

University Senate Minutes

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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, K. Arnell, T. Barnhart, M. Bauer, J. Brennan, A. Burnett, V. Burton, J. Chapman, V. Clark Johnson, E. Elias, R. Garvey, M. Harvey, V. Hatlen, J. Hektner, O. Helweg, D. Hopkins, K. Howatt, D. Jacobson, B. Johnson, G. Kegode, M. Khan, J. Leitch, J. Lessard, C. Logue, G. MacIntosh, G. Mahalingam, M. McCullagh, J. Norris, G. Nuechterlein, C. Peterson, R. Pieri, R. Rathge, D. Rider, T. Riley, M. Robinson, P. Rokke, R. C. Schnell, J. Schwarz, , I. Sehgal, R. Stammen, R. Sylvester, D. Wells, A. White, M. Keller.

Substitutes: H. Hatterman-Valenti for M. Carena, D. Martin for J. Hansen, L. Peterson for M. Harvey, R. Harrold for P. Jensen, G. Padmanabhan for K. Kellogg, J. Calvo for W. Martin, J. Olsen for M. Nawrot, and F. Manthey for P. Schwarz.

Previous Minutes

The minutes for April 8, 2002, were PASSED (Helweg/Burnett) WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

General Announcements

- Presiding Officer Slobin thanked several people for their work with Senate this year: D. Sellnow, C. Orvik, T. Ambrosio, and L. Gill.
- President Chapman announced that salary information should be completed by Friday (May 10). He also invited everyone to the open house at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday in Research 1, and he congratulated presiding officer Slobin for her work this year.
- Vice President Boudjouk talked about the Research Park. We are embarking on the nuts and bolts of the projects that have been announced during the past year. We are moving seriously into wireless communications. We'll be one of the very few universities in the U.S. to be doing many of these things. Polymers and Coatings have completed the transition to Research 1. There are already 80 people in Research 1. It can hold 110. The building is proving to be a catalyst for new funding opportunities. It's a very exciting time.

Committee Reports

1. General Education

Larry Peterson (Chair of the General Education Committee) brought forward a recommendation to add POLS 225 (Introduction to Comparative Politics) to the Social and Behavioral Sciences category, continued approval for H&CE 341 and PSYC 210, as well as several FYI's (see [Attachment 1](#)). A motion was made to approve (Burnett/Harrold). There was no discussion. The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Academic Affairs:

Dr. Kenneth Magel (Chair of Academic Affairs) brought forward the report from the Academic Affairs committee (see Attachments 2 through 11 and addendum).

- First, the Senate considered the program name change from Food and Nutrition to Dietetics (from [Attachment 2](#)). A motion was made to approve those recommendations (Stammen/Brennan). The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Second, the Senate considered the rest of new courses, course deletions, and course changes on [Attachment 2](#) and the addendum. A motion was made to approve the recommendations (Helweg/Burnett). The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Third, the Senate considered the proposed GPIDEA courses (see [Attachment 2](#)). A motion was made to approve the courses (J. Schwarz/Burnett). Limited discussion ensued. The MOTION PASSED with one dissenting vote.
- Fourth, the Senate considered the proposed undergraduate minor in Logistics (see [Attachment 3](#)). A motion was made to approve the new program (Leitch/Brennan). Limited discussion ensued. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Fifth, the Senate considered the proposed Gerontology options added to the M.S. program in the Department of Child Development and Family Science (see [Attachment 4](#)). A motion was made to approve the new option (Barnhart/Stammen). Limited discussion ensued. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Sixth, the Senate considered the proposed Software Engineering programs (see [Attachment 5](#)). A motion was made to approve them (Howatt/Harrold). Limited discussion ensued. The MOTION CARRIED with one dissenting vote.
- Seventh, the Senate considered the proposed B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Emergency Management (see [Attachment 6](#)). A motion was made to approve the new program (Rathge/Burnett). Limited discussion ensued. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Eighth, the Senate considered the proposed M.S. in Manufacturing Engineering (see [Attachment 7](#)). A motion was made to approve the program (Helweg/Brennan). The MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Ninth, the Senate considered five Ph.D.'s in Engineering (see [Attachment 7](#)). A motion was made to approve them (Helweg/Olsen). Limited discussion ensued. The MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Tenth, the Senate considered the proposed B.M., M.M., and D.M.A. in Musical Arts (see [Attachment 8](#)). A motion was made to approve them (Howatt/Wells). Limited discussion ensued. The MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- Eleventh, the Senate considered the proposed graduate certificate in the Digital Enterprise (see [Attachment 9](#)). A motion was made to approve the certificate (Brennan/Andersen). Limited discussion ensued. The MOTION CARRIED with one dissenting vote.
- Twelfth, the Senate considered the proposed M.S. in Nutrition and Exercise Science (see [Attachment 10](#)). A motion was made to approve the program (Barnhart/Stammen). Limited discussion ensued. The MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Thirteenth, the Senate considered the proposed option in E-commerce in the B.S. in Business Administration (see [Attachment 11](#)). A motion was made to approve the option (Brennan/Burnett). Limited discussion ensued. The MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Council of College Faculties

- Senator Burnett made a motion (Burnett/Leitch) to confirm Dr. Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (Department of Plant Sciences) as the NDSU CCF Representative for a three-year term. The MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Burnett also announced that the Presidential Search Committee issue was raised again at the State Board meeting, however, no one even made a motion to discuss it.
- Burnett also announced that the convention plans are underway for October 6-8, 2002 in Grand Forks.
- Presiding Officer Slobin congratulated Burnett for being elected Vice President of CCF for the upcoming year.

Unfinished Business

- The Constitution amendments have been placed on the Web (April 10, 2002). There will be an opportunity to vote on these amendments via the Internet May 10 through May 15th.
- The Senate considered the Bylaws revisions (2nd reading) (see [Attachment 12](#)). An editorial change was noted on page 24 (section 2). Add, "Staff are defined as..." A motion was made to approve the Bylaws (Burnett/Calvo). Senator Hektner asked whether a new Senator is to be elected when the Presiding Officer comes from a particular unit (see page 26 of the Bylaws). The Senate agreed that a replacement should be made since the Presiding Officer no longer votes for his or her unit. The MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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New Business

- A motion was made to confirm Senator Barnhart as the new Presiding Officer Elect (Olsen/Burnett) (see [Attachment 13](#)). Limited discussion ensued. The MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- G. Mahalingam presented the Policy for Evaluating Deans, Directors, and Chairs (see [Attachment 14](#)). A motion was made to approve the revised policy (Burnett/Howatt). One editorial change was noted (add "including" on page 39). The MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- The Academic Standards Committee brought forward a recommendation to change the minimum NDSU cumulative GPA from 2.5 to 3.0 for students attempting to take more than 20 credits. A motion was made to approve the change (Brennan/Keller). Limited discussion ensued. The MOTION CARRIED with two dissenting votes.
- Presiding Officer Slobin thanked the Senators for their work this year, noting that faculty governance is important.
- Vice President Schnell echoed his thanks to the group. He also congratulated Senator Burnett for being elected Vice President of CCF and for being appointed the new Director of Women's Studies at NDSU.
- Vice President Schnell also announced that we have funding for 22 new faculty positions.
- Next fall, VP Schnell will be asking Deans to ask Departments to re-evaluate course offerings. The last time NDSU did this was during the quarter to semester conversion process.
- VP Schnell presented Presiding Officer Slobin with a plaque to commemorate her year as leader of the Senate.
- Presiding Officer Slobin turned the gavel over to the new Presiding Officer, David Rider.
- Rider announced that the first meeting next fall will be September 9, 2002.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (Brennan/Rokke). The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna D. Sellnow, Ph.D.
Secretary