followed. The motion was voted upon and carried.

## 5.

Mr. Ralph Brown presented the report of the Academic Policy Committee. (See attachment # 1.) Mr. O'Kelly moved that the Senate accept the report. Mr. Koenig seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried.

## 6.

Mr. Ulven presented the report of the Academic Standards Committee and moved its acceptance. (See attachment # 2.) Mr. Beach seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried.

## 7.

Mr. Strentz presented the following items which address financial support for higher education as it relates to standards for promotion and salary increases.

1. Should expectations for participation in professional meetings and workshops be lessened because of inadequate support for travel?
2. Should teaching evaluations be weighted to compensate for differences in teaching environments on the campus, i.e., the fact that some buildings have classrooms which are an asset to instruction while other classrooms are detrimental?
3. Given inadequate support for sabbatical leaves, should a faculty member who has applied for and received a sabbatical be given more credit toward promotion and salary increments than another faculty member who has a good record but has been denied sabbatical leaves because of inadequate funding?

4. Does inadequate support from appropriated funds put increasing emphasis on grant-getting, obtaining funds from outside sources, at the expense of teaching effectiveness and scholarly research?

Mr. Strentz moved that item # 2 be referred to the Council on Teaching and that items # 1, 3 and 4 be referred to the Council of Deans. Mr. Koenig seconded the motion. Mr. Markovich suggested that these items also be referred to department chairpersons for informational purposes. There being no objection, the Secretary was instructed to circulate the statement to the department chairpersons. The motion was voted upon and carried.

8.

President Clifford reported on the progress of bills of concern to the University which are currently before the North Dakota legislature.

9.

Mr. Koenig moved adjournment. Mr. Paulson seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried and the meeting adjourned at 4: 45 p.m.

Milford Ulven  
Secretary

## REPORT OF ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE

This is in response to the University Senate request for a report of the activities of the Academic Policy Committee for the preceding twelve months.

In the 1973-74 Academic Year, with Professor John Whitcomb as Chairman, and during the 1974-75 Academic Year, with Professor Ralph Brown as Chairman, the Academic Policy Committee on several occasions had inserted in the Dakota Student and the University Letter notices of meetings at which important academic matters were to be considered. This provided the opportunity for interested students and faculty members to share their views with members of the committee. In addition, the committee requested and received written comments. Proposals considered by the Academic Policy Committee during the period February 1974 to February 1975 are listed below.

In addition to associated problems related to mini-courses, a proposal to change the drop/add date was considered. The committee recommended to the University Senate that the University drop policy apply equally to mini-courses.

After consideration of a proposal that students be allowed to repeat courses in which they had received a grade of C or better, a recommendation to that effect was forwarded to the University Senate.

In response to a proposal that withdrawals (W) no longer be recorded on student records the entire course withdrawal procedure was considered by the committee.

The committee considered a proposal that grades of F not be included in student records.

The committee examined the Theatre Arts Department policy statement concerning limitation of off-campus student activities.

The committee received from the Council on Teaching suggestions concerning the recording of F or W and the course withdrawal procedures. Information related to these topics was requested and received from other universities.

The committee unanimously voted to recommend to the University Senate that the informal practice of not recording W for courses dropped during the add/drop period be formalized as University policy and published in appropriate University publications.

More important and controversial proposals required the greatest amount of time and effort. On several occasions all-university meetings were scheduled in the Lecture Bowl in an attempt to involve the greatest number of students and faculty members.

Proposals now being considered by the committee include the following:

The establishment of a Student Academic Appeals Committee, proposed by Dean John Reid.

Limiting final examinations in an effort to provide relief for students who have more than two final examinations scheduled on the same day, proposed by the Student Senate.

That part of an earlier recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee to the University Senate concerning raising a grade other than F or U, that was returned to the committee by the University Senate.

## REPORT OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Academic Standards Committee consists of six faculty elected by the University Senate and two students selected by student government. The Director of Admissions and Records serves as secretary and convener of meetings.

The primary function of the Committee is to consider and make judgements upon requests for re-admission to the University from students who have been dismissed for academic reasons. The Committee usually meets four times during a semester cycle for this purpose. The pattern is not fixed but will occur as follows: one meeting shortly after mid-semester; one meeting just before exam week; one meeting the Thursday or Friday preceding registration; and one meeting late in the first week of classes. During the last year, the Committee considered 94 applications for re-admission and approved 67 of them. We have not kept statistics regarding the success of those students re-admitted, but we will begin keeping them for future reports.

The Committee has also been assigned the responsibility of considering student requests for forgiveness of grades under certain circumstances as legislated by the University Senate. A count of these requests has not been kept, but is estimated at 20-25 a year. The approval rate is rather high since most Dean's offices are aware of the standards of the Committee.

The latest responsibility assigned the Committee is to annually review University experiences with the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Last March the Committee was presented statistics regarding the first year's experience. The Committee decided to not make any recommendations at that time. The Committee is just beginning its deliberation on last year's experience and will report to the Senate this spring.