MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Barnhart (NDSU), Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (NDSU), John Pederson (MaSU), LoAnn Nelson (LRSC), Shirley Wilson (BSC), Lisa Borden-King (MiSU), Milan Christianson (NDSCS), Jim Crawford (VCSU), Jon Jackson (UND), Ann Smith (NDSCS)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ernst Pijning (MiSU), Jim Wright (BSC), Curt Stofferahn (UND), Neil Mueller (NDSU), Don Poochigian (UND), Fernando Quijano (DSU)

Guest: Mike Hillman, Robert Larson

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

Approval of minutes of April 10, 2007 – Minutes were approved

AAC Report: Harlene Hatterman-Valenti: The evening was spent with the student affairs council. Most of the discussion focused on “Learning Reconsidered,” and what we already do that is like that (a holistic approach to student learning, tying academics and student services more closely together). We also discussed HB2260 to obtain nationwide criminal history for certain employees and students. There was a great deal of discussion about whether or not we should conduct these for all students (due to events at Virginia Tech). All agreed that consistency across the system is needed for this. Common course numbering was also discussed, particularly in relation to discipline groups developing core competencies for courses rather than relying on credits. For courses to be common course numbered you can’t have a discrepancy of more than 1 credit. Some wondered what academic freedom actually means in relation to issues such as the core competencies and the common course numberings.

Stage Two requests: Scientific computing from UND (not following policy in how it came forward so the proposal was tabled)

Collaborative students: whose drop date is used? System consistencies for drop date being considered due to the problems in this area.

SBHE Report, John Pederson:

*There was a sense of tiredness and relief that legislative session was done and generally finished positively. Lee Vickers is leaving as of January 2008. There is also a search for UND President. There will be a conference call in May to announce the search committee. The previous committee had 27 members, but the SBHE is aiming at something more like 15 this time. The UND Foundation will fund the cost of the search not the system. A Vice Chancellor for strategic planning has been hired. UND and NDSU visited with the Australian Council General about cooperative programs and other