

UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES  
February 12, 2001

The University Senate met at 3:30 p.m. in Room 338 of the Memorial Union with Dr. S. Jacobson presiding and the following members present: Arnell, Burnett, Burton, J. Chapman, Corry, Deissler, Garvey, Grafton, Greeley, V. Hatlen, Helweg, Hoffman-Johnson, Hopkins, D. Jacobson, Kegode, K. Kellogg, A. Kostecki, Leitch, Mahalingam, W. Martin, McCourt, M. McCullagh, D. Miller, Nawrot, Norris, Nuechterlein, R. O'Connor, N. A. Olson, Pandey, C. D. Peterson, Pieri, Rathge, Rider, Riley, Rokke, R. C. Schnell, J. Schwarz, P. Schwarz, Sehgal, Slobin, Soucek, Vaidya, A. White, Wiesenborn, Yuvarajan, and T. D. Tobkin.

Substitutes: Corry for V. Clark, Barnhart for DeHaan, J. Venette for P. Jensen, and D. G. Martin for Macintosh.

**Previous Minutes**

MOTION (Helweg/D. Miller): to approve the minutes of January 22, 2001.  
MOTION PASSED.

**General Announcements**

**1. Legislative Update by President Chapman**

- SB 2003: NDUS appropriations. Appropriates to NDSU \$65,262,4541 general fund. Moves all university salary money to the NDUS Office. Removes tuition from appropriated estimated income. The Senate unanimously voted approval.
- NDSU received final authorization to rebuild the F Court apartments, which were destroyed by fire last October.
- NDSU also received final approval to renovate Robinson Hall to provide capacity for a small animal care, teaching, and research unit.
- President Chapman announced various adjustments in renovation proposals for Sudro Hall, Minard Hall, and the residence halls.
- SB 2291: Mandatory transfer of credit in arts, humanities, natural and applied sciences among NDUS institutions if a student has a minimum grade point average of 2.5. This bill passed the Senate. Efforts are underway to get this adjusted in the House of Representatives.

**2. NDSU Research and Technology Park**

President Chapman announced that the new research building is projected to be completed in August. The Phoenix building is to be completed in May.

**3. Athletic Director Search**

President Chapman announced that a search committee has been formed which includes representation from the campus and the community. Dr. E. John Miller will chair the committee. The process is to be completed in early summer.

## Committee Reports

### **1. Academic Affairs**

Dr. E. Deckard, committee chair, reviewed the recommendations. MOTION (Helweg/Soucek): to approve the curricular recommendations as shown in [Attachment 1](#). MOTION PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

### **2. Teaching and Professional Service**

A motion was introduced on behalf of the Committee on Teaching and Professional Service that changes to NDSU Policy, Section 332, as shown in [Attachment 2](#), be recommended to the Policy and Planning Committee.

Discussion issues included the following:

- Why change formative assessment from once a term to once each year?
- If information is to be sought from peers and students, should the section title, "Student Rating of Courses and Instruction," be changed?

MOTION (Greeley/R. O'Connor): to table the motion. MOTION TO TABLE PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The statement will be sent back to the committee for reconsideration.

### **3. Policy Coordinating Committee**

Dr. K. Slobin, on behalf of the Policy Coordinating Committee, introduced NDSU Policy 340.1: Coursepacks, as shown in [Attachment 3](#), for informational purposes. Carol Miller, Varsity Mart director, presented information and clarified issues related to rules governing the use of copyrighted works. Handout materials were distributed for reference. Also recommended was the Library of Congress Web site for information on the doctrine of "fair use" and its application and limitations in educational settings.

## Unfinished Business

### **1. Web Advisory Board**

Dr. R. C. Schnell, on behalf of the Web Advisory Board, provided an overview of the Web Advisory Board Policies and Guidelines. MOTION (Schnell/Barnhart for DeHaan): to approve the Web Advisory Board Policies and Guidelines as shown in [Attachment 4](#). MOTION PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Discussion included concern about recent regulations regarding provisions for users with disabilities, particularly those with sight and hearing disabilities. Dr. James Ross and Nancy Lilleberg responded to issues raised.

A session on "Web Site Testing and Accessibility" was announced:

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2001

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Thorson Maintenance Center, Training Room

The information session is sponsored by the Web User Group and ITS.

### **2. Bylaw Amendments**

Dr. M. McCourt, committee chair, introduced the second reading of the bylaw revisions. MOTION (K. Kellogg/Garvey): to approve the edited revisions to the University Senate Bylaws as shown in [Attachment 5](#). MOTION PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

## **New Business**

### **1. Support for Dependent Tuition Legislation**

MOTION (T. Barnhart for DeHaan/Soucek): to approve the edited statement in support for dependent tuition legislation as shown in [Attachment 6](#). MOTION PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Reported during discussion was that the wording in [Attachment 6](#) is the same as is in the Minnesota state policy. The Council of College Faculties is working on a similar statement. Also mentioned was that the Staff Senate previously supported the idea in a statement forwarded through administrative channels to the State Board of Higher Education.

### **2. Confirmation of Fall 2000 Graduates**

MOTION (Burnett/McCourt): to approve the Fall 2000 graduates as listed in [Attachment 7](#). MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Alberta M. Dobry, Ph.D.  
Secretary