ND Council of College Faculties
IVN Meeting
March 6, 2007

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), Jim Wright (BSC), Neil Mueller (NDSU), Ernst Pijning (MiSU), Lisa Borden-King (MiSU), LoAnn Nelson (LRSC), Fernando Quijano (DSU), Leslie Bieber (WSC),

Guest: Robert Larson, Lonnie Bartsch (BSC)

Members absent: Gene Bender (MISU-BC), Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (NDSU)

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 February 13, 2007 – Minutes were approved pending correction of Lonnie Bertsch as representative for BSC and the adjournment time for the meeting. (Motion by James Crawford and seconded by Neil Mueller).

AAC Report: Harlene is out of town, so there will be no AAC report this month.

SBHE Report, John Pederson: On Feb 20th, the SBHE met in Wahpeton to select a new president for Wahpeton and Mayville as well. SBHE met in Bismarck on Friday and appointed Goetz as Chancellor. In addition, the SBHE approved the idea of studying BSC becoming a 4 year institution, provided the study is carried out by the SBHE. Finally, the SBHE went on record as opposing the legislation to strengthen the power of the Chancellor.

Old Business
1. Professional liability insurance: No update from Mike via Bob Larson
2. 2 committees: As these committees do not seem to currently exist, we will take them off the agenda list
3. Chancellor responses to Salary /Benefits Resolution: No additional responses have been received from the Chancellor in relation to this matter at this time.
4. Tuition waivers: Leslie Bieber: WSC uses the tuition waivers as a recruitment tool for faculty. Leslie would like a list of what benefits are available at different institutions. She has been told that one cannot use the tuition waivers at NDSU or UND if the course is a distance course. LoAnn agreed with Leslie that there are definite areas of inconsistency. There are two distinct issues: variation among benefits across institutions (for faculty as well as faculty dependents) AND access to classes (distance ones in particular) across institutions. Policy 820.2 seems to indicate that the benefit is there but the policy does indicate that Continuing
Education courses can be decided on by individual institutions. Leslie will draft a resolution concerning extending the benefit to distance courses, Tom will work on a matrix for faculty and dependent benefits and John will also raise the issue in his report to the SBHE. Robert Larson indicated in interest in seeing this information after it is gathered. Leslie agreed to forward questions to Robert Larson who will talk to his online/continuing education contacts at each institution to get more information.

**Higher Education Legislative Day:** Shirley, Lonnie and Tom attended the recent higher education legislative day. There were some very positive responses. Reasons given for the 4/4 instead of 5/5 were varied. Tom tried to talk about the accountability report. Many people indicated that the report was too much to do. Good job done by all.

**Lobbying:** Tom indicated that some CCF members did meet with the appropriations committee a week ago last Tuesday. Chris Keller did a letter on the compensation report. Curt sent a letter to all the Senators in the Senate democrats say they are holding firm at five and five but may get more people to join them. The Republican senators say that they are moving in that direction. A lengthy discussion regarding lobbying efforts and letter regarding legislative issues from Staff Senate, Student Senate, and UFT. John thanked Curt for his work and remarks.

This item has been resolved at this point and will be no host site yet for October 2008. Shirley will need nominations for April in order to vote in meeting in Wahpeton. Fernando and will encouraged to set this time aside as the SBHE representative. Other names for the other positions. Election of the voting at the May meeting.