ND Council of College Faculties
IVN Meeting
February 13, 2007
Minutes

Members present: Tom Barnhart (NDSU), Curt Stofferahn (UND), Don Poochigian (UND), John Pederson (MaSU), Milan Christianson (NDSCS), Ann Smith (NDSCS), James Crawford (VCSU), Gene Bender (MISU-BC), Shirley Wilson (BSC), Neil Mueller (NDSU), Ernst Pijning (MiSU), Lisa Borden-King (MiSU), Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (NDSU), Mike Clemetsrude (LRSC), Lonnie Bertsch (NDSU)

Guest: Mike Hillman, Robert Larson

Members absent: Fernando Quijano (DSU), Leslie Bieber (WSC), Gene Bender (MISU-BC)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair, Tom Barnhart

The agenda was modified to include a topic requested by Leslie from WSC regarding the use of tuition waivers as a recruitment tool (item #8). In addition, Curt Stofferahn’s resolution was moved up to #1 under new business.

Approval of minutes of January 16, 2007 – Minutes were approved pending correction of Tom Barnhart’s name (Motion by Harlene Hatterman-Valenti and seconded by Shirley Wilson).

AAC Report: Harlene Hatterman-Valenti contacted Julie Schepp concerning Ernst’s question about the authority of individual institutions versus that of the AAC. If the discipline groups are unable to make a decision, it goes back to the campuses. If the issue concerns national standards (such as CLEP) then it is dealt with by AAC. At their recent meeting, the AAC continued to discuss procedures for academically dismissed students and added three stipulations to the procedures (if a student is academically dismissed they can still attend a NDUS institution; the admission should be coordinated between the institution accepting and the one kicking out; and finally, the student must serve the suspension regardless). In addition, the AAC discussed developing common definitions of concentrations, options and certificates in order to transcript these options. Finally there was discussion regarding the bills in the legislature. Mike Hillman asked what each of the VPs had heard about the various bills on whether or not they were going to be passed and what they thought about that. A number of institutions said that they couldn’t find the money for the 5 plus 5, given the 96% request instead of the 100%. Mike thinks that even with funding of five and five percent and funding of tuition increases of 5%, campuses would have had some problem. In other words, the 5% tuition increase isn’t enough to cover the costs. Several of them thought that the reaction of the legislature was due to disappointment with the SBHE.
SBHE Report
John Pederson reported that the last SBHE meeting discussed the governor’s budget at length which suggested 19.3% for higher education rather than 21. The governor’s budget also requested 96% of the 5% parity, which is what the university system requested. This may be comparable to the 4% increase in government employees when the increase in health insurance is included.

The CCF board discussed the importance of informing the SBHE members on how the raises are usually calculated on the average with reductions for category changes and status changes. It is felt that a 5% increase should be asked for at a minimum rather than as an average.

Another issue discussed at the SBHE meeting was the criminal background check policy. Several majors and positions were named in areas where it might be necessary to do a national background check. You need approval by law to do the national check rather than the state check. The incident in Valley City indicated a need to the national check in certain areas.

Finally, the two finalists for the chancellor’s position were discussed. The SBHE will vote soon regarding this position.

Tom Barnhart also noted that he has asked the Chancellor to respond to our four resolutions.

Old Business
Professional Liability Insurance: Pat Seaworth would like to know more information on the kinds of programs and the kinds of internships we need to have coverage for. We could get that started up again if we could send a list of internships and programs.
Technology Commercialization Committee (Don Poolchigan): Don Poolchigan has class until 11. By the time he was back, we were out of time for this item.
NDUS Legislative Task Force (Don Poolchigan): Don Poolchigan has class until 11. By the time he was back, we were out of time for this item.
ND Roundtable: Tom Petros decided not to write his letter to the legislature pointing out the areas in which they did not live up to their promise, because Mike Hilman and the SBHE are supportive of the faculty and have reported support from the private sector in that area also.

Heri Report (Shirley Wilson or Robert Larson): A new draft of the brochure was circulated prior to our meeting. Members felt that the brochure was a significant improvement over previous drafts and approved its distribution at the Legislative event coming up soon. Mike Hillman spoke to the need to help legislators understand the complexity of faculty work load.

Salary Issues and Chancellor’s response: Tom received a response from the four item request. They are researching increasing the TIAA CREF increases. They note it will be
hard to find the % increase and also that it is going to be hard to keep our health insurance. The Chancellor’s office is working on the requests.

New Business:
1. Curt’s resolution: Curt has prepared one resolution to send to the House Appropriations committee, the other to send to the entire house membership in case the committee fails to act. Curt made a motion to send the resolution to committee, and then to the whole house if needed. James Crawford seconded the motion. Discussion followed concerning whether or not the resolution should be sent twice or only once given questions about timing. The motion was amended to insert “Whereas the North Dakota University System faculty are the lowest paid in the nation” right in front of “The state has enjoyed economic prosperity.” It was noted that we will also want to share the final document with our faculty at our campuses. When we lobby we want to make sure to use our own personal letterhead, stamps, and email addresses. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Higher Education Day February 22, 2007: Tom will be there with the chart and the HERI report. Shirley said she will be there also.
3. Legislative lobbying: We need to get many people to lobby the legislature. Curt mentioned that when the legislative break comes or at cross over UND is trying to organize a higher education legislative forum and will invite local and area legislators. Tom will check on the possibility of the statewide student organization becoming involved in this.
4. Fees charged at schools when students receive credit for prior learning: Ann Smith stated that the issue is whether or not the faculty who have to do the assessing in a certain area should get compensated for additional assessment. The NDUS indicates that the charge for prior learning can’t be more than half of the tuition for the credit. John Pederson stated that this does affect all campuses. Assessing life/job experience is one issue, and assessing transfer from an unaccredited university (Canadian) is the same issue. John had to write up the test, grade the test, etc. with no additional compensation. James Crawford stated that in the mid 70s he was in charge of setting up the program in Valley City (Council for Experiential Learning). He doesn’t know what they charge for fees though. BSC is in the process of trying to design something like this as well. Not sure what they are trying to charge for this. Valley City is charging 75 per credit hour. Ann asked whether there should be a state policy in regards to what we can charge or whether it should be up to institutions. It was agreed to leave this item on the agenda.
5. Humanities Summit Host and Planning: John Pederson stated that we don’t have a current contact at Dickinson State although it is technically their turn. If not, then maybe Bismarck. If not them maybe back to UND. Lonnie will talk to Shirley about the possibilities at BSC.
6. Elections: We need some people to start thinking about what offices they are willing to serve in.
7. CCF – SBHE Joint meeting: The first Thursday of May the Board meets in Wahpeton. They also meet in Bismarck in March on the Thursday of our spring break. So, the better time is May 3rd in Wahpeton.
8. **CCF Meeting Times:** Current times for the CCF meeting cross two class times. But it is hard to find another time and to schedule IVN. It was agreed to leave meeting times the same for now.

9. **Education in a pandemic:** Bob Larson had to leave prior to the discussion of this item.

10. **Tuition waivers for recruiting tool:** As university employees, we all have the right to take three classes at any NDUS institution. UND and NDSU aren't allowing faculty from the two-year schools to utilize that benefit if they aren't physically on campus. Harlene will ask AAC about this. Tom Barnhart also noted disparity between benefits campus to campus.

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:50.**