

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES

February 11, 2002

The University Senate met at 3:30 p.m. in Room 338 of the Memorial Union at North Dakota State University with Dr. K. Slobin presiding and the following members present: D. Andersen, S. Anderson, T. Barnhart, M. Bauer, S. Bornsen, J. Brennan, A. Burnett, V. Burton, M. Butler, M. Carena, V. Clark Johnson, R. Garvey, J. Hansen, M. Harvey, D. Hopkins, K. Howatt, D. Jacobson, B. Johnson, S. Kapaun, M. Khan, J. Leitch, J. Lessard, C. Logue, G. MacIntosh, G. Mahalingam, W. Martin, M. McCullagh, G. Nuechterlein, C. Peterson, R. Rathge, D. Rider, T. Riley, M. Robinson, R. C. Schnell, J. Schwarz, P. Schwarz, I. Sehgal, R. Stammen, D. Wells, A. White, M. Keller, J. Mathern, A. Richter, R. Weidemann.

Substitutes: M. Carena for E. Elias, D. Wells for O. Helweg, R. Harrold for P. Jensen, D. Katti for K. Kellogg, V. Larson for A. Olson, W. Reitz for R. Pieri, J. Fricke for R. Cunningham.

Previous Minutes

The minutes for January 14 minutes were PASSED (Burnett/Peterson) WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

General Announcements

- Presiding Officer Slobin announced one additional agenda item for today's meeting. Larry Peterson, Chair of the General Education Committee, will bring forth a request from that committee. That report will take place right after the Academic Affairs report.
- President Chapman is out of town.
- Vice President Schnell announced several things.
 - First, NDSU is resubmitting our Bush Grant. We have had a Bush grant every year since the early 1980s. This grant will focus on integrating learning communities, problem-based learning, and leadership.
 - Second, 1/2 tuition waivers for spouses and children of NDSU employees will go into effect Fall 2002.
 - Salary adjustments continue to be negotiated. NDSU will get 2% from the state. An additional 1.5% will come from the indirect cost fund. Another .5% will come from the institution. President Chapman is still trying to get to a 5% average salary adjustment.

- The State Board of Higher Education will be meeting on the NDSU campus February 21 and 22, 2002. Three programs they will be looking at are the Ph.D.s in Criminal Justice, Food Safety, and Natural Resource Management. Special initiative grants are still under consideration.

Committee Reports

1. Academic Affairs:

Dr. Kenneth Magel (Chair of Academic Affairs) brought forward the report from the Academic Affairs committee (see [attachment 1](#) and [attachment 2](#)). He asked that the delegation consider and vote on the items in three parts.

- First, the Senate considered the new courses and course changes in ADFH. A motion was made to approve those recommendations (Brenna/Stammen). The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Second, the Senate considered the other new course and course change recommendations. A motion was made to approve those recommendations (Richter/Brennan). The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Third, the Senate considered the new program proposal: a B.S. degree with major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. A motion was made to approve the new program (J. Scharwz/Richter). Much discussion ensued. Two editorial corrections were noted. On page 1 of [Attachment 2](#), under Year 2: University Physics I and II should read “5 and 4 credits respectively” and on page 2 of [Attachment 2](#), under Biophysics Specialization: Math 255-266 should read “Math 265-266.” Essentially, Professor Steven Meinhardt of Biochemistry explained that the curriculum is similar to the Chemistry B.S. for first two years. At that point, however, students choosing to specialize in BMB diverge to focus on their specialization courses. The MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. General Education

Larry Peterson (Chair of the General Education Committee) brought forward a recommended change to the NDSU Bulletin, page 24, item #10 (see [Attachment 3](#)). The reason for the change is to improve how we work with transfer students, while remaining true to the intent of general education as it was conceived at NDSU. A motion was made to approve the change (Richter/Burnett). Senator Brennan asked whether there was any reason for this type of thing is restricted only to the communication category. Professor Peterson responded that this is a test case and, in fact, the committee did discuss broadening it eventually to include other categories.

Senator Wells asked how this will impact credit counts. Professor Peterson responded that students will still need to earn 36 total credits in general education. The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Athletics

Presiding Officer Slobin suspended the rules for this discussion. Lynn Dorn, Director of Women's Athletics, lead a discussion about why NDSU would want to move to Division 1 (see [Attachment 4](#)). Reasons include the vision of the President to move to the next level. This includes an academic shift as well as parallel shift in athletics. The decision has not been made and her purpose was to solicit feedback from Senators about why they think NDSU should or should not make the move, as well as questions or concerns they have. The Group Decision Center has also been made available this week for anonymous input regarding this possibility. If NDSU does move, the inclination is to go IAA in football and DI in all other sports. The President hopes to have a decision by June 1, 2002.

4. Council of College Faculty

Presiding Officer Slobin reinstated the rules.

- Senator Burnett announced that a conference on Liberal Arts is in the planning stages. It will take place in the Fall 2002. She will bring more information to the group as it develops.
- The status of Policy 601.1—Composition of Presidential Search Committees—was discussed. Senator Burnett explained that the motion to include faculty and students died for lack of a second. Senator Barnhardt claimed that faculty should have some input. Senator Fricke echoed that faculty and students want this changed. Senator Keller offered that we could reinstate the old policy and then fix it. A motion was made to revise the policy statement to say that faculty and students **must be** involved in presidential search committees for their campus (Fricke/Riley). The MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Senator Burnett will bring it to the CCF meeting tomorrow. It will be brought forward again to the SBHE on February 21 and 22. She will let faculty know, via the faculty listserv, exact details of where and when this motion will be discussed as soon as she finds out.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

A motion was made to approve the Fall 2001 graduates (see [Attachment 5](#)) (Brennan/Keller).
The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna D. Sellnow, Ph.D.
Secretary