North Dakota Council of College Faculties  
IVN meeting  
April 8, 2008

Members Present: Shirley Wilson (BSC), LoAnn Nelson (LRSC), Mike Porter (MSU-B), Tom Barnhart (NDSU), Patti Heisler (MaSU), Lisa Borden-King (MiSU), Ann Smith (NDSCS), Kevin Gyolai (NDSCS), Don Poochigian (UND), Ernst Pijning (MiSU), Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (NDSU), James Crawford (VCSU)

Members Absent: Leslie Bieber (WSC), Jon Jackson (UND), Fernando Quijano (DSU), James Wright (BSC),

Guests: Mike Hillman

Minutes:  
The minutes of March 11, 2008 were accepted.

FALL BREAK--CCF would like direction from individual Faculty Senates on whether or not they want the CCF to support the student government request for a fall break day for students (no classes) or come out against it. The Academic Affairs Council voted to approve it, but it still needs to be approved by the cabinet. The break would mean that the college would be open, but no classes held. The second Monday of October, Canadian Thanksgiving, or the 3rd Monday, Columbus Day, are the two days being considered for this fall break.

AAC REPORT

- **LMS**—NDUS is looking at a state-wide learning management system again. They mentioned Moodle. Here is what I found online about Moodle LMS:
  
  - *Moodle* is a course management system designed to help educators who want to create quality online courses. The software is used all over the world by universities, schools, companies and independent teachers. *Moodle* is open source and completely free to use.

- **NDUS network**—Randall Thursby a Connect ND leader spoke to the AAC and stated that the NDUS needed more bandwidth. They are also working on an agreement with an online music site, Raucus, for the students to download music.

- **Microsoft Enterprise Suite and Client Group License**—LRSC, BSU, and MSU, are testing an agreement with Microsoft that would enable the state to have the same version of Microsoft system-wide and students and faculty could have Microsoft Office installed on their home computer for $15 as long as they are associated with the NDUS. I think they gave it a $300,000 price tag.

- **Outsourcing NDUS E-mail**—NDUS is looking at outsourcing student e-mail. Students would be more able to keep their e-mail address after leaving school and would be more likely to use it.
• **2012 Calendar**—December 21 is last day of class in 2012 and they decided not to change it even if they would like to not have classes after December 20th because of semester grading.

**SBHE REPORT**—Most of this report was on the biennial budget request. The SBHE is supporting seven percent increase in faculty salaries for each of the two years in an attempt to make NDUS faculty salaries range in the 50th percentile with their peer colleges.

**STATEWIDE PROFESSOR**—Some members of the CCF think it would be a good idea to feature, monthly, a professor from each type of institution in order to create awareness with the legislature on the productivity of faculty.

**NOMINATIONS**—Nominations for 2008/2009 CCF officers are the following:
- President—Shirley Wilson (BSC)
- Vice President—Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (NDSU)
- Secretary—Ann Smith (NDSCS)
- SBHE Representative—Jon Jackson (UND)
- Parliamentarian—Mike Porter (MSU-B)

Election of officers will take place at the May 6th meeting.

**BREEZE AND WIMBA**—are two Web-based conference tools being evaluated to eventually replace IVN meetings, I think.