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Minutes of the University Senate Meeting

April 5, 2007

1.

The April meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2007 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Tom Petros, chair-elect, presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Cindy	Haskins, James	Owens, Sarah
Anderson, Suzanne	Heitkamp, Thomasine	Perry, David
Baker, Mary	Hume, Wendelin	Petros, Thomas
Benoit, Joseph	Iiams, Michele	Potvin, Martha
Berne, Jane	Iverson, Joneen	Rakow, Lana
Boyd, Robert	Jackson, Jon	Rex, Janet
Bradley, April	Jeno, Sue	Rice, Daniel
Dewar, Graeme	Jerath, Sukhvarsh	Rieke, Judy
Elbert, Dennis	Kelsch, Steven	Rosenberger, Thad
Elsinga, Lillian	Lane, Jason	Stofferahn, Curtis
Erickson, Daniel	Light, Steven	Stolt, Wilbur
Faruque, Saleh	Mahar, Patricia	Watson, John
Ferraro, Richard	Marasinghe, Kanishka	Weisenstein, Greg
Fisher, Jay	Mayzer, Roni	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Bass, Gail	Kitzes, Adam	Perkins, Dexter
Behrmann, William	Koeser, Brandon	Picklo, Matthew
Buhr, Jordan	Kupchella, Charles	Poochigian, Donald
Campbell, Katherine	LaVenture, Andrew	Rendahl, Stephen
Covington, Chandice	Lawrence, David	Robertson, Charles
Cripe, Haylee	LeBel, Paul	Schnellert, Gary
Drewes, Mary	Little, Michael	Seddoh, Samuel
Flom-Meland, Cynthia	Lothspeich, Jason	Smart, Kathy
Folkestad, Sara	Mamaghani, Iraj	Smith, Bruce
Gallager, Robert	Martindale, Nathan	Streibel, Kent
Gosnold, Will	Moen, Jan	Venhuizen, Brett
Hilliard, Nathaniel	Munski, Douglas	Williams, Jim
Jackson, Margaret	Murphy, Eric	Wilson, H. David
Jacobson, Rachelle	Myers, Bradley	Wittgraf, Michael
Johnson, Gary	Nowacki, Michael	Yurkovich, Eleanor
Johnson, Stefan	Olsen, Glenn	

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Mr. Petros announced that the Smoke Free UND campus will go into effect October 5, 2007. Will Gosnold is the Senate representative to establish the policy. Questions can be directed to co-chairs Jane Croeker, Laurie Betting, and Nate Martindale.

- b. Mr. Stofferahn reported that he was just notified that Senator Svedjan has proposed cutting \$16M from UND's budget and proportional amounts from other institutions. He encouraged the senators to contact Mr. Svedjan to voice opposition to the cut for UND. Mr. Stofferahn will let Senators know when he has more information. He also reported that the letter which was sent to the legislature regarding the salary and health benefits contained 99 total signatures. UND was the only institution that was able to organize in this way and have its voice heard.
- c. Jay Fisher, UND's new Student Body President, announced the Big Event on April 14. Applications to participate were due on April 5, but would be accepted until the end of the week. The various groups go into the community for projects and to promote good relations.
- d. Tom Steen and Anne Kelsch presented the report from the General Education Task Force. Mr. Steen first presented background on the 28-member Task Force. The Task Force has worked two years reviewing how well general education is working and how it might be improved. This study was precipitated by three issues: 1) faculty being unaware or lacking knowledge on what it means to contribute to a student's general education; 2) students indicating that general education is something to get through rather than to grow from; and 3) the North Central Association visit where they approved UND but thought there was a need to better assess student learning in general education.

Anne Kelsch described the process by which the Task Force approached their work: readings and study; review of best practices; bringing experts to campus; research at UND on general education and general education courses; and discussion and debate on a new direction of general education at UND. They encouraged the Senators to read the document before the May meeting and contact Task Force members with questions, or if they wished a department visit. They indicated that they believe the proposed document is balanced and asked for thoughtful consideration.

- e. Matt Cavalli announced that the General Education Requirement Committee decided to modify the General Education portion of the catalog. The approved courses will now be housed on the General Education website rather than being listed in the academic catalog. The catalog will have general information and will reference the url for the general education courses. Mr. Cavalli showed a prototype of what the site will look like.

5.

The question period was opened at 4:35 p.m.

Mr. Petros asked Mr. Weisenstein to give an update on the legislative process. Mr. Weisenstein commented that the Grand Forks Herald reports quite accurately. The Senate passed the 5/5 salary increases but the House passed the 4/4. He described the process where this difference is worked out in conference committee. He also described two hurdles: the Agriculture Research at NDSU being a separate state agency and, therefore, approved for 4/4 salary increase; and the Governor's proposed budget regarding benefits. The Agriculture research issue has been worked out but the Governor's proposed budget on benefits has not. He indicated that the tuition cap should remain. He also commented that Senator Holmberg has worked hard for education.

The question period closed at 4:43 p.m.

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting

May 7, 1987

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m. due to a lack of quorum.

The next meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 1987, in Double Hall. Douglas Musicki presided.

Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Cindy	Avrillon, Joseph	Barry, David
Blanchard, Susan	Jackson, Jim	Beckie, William
Casey, Mary	Lyons, Tom	Bochynski, Donald
Casey, Gail	Joseph, Edwina	Botwin, Ruth
Chenit, Joseph	Johnson, Gerry	Reame, Jane
Dean, Jane	Kelch, Steven	Arndahl, Thomas
Bradley, April	Kilmer, Hugh	Bar Jemel
Buhr, Jordan	Kopchick, Charles	Bliss, William
Campbell, Catherine	Lafayette, Robert	Biele, Judy
Devar, Dwayne	Lambert, John	Robinson, Charles
Elbert, Dennis	LaSalle, Fred	Schubert, Tom
Klingbe, William	Light, Edward	Spink, Samuel
Ericksen, Daniel	Locke, John	Spott, Mary
Farrago, Sarah	Mahar, Philippe	Smith, Bruce
Ferraro, Richard	Margherita, Paul	Spofford, Curtis
Fisher, Jay	Marsaglia, Anthony	Streibel, Kent
Flem-Weiland, Cynthia	Mayer, Tom	VanVliet, Brett
Folkestad, Sara	Paul, Jan	Watson, Uola
Gallagher, Robert	Rowe, Douglas	Weisenstein, Greg
Geonold, Niki	Wagner, Tom	Williams, Jim
Hastine, James	Wyers, Bradley	Wittigal, Michael
Kathman, Thomasine	Yves, Diane	Wiskrock, Richard
Kane, Wendelin	Zerbe, Robert	
Liam, Michele	Zurbriggen, Robert	

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Bourman, William	Jacker, Margaret	Martindale, Richard
Boyd, Robert	Jacobsen, Corbelle	Bowser, Richard
Bravington, Chardice	Johnson, Daniel	Peterson, Thomas
Cripe, Hayline	Kramer, Kathleen	Schellert, Gary
Drewes, Mary	Law, Jayne	Stolt, William
Hilliard, Nathaniel	Littke, Richard	Wilson, W. David

The following announcements were made:

1. President Koppchick made several announcements:
 - a. There will be a reception following the Senate meeting at the President's home.
 - b. There will be a University Comm. I meeting on May 8.
 - c. In response to the Division I move and the increased role of the President in the development, and the new capital campaign, the