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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING

February 5, 1976

1.

The February meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m., on Thursday, February 5, 1976, in room 7, Gamble Hall. Mr. Ramsett presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Clifford, Thomas	Kannowski, Paul	Pynn, Ronald
Aas, David	Karner, Frank	Ramsett, David
Beach, David	Kinghorn, Norton	Raymond, Art
Beck, Robert	Koenker, William E.	Reid, John
Behringer, Marjorie	Kraft, Larry	Ring, Abigail
Bogan, Louis	Kulas, Ludwik	Rogers, John
Bolonchuk, William	Larson, Omer	Scott, Rachel
Caldwell, Mary	Lundberg, Stuart	Seabloom, Robert
Clark, Alice	Lykken, Glenn	Skogley, Gerald
Curry, Mabel	Markovich, Stephen	Stakston, Chuck
Engel, Dean	Mason, Earl S.	Strobel, Jon
Facey, Vera	McElroy, Jacquelyn	Swanson, Loren
Fletcher, Alan G.	Meidinger, Claude	Thorson, Playford
Hedahl, Beulah	Naismith, D. P.	Triplett, Connie
Heyse, Margaret	Norman, Ernest	Ulven, Milford
Hunt, Mary K.	O'Kelly, Bernard	
Iseminger, Gordon	Penn, John	

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Apanian, Ronald	Kraus, Olen	Perrone, Vito
Brown, Russell	Krenz, Mike	Pitts, Paul
Bzoch, Ronald	Lavelle, Pat	Robertson, Donald
Davis, Richard	Lockney, Thomas	Rowe, Clair
Dobesh, Larry	Loendorf, Lawrence	Rushing, Robert
Dunnigan, Holly	Lovell, Faith	Stites, Greg
Henry, Gordon	Nelson, Edward	Tomasek, Henry
Kemper, Gene	Oldknow, Antony	Tweton, D. Jerome
King, Robert	Oslund, Valborg	Warner, Edward

3.

There being no objection, the minutes of the meeting of December 4, 1975, were approved as distributed.

4.

Ms. McElroy moved a recommendation from the NDHEA Chapter that the University Senate appoint a faculty committee to study the feasibility and consequences of different types of salary schedules covering UND faculty and that one representative from the salary committee of NDHEA, one representative from the salary committee of the local AAUP Chapter and one representative from the Committee on Equity for Women be among those appointed to the committee. The motion was seconded. Ms. McElroy requested the permission of the Senate to allow Michael Polovitz to respond to any questions regarding this motion. The Chair asked if there was any objection to allowing Mr. Polovitz to answer questions and there being none, this request was allowed. Mr. Bolunchuk moved an amendment to strike the reference to the NDHEA, AAUP and the Committee on Equity for Women. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The motion was voted upon and defeated. The original motion was voted upon and carried.

5.

The Chair called for discussion on the following statement of concern from Mr. Lykken:

According to the current undergraduate catalog of the University of North Dakota: "The last day to drop a course without a grade for all students shall be on the Friday three weeks preceding Reading and Review Day each semester." This is not conducive to quality education but tends more to encourage mediocrity. Six weeks should be sufficient for the student to determine aptitude for and commitment to a course. The present situation can, and often does, contribute to grade inflation and course degradation.

Mr. Strobel moved to refer the statement to the Academic Policies Committee for their report to the Senate. The motion to refer was seconded and discussion followed. Mr. Raymond moved to amend the motion by adding, "with the instruction to report to the Senate by the May meeting." The motion to amend was seconded and discussion followed. The amendment was voted upon and carried. The original motion, as amended, was voted upon and carried.

6.

The Senate went into executive session to consider a report from the Honorary Degrees Committee. Ms. Caldwell presented the report of the Honorary Degrees Committee and moved that the Senate recommend to the President and the State Board of Higher Education that the appropriate honorary degree be awarded to . . . at a time to be designated by the President. (Name to be announced later.) The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried.

7.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Milford Ulven
Secretary