

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
May 9, 2006

The meeting began at 7 pm with a welcome from Mark Dehmlow (chairing), introductions from the senators, and an opening prayer from Mark Dehmlow.

The minutes from the March 22, 2006 meeting were approved without amendment.

Elections of Senate Officers.

Mark Dehmlow thanked the members of the nominating committee.

1. Chair: Seth Brown was elected by acclamation and then chaired the rest of the meeting.
2. Vice-Chair: John Stamper was elected by acclamation.
3. Treasurer: Dave Klein was elected by acclamation.
4. Co-Secretaries: Julia Marvin and Mary Prorok were elected by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report from Dave Klein. He explained that the modest Faculty Senate budget (which comes from the Provost's office) covers food, supplies, printing, etc. The Faculty Senate usually stays within 10% one way or the other of budget. \$1424 was this year's budget, this year it will finish 10% over budget, and there will be \$50 more budgeted for next year. The Faculty Senate Faculty Forum was an unusual expense in the 2005-6 school year. A senator suggested that the Faculty Senate might be in a position to schedule more events along those lines in future years.

The Faculty Senate then recessed to committees to set the agenda for the coming year.

Election of Committee Chairs and Committee Reports

1. Academic Affairs. Colin Jessup was elected chair. Issues of ongoing concern: 1) Can and how can Faculty Senate become a more effective body in the university? 2) Confusion over standards and practices for renewal/promotion of SPF faculty. 3) TCE reform.

2. Administrative Affairs. Charles Barber was elected chair. Issue of ongoing concern: Ongoing reorganization of graduate school.

3. Benefits. Nasir Ghiaseddin was elected chair. Issues of ongoing concern: 1) Health insurance changes. 2) Faculty salaries, with raises insufficient to cover inflation, esp. given rise in premiums. 3) The living-wage initiative for ND workers. 4) Environmental issues on campus, e.g., emissions from campus smokestacks, the health of campus lakes (full of copper sulfate in violation of EPA standards), and indoor air quality. 5) Safe walking and biking routes to campus, which should be taken into account in new road-building. 6) The question of possible taxation of tuition benefits and what can be done to lobby against it.

4. Student Affairs. Kelly Jordan was elected chair. Issues of ongoing concern: 1) Student academic freedom outside the classroom, and the ad hoc nature of current procedures. 2) Fairness of current alcohol and other disciplinary policies and their unequal enforcement in different dorms. 3) Lack of availability of student leadership training on campus and ways of addressing it. 4) Student access to DPAC for giving performances. 5) Possible ND conference on eating disorders next winter and ways in which faculty can support it and increased awareness in general of the problem.

Election of delegates to

- 1) Traffic Appeals Committee. Kevin Misiewicz and Philippe Collon were elected.

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- 2) Campus Life Committee. Gail Bederman and Linda Sharp were elected
- 3) ECDC Review Committee. Colin Jessop was elected.
- 4) Student Senate. Philippe Collon and Linda Sharp.

Old Business. The chair reported on attending the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, in which he brought up issues of academic freedom and substandard investment in faculty resources and salary.

New Business. The Faculty Senate will invite library staff to address the Faculty Senate in the fall. A senator suggested resuscitation of the idea of writing memorials to deceased faculty to be read at Faculty Senate meetings and entered into the minutes for publication in ND Reports: the idea was warmly received, and the Executive Committee will look into ways of implementing it. A senator wondered if information about the disposition of the Fiesta Bowl money was or would be available—could the Faculty Senate look into this?

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Marvin
Co-Secretary