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Minutes of the University Senate Meeting

April 4, 1991

1.

The April meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:10 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 1991, in room 7, Gamble Hall. Robert Kweit presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Clifford, Thomas J.	Hanhan, Sara	McElroy-Edwards, Jackie
Akers, Thomas	Harris, Mary	McKenzie, James
Baltisberger, Richard J.	Henricksen, Mogens	Naismith, Donald
Bender, Myron	Hill, Richard	Nielsen, Monty E.
Bostrom, A. Joy	Hoffarth, Al	O'Donnell, Sheryl
Bostrom, Donald E.	Hunter, Susan	O'Kelly, Bernard
Boyd, Robert	Irwin, Nathan	O'Kelly, Marcia
Davis, W. Jeremy	Jacobsen, Bruce	Owens, Thomas
Dawes, Kenneth	Jaeger, Audrey	Poolman, James
Deal, John	Johnson, A. William	Pynn, Ronald E.
Dearden, Bruce	Karner, Frank	Sanborn, Patricia
Eberhardt, Bruce	Knull, Harvey R.	Schubert, George W.
Elsinga, Lillian	Kweit, Robert	Shubert, Elliot
Erjavec, John	Langemo, Diane	Uherka, David J.
Frein, George H.	Lee, Randy H.	Vickrey, Barry
Gabrynowicz, Joanne	Lindholm, Lynn M.	Wyckoff, John W.
Gard, Betty	Markovich, Stephen	

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Beiswenger, Lyle	Hanna, Todd	Merrill, Lois J.
Bolonchuk, William W.	Hartman, Staci	Nagel, Kate
Caum, Brenda	Henry, Gordon	Odegard, John
Clark, Alice T.	Hess, Carla Wulff	Parker, Melissa
Collay, Michelle	James, Edwin C.	Ramsey, Lynn
D'Andraia, Frank	King, Lawrence	Slotnik, Henry
DeMers, Judy	Kuznia, Dave	Tomasek, Henry J.
Effertz, Marie	Kweit, Mary	Tweton, D. Jerome
Fugleberg, Sara	Lawrence, W. Fred	Williams, John A.
Gershman, Kathleen	Lindseth, Paul	Winrich, Lonny
Hamerlik, Gerald	Maakestad, Mark	Zellers, Kurt

3.

The Chair made the following announcements: 1) Mr. Wyckoff, the representative on the Council of College Faculties, has submitted the constitution for the system-wide Senate for Council approval. This will be presented at the May Senate meeting or referred to the University Council. 2) The Senate Executive Committee referred the academic calendar to the Administrative Procedures Committee to address concerns regarding Monday classes being cancelled because of holidays. The recommendation was that they look at the day classes begin and the Monday after Easter. 3) The Chair said that there have been no volunteers from the Senate to serve on the task force concerned with faculty/student dating, but that he had received a statement from the Women's Equity Committee on the matter. He asked again for senators interested in serving to contact him.

4.

The Chair asked if there were corrections to the minutes of the March meeting. There being none, he declared the minutes approved as distributed.

5.

A question period was held. Elliot Shubert asked about full funding for faculty positions at the 9,600 student level for the next biennium and if a decision has been made regarding the allocation. Mr. Clifford responded that no decision had been made yet and that the allocation will follow the usual channels of Deans Council, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Budget Committee. Ms. Gabrynowicz mentioned the recently disturbing trend such as anonymous flyers and threats of violence and asked if there should be a formal inquiry. Mr. Clifford responded that protection has been placed on those who were threatened. Ms. Elsinga said that last fall, the Student Affairs Multi-Cultural Committee invited the campus to a teleconference on these issues so the campus would be pro-active.

6.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or discussion on the annual report of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. Mr. Schubert moved that the report be received and filed and Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. There being no objection, the report was filed.

7.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or discussion on the annual report of the Continuing Education Committee. Mr. Boyd moved that the report be received and filed and Mr. Henricksen seconded the motion. There being no objection, the report was filed.

8.

Mr. Vickrey, Chair of the Committee on Committees, presented the report on

the slate of candidates for election to Senate Committees. The ballot, for the committee to use as advisory in making its final recommendation, was distributed. The committee will present a final ballot for approval by the Senate at the May meeting. Mr. Vickrey asked that the name of Dan Plato (FA) be added to the nominees for the Curriculum Committee and Clifford Staples (A&S) to the General Education Requirements Committee. The Chair asked for nominees from the floor. Ms. Bostrom nominated Audrey Glick (A&S) to serve on the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee and Mr. Schubert nominated John Hammen (A&S) to serve on the Student Academic Standards Committee. Mr. Eberhardt moved the nominations cease. Mr. Uherka seconded the motion and the Senate proceeded to mark the ballots. (See attachment #1.)

9.

Upon recommendation of Charles Robertson, Chair of the Academic Policy Committee, Mr. George Schubert moved that the agenda items on the Undergraduate Probation-Dismissal Policy and Student Load be referred back to committee. Ms. Langemo seconded the motion which was voted upon and carried by a unanimous vote.

10.

Mr. Elliot Shubert moved the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the University Senate supports the principle of rewards for high levels of faculty achievement. It asks that the Alumni Association solicit funds to establish an endowment from which monetary rewards can be made. Further, the Senate asks the administration to develop a proposal to be submitted through channels which would ask the North Dakota Legislature during the next biennial session to establish an endowment which can be used to generate merit stipends. It should be clear that the state is responsible to provide base salaries to all faculty which are commensurate with their responsibilities and that the merit stipends would be awarded over and above the base salary.

When the funds are sufficient to begin the merit program, the University Senate will establish a committee made up of faculty, administration, and students to establish criteria for allocating merit stipends.

Mr. Bostrom seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was voted upon and carried with 46 for and 2 abstaining.

11.

Mr. Pynn moved the following resolution:

Because of the separation from home and families, it is imperative that we be especially diligent about ensuring that our international students, faculty, and staff are guaranteed all of the rights of a higher education community. It is important for each of us to reach out to the people in the international community to a greater extent than we ever have before. We hope as a result of this caring, the university will be a better place in which we all can learn and grow.

Mr. O'Kelly seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Ms. Gabrynowicz moved to amend the motion by changing the first sentence to read: Because of the separation from home and families, as well as international crises and political/economic concerns, it is imperative that we be especially diligent about ensuring that our international students, faculty, and staff are guaranteed all of the rights of a higher education community. Mr. Pynn accepted this change as a friendly amendment. The motion was voted upon and carried unanimously.

12.

Mr. Wyckoff moved a recommendation from the Senate Executive Committee to change the membership on the Academic Policy Committee to five faculty and two students and to change the length of term from two to three years. Mr. Pynn seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. Vickrey moved to amend the motion so that three students will remain on the committee. Mr. Poolman seconded the motion. The amendment was voted upon and carried by a vote of 45 for, 2 against and 1 abstaining. The motion, as amended, was voted upon and carried by a vote of 46 for and 1 against.

13.

Mr. Wyckoff moved a recommendation from the Senate Executive Committee to change the jurisdictional dean from the dean of the student's college to the dean of the college in which the course is offered in items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 15 of the Academic Requirements listed under the jurisdiction of Colleges approved by the University Senate on January 20, 1983. Mr. Pynn seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. O'Kelly moved to refer to the Council of Deans for review. The motion was seconded. The motion to refer was voted upon and carried by a vote of 41 for and 1 against.

14.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Monty Nielsen
Secretary