

University Senate Minutes

Fargo, ND 58105

North Dakota State University

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UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

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The University Senate met at 3:30 p.m. in Room 338 of the Memorial Union with Dr. K. Slobin presiding and the following members present: Anderson, Arnell, Bauer, Bornsen, Burnett, Burton, Chapman, Clark, Garvey, Hansen, Harvey, Howatt, D. Jacobson, Jensen, Kegode, Kellogg, Leitch, Lessard, Logue, Macintosh, Mahalingam, Martin, McCullagh, Nuechterlein, C. Peterson, J. Peterson, Pieri, Rathge, Rider, Riley, Robinson, Rokke, R. C. Schnell, P. Schwarz, J. Schwarz, Sehgal, Stammen, Sylvester, Wells, and Wilhelm.

Substitutes: P. Hansen for T. Barnhart, R. Harrold for P. Jensen, J. Richardson for D. Hopkins, and I. Justitz for J. Norris.

Previous Minutes

MOTION (Burnett/Garvey): to approve the minutes of May 7, 2001, as distributed. MOTION PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

General Announcements

- **Welcome:** Presiding Officer Slobin welcomed the senators to the first meeting of the year, and talked about the importance of the participation of each Senator. She set the tone by reading sections 2 and 3 of the University Senate Constitution and Bylaws. As shown in [Attachment 1](#).
- **Goals:** Presiding Officer Slobin discussed her participation in a month-long Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania this summer. She announced that the Senate is an arena where Senators can aid the effort of conservation and innovation in order to foster the development and fulfillment of our institution.
- **Parliamentarian:** Presiding Officer Slobin announced Thomas Ambrosia from Political Science as the Parliamentarian
- **Student Senators:** J. Peterson announced that 10 other Student Senators have been identified and will also attend and participate in future meetings.
- **Ad hoc Committees:** Presiding Officer Slobin announced the continuation of two ad hoc committees: Bylaws to be Chaired by Mark McCourt and Peer Review of Teaching to be Chaired by Robert Harrold.
- **State of the Faculty Conference:** Senator Burnett announced the State of the Faculty Conference to be held in Grand Forks on September 21 and 22, 2001. The conference will focus on faculty governance and compensation. VP Schnell will provide bus transportation should a number of people want to go. Burnett is the contact person for this event.

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- **Senate Meeting Dates:** Presiding Officer Slobin announced the University Senate meeting dates for the year: September 10, October 8, November 19, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 18, April 8, and May 6.
- **Senate Retreat:** Presiding Officer Slobin announced the Senate Retreat to be held on November 19, 2001 from 3:30 – 6:00 in the Atrium of the Alumni Center.
- **Vice President Schnell:** Vice President Schnell relinquished his announcement time to President Chapman.
- **President Chapman:** President Chapman welcomed the Senators back to campus. He also announced the State of the Union Address to be held on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. followed by a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Gate to the University.
- President Chapman commented that many legislators are impressed that NDSU is doing the things we said we were going to do. For example:
 - **Enrollment:** the goal is for 12,000 students by 2005. We're right on with our progress toward that goal with about 10,500 students this fall. The graduate student enrollment has increased by about 25 percent. V. Burton reported that there are about 150 more students this fall, as well as 20 Presidential Doctoral Fellowships funded. Vice President Wallman reported that our scholarships for undergraduate students have doubled since last year.
 - **Housing:** We are in the process of moving the last 200 students from temporary housing to campus. The replacement for F Court has been approved for this year. A second residence hall has been approved for next year. We are seeking approval for building a 3rd new residence hall the following year. There is also to be some specialized housing for students who bring horses to campus as part of the new Equine Program.
 - **Space:** We are adding three new classrooms that will hold 60 students. They will be available by mid-October. The new residence halls will also have classroom space in them. Minard Hall renovation will begin this fall. Sudro Hall renovation will begin soon as well. Polymers and Coatings will move to the Research Park (Research 1). Once the second building is completed in the Research Park (Research 2), additional units will move there. We are also looking at a downtown location, which will allow us to remove the old Quonset huts. NDSU is funding these projects through philanthropy and grants, as opposed to state appropriated dollars. NDSU is not funding the horse park, although it will be located adjacent to the Equine Program.
 - **Maintenance:** NDSU will be replacing steam lines and communication lines throughout campus.
 - **Funding:** Research and creativity funds have doubled in the past two years (\$60 million). That is, we are generating money we did not have before.

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- **Salaries:** NDSU is currently the lowest funded in the state of North Dakota as compared to our peers across the nation (approximately 67%). Our goal is to get everyone funded at about 85% of our peers. The worst area for funding is in the staff area. We are also very concerned about salary compression issues. Faculty salary increases this year were 5 1/2 percent, not 7% as was published in The Forum.
- **Faculty Workload:** There is currently a good deal of stress on faculty due to increasing enrollment. Vice President Schnell reported that we are currently at a 19 to 1 faculty/student ratio. There are 25 – 30 unfilled faculty positions from departures last year. We added several new faculty positions last year and are trying to add 20 new positions for next year. He also just signed off on hiring 6 new lecturers for this fall. We are also considering raising the caps for Pharmacy, Nursing, and Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences.
- President Chapman opened the floor for questions.
- Senator Wells asked: how will increased latitude (for funding) trickle down to departments?
- President Chapman responded that it is already happening. NDSU is one of the great hopes for North Dakota.

Committee Reports

1. Academic Affairs

Dr. Edward Deckard (Acting Chair for Ken Magel), presented the curricular recommendations. MOTION (Wells/Pieri): to approve the curriculum recommendations as shown in [Attachment 2](#). MOTION PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

2. NDSU Policy Coordinating Committee

Dr. David Rider, Committee Chair, announced several policy changes that were determined by the State Board as shown in [Attachment 3](#).

Discussion highlights:

Regarding Policy 132 (Developmental Leave): Senator Burnett asked why NDSU continues to fund faculty at 75% when the State Board allows for 100% funding.

Vice President Schnell responded that it is related to the equity problem. We need to retain some of the funds to meet the classes while the faculty member is on leave.

Presiding Officer Slobin announced that these policy revisions are available over the Internet as well.

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Unfinished Business

- Presiding Officer Slobin announced the faculty forum, “NDSU as a Research Extensive University” to be held on October 4, 2001, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the Century Theater.

New Business

1. Confirmation of Spring and Summer 2001 Graduates

MOTION (Rathge/Riley): to confirm the list of graduates shown in [Attachment 4](#) for their respective degrees.
MOTION PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

General Discussion

- T. Riley expressed pleasure at hearing President Chapman’s talk about where NDSU will be in a year or two. The promises made are becoming reality and the AHSS College is feeling good about that.
- J. Peterson mentioned the four students who protested about housing and class overcrowding issues on the first day of school. He said he is encouraged to learn that there is a response to student concerns. It is important, however, to communicate clearly to students what is being done. Perhaps an update could be published in [The Spectrum](#).
- M. McCullagh asked Presiding Officer Slobin what is her Senate agenda for the year. Presiding Officer Slobin responded that she wants to increase participation, to be receptive to faculty, to be a forum for discussion, and to remain in tune with the President’s State of the Union vision.
- President Chapman was asked how he plans to address parking issues. He responded that we will soon have a new WE lot, as well as remote parking between the Fargo Dome and the Research Park with a transit service. We could also consider paying for a centrally located structure by increasing the fee for parking permits.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Secretary