North Dakota Council of College Faculties
IVN meeting
September 9, 2008

Members Present: Shirley Wilson (BSC), LoAnn Nelson (LRSC), Mike Porter (MSU-B), Patti Heisler (MaSU), Ann Smith (NDSCS), Ernst Pijning (MiSU), Paul Markel (MiSU), Gilbert Kuipers (VCSU), Christina Popovich, Lynette Borjeson-Painter, Michael Thrasher NDSU, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (NDSU), Thomas Petros (UND)

Members Absent: Kevin Gyolai (NDSCS), Jon Jackson (UND), Doug Munski (UND), Rosanne McBride, UND

Guests: Mike Hillman was in attendance

Minutes:
Mike Porter made a motion to accept the minutes of May 6, 2008 Patti Heisler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AAC Report: Harlene attended all monthly meetings during the summer. Topics of discussion included new course requests, institutions changing mission statement, distance education and duplication of courses, interim HE committees. Meeting in October and a Roundtable meeting. Email addresses are being discussed. Some campuses have outsourced it to Microsoft Live. Wimba Training happened; Williston is using Moodle as a LMS. Ruckus was discusses as a legitimate music sharing program. Shortcoming of the inter-libraries loan system was discussed.

SBHE Report: No report was given

Introduction of members was held because of the number of new members.

Old Business
Proof of Worthiness: Committee will meet at NDSU at 9 am Thursday Sept18. Those unable to physically attend will be Wimbaed (new verb). Committee members are Patti, Ann, Ernst, and Harlene. Mike Hillman noted that Higher Education Day at State Legislature is during the first week in March and recommended attendance of faculty including CCF members. He stated that this would be a great opportunity to visit with legislatures and hand out information. Patti asked for any info of extra ordinary faculty activity on campuses to be forwarded to her.

Fall Holiday: Chancellors’ office decided not to allow the fall holiday.

New Business
Hardship & loans from TIAA-Cref. Federal law permits early withdrawal in cases of family emergencies & hardships. A certain percentage is allowed by law to be withdrawn. There are other retirement accounts. TIAA-Cref offered to coordinate. The few proposed from TIAA-Cref is $27,000. The issue is to keep it or remove the option to use retirement funds for hardship or emergencies. Discussion followed. Motion by Harlene that the SBHE defer action until the campuses can be informed and consider other options. Motion seconded by Mike Porter. Motion carried.
Arts & Humanities Summit: October 9 & 10 in Bismarck. Shirley invited all CCF Members and all campus faculties to attend. Volunteers are still needed: Room Hosts and ushers position are available. The Summit is being held on a Thursday and Friday this year, which is a change from the previous weekend format in the hope of attracting more participants. The Higher Ed Interim Legislative committee is also meeting in Bismarck at the same time.

Future Meetings: October 14
November 6 in Williston with SBHE – All CCF are encourage to attend
No regular meeting in Nov -the meeting day falls on Veteran’s Day
December 9.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:16am