Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
November 4, 2004

1.
The November meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2004 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Sue Jeno presided.

2.
The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Christopher
Berne, Jane
Bjerke, Elizabeth
Blackburn, Royce
Chen, Tar-Pin
Dearden, Bruce
Dever, Adam
Doze, Van
Drewes, Mary
Elbert, Dennis
Elsainga, Lilian
Erickson, Daniel
Gallager, Robert
Goodwin, Janice
Grant, Emmanuel
Haskins, Robert
Heitkamp, Thomasine
Helgeson, Diane
Hume, Wendelin
Jeno, Sue
Jones, Arthur
Kenville, Kimberly
Knittel, David
Krogh, Nancy
Kupchella, Charles
LaDuke, John
Lee, Randy
Lovelace, Kent
Melland, Helen
Miller, Charles
Mochoruk, James
Moen, Janet
Munski, Doug
Myrick, Matt
Nelson, Susan
Nowacki, Michael
Nutz, Amber

Picklo, Matthew
Pierce, David
Potvin, Martha
Rakow, Lana
Reese, Ty
Remfert, Matt
Rex, Janet
Robertson, Charles
Ross, Vicki
Schuetzle, Jordan
Schwartz, Rhonda
Shaeffer, James
Skramstad, Allan
Smart, Kathy
Smith, Bruce
Stanlake, Lowell
Stolt, Wilbur
Williams, Jim
Yurkovich, Eleanor

3.
The following members of the Senate were absent:

Alfonso, Peter
Benoit, Joseph
Boyd, Robert
Braden, Chris
Brown, Richard
Cooper, Chris
Crawford, Richard
DeMers, Judy
Elbert, Danielle
El-Dweek, Daniel
Flower, Ann
Foltz, Kenneth
Grijalva, Jim
Hikins, James
Kalbfleisch, Pamela
Lane, Jason
LaPointe, Jennifer
LeBel, Paul
McBride, Rosanne
Muggli, Darrin
Neuerburg, Linda
Nies, Gerry

Patton, Greg
Petros, Tom
Poochigian, Donald
Rankin, Libby
Rice, Daniel
Sambor, Christina
Thureen, Faythe
Watson, John
White, Daniel
Wilson, H. David

4.
The following announcements were made:

A. On behalf of Mr. Grijalva, Ms. Jeno announced that there was no report from the Dean’s Council as he had not been involved in any meetings this month.
B. Ms. Jeno reported that Mr. Grijalva has appointed three members from the Senate Restructuring and Reallocation Committee to the University Planning and Budget Committee when that committee operates in budget mode.

C. Ms. Jeno reported that she attended the first meeting of the University Planning and Budget Committee, which was held on October 28, 2004. The Committee reviewed the current status of the strategic plan. Due to the request from the UND Foundation for University priorities from our strategic plan which they can use during their strategic planning sessions in January, each subcommittee has been charged to identify priority items from their committees by December 31. Faculty and staff development was not specifically identified in the strategic plan; so as not to lose this important item, the Dean’s Council will review faculty development opportunities—past, present and future. The Committee requests that the Staff Senate, via the Staff Senate representatives on University Senate, appoint an ad hoc committee to do the same type of review for staff development. Once the ad hoc committee is established, the Committee requests that the Staff Senate let the University Senate chair know who is on that committee. The SEC will keep in contact with the Committee. Both groups will report ideas back to the University Senate for discussion and the information will then be forwarded to the University Planning and Budget Committee.

D. Mr. Robertson announced that he has been appointed as the faculty representative to the Executive Steering Committee for ConnectND. He requested that senators contact him if they hear rumors or have any questions regarding ConnectND. His phone number is 777-4061 and his email address is: robertso@aero.und.edu.

5.

The Vice Chair asked for corrections or additions to the October 7, 2004 minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The Vice Chair opened the question period at 4:10 p.m.

Ms. Hume asked President Kuchella about the ad hoc committee on harassment report and whether suggestions contained in the report had been sent forward. Mr. Kupchella stated that the suggestions, along with a few revisions, were forwarded to the general counsel, and he believed to the Office of Civil Rights as well. Ms. Hume asked if the committee to monitor the committee had been appointed by the Senate Executive Committee. Ms. Jeno replied that the SEC would consider this and report at the next meeting.

Mr. LaDuke asked for an update on the Provost’s search. Mr. Smith reported that the search committee had met that day and narrowed the search. The Committee will go through the final list, develop phone questions and meet again on Monday. The Committee hopes to identify finalists in November and to bring candidates to campus in December, although the Committee will extend the time line to find the best candidate. He asked senators to encourage excellent candidates to apply.

Mr. Blackburn asked if anyone knew the progress on adding the writing component back into the requirements for the ACT. Mr. Kupchella announced
that the Chancellor’s cabinet considered it yesterday. He reported that a majority of academic vice presidents recommended it be adopted with a list of exceptions. He reported that the cabinet was considering language that would allow each campus to design their own policy and allow the campus to opt out. They discussed using the test as feedback for high schools on how the students are doing, but not as a placement tool. He said an amended policy would likely go forward to the State Board of Higher Education.

The question period closed at 4:20 p.m.

7.

Mr. Lee moved that the annual reports of the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee, Senate Student Policy Committee, Senate Honors Committee, and Senate General Education Requirements Committee be received and filed. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.

Mr. Myrick moved to accept the report from the Senate Curriculum Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.

The Senate considered the agenda item from the Council of College Faculties (CCF) to review proposed policy changes being considered by the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) that were distributed at the last meeting. The first policy was 305.1, which had proposed revisions to part 3.g. The Senate discussed the draft of the changes for this policy. Mr. Murphy moved to ask the CCF to inform the State Board of Higher Education that the Senate was in agreement with the proposed language to revise this policy. The senate discussed the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Senate also considered policy 605.3, which proposed revisions in section 9. Mr. Murphy moved to recommend to CCF that the Senate supports the proposed revisions as written. The motion was approved with a vote of 51 in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention.

10.

Mr. Schuetzle stated that the North Dakota Student Association and the UND Student Government have gone on record as opposing the writing requirement in the ACT exam. The Student Government discussed bringing a motion to the Senate, but decided to defer to the Senate to propose a motion.

11.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Nancy Krogh
Secretary to the Senate