Members present:  Ann Burnett (NDSU), James Crawford (VCSU), Chris Keller (MiSU), Lisa Borden-King (MiSU), Leslie Kline (WSC), Doug Munski (UND), LoAnn Nelson (LRSC), John Pederson (MaSU), Tom Petros (UND), Fernando Quijano (DSU) Milan Christianson (NDSCS), Shirley Wilson (BSC), Jim Wright (BSC),

Guest: Mike Hillman

Members absent: Tom Barnhart (NDSU), Jon Jackson (UND), Gene Bender (MISU-BC) or alternate Brad Gangl (MISU-BC), Dennis Miller (NDSCS), Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (NDSU),

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

The agenda was left as established

Approval of minutes of February 14, 2006 Ann Burnett made motion to approve and Lisa Borden-King seconded the motion

Announcements:  Chris Keller announced:

- P-16 Task Force met and the meeting was attended by Chris Keller and Lisa Borden-King
- A number of presentations were held on the adequacy of high school requirements for graduation. One presenter was a high school principal. He discussed some of the following:
  - Legislation requires 21 units for graduation, but the composition of those units varies between schools.
  - Good teachers are hard to come by.
  - Dual credit standards vary greatly and dual credit is often used in rural areas as advanced placement is used in urban areas.
  - Algebra II has the greatest dropout rate in high school
- They had subcommittees meet in the afternoons to align P-12 with higher education. The subcommittees came up with a set of strategies that included:
  - The need for an alignment commission authorized by legislation to set standards for education requirements
  - The need to set a system in place to track students for at least three years and provide feedback to the system
  - The idea of looking at the American Diploma Project, currently participated in by several states, to possibly increase graduation requirements in order to make high school more meaningful for the students
  - The minutes of the P-16 Task Force meetings can be found on the NDUS web site.
• We are coming toward the year’s end and need to think about nominations for CCF offices.

**AAC Report**

Tom Petros reported from the last AAC meeting that some of the following had been discussed:

a. Articulation and transfer agreements between NDUS institutions and the fact that some disciplines will meet and attempt to create common course content areas
b. Early childhood education proposal
c. The need for increased record-keeping of internships reported to the governor
d. Two reported complaints of English second language speaking professors
e. Learning Management System review

**SBHE Report**

John Pederson reported that the SBHE had met in Valley City and he and Jim Crawford had attended. The following issues were discussed:

1. The International Recruitment Program initiative was rescinded and the funds were otherwise committed to ConnectND.
2. A presentation from Oracle representatives—they recommended training workshops to solve some of the PeopleSoft issues
3. BSC’s request to offer a BAS degree was a go-ahead even if the Chancellor recommended that it be denied
4. The next meeting will be held on April 6th in Minot to discuss long term goals, presidential search processes, and ConnectND.
5. A report was available from the HE funding study. Some main issues brought out by the consultants from that study include:
   a. Educators need to come up with ways in which they want to contribute to the educational excellence cornerstone of the Roundtable
   b. Long-term finance plan issues
c. Equity and parity issues
d. State funding should be increased to 21%
e. More realistic goals should be established to be obtained to reach the amounts listed of peer institutions

John Pederson made the following motion that the CCF support the 21% state funding issue:

Whereas MGT of America has presented its Higher Education Funding and Accountability Study to the North Dakota Legislative Council in Fargo on March 14, 2006, and

Whereas the Legislative Council has asked for public comment on the report by March 28, 2006, and
Whereas MGT’s report cited a Pew Charitable Trust funded study that called North Dakota’s higher education system one of the “five most productive state systems of higher education relative to its resources,” and

Whereas all North Dakota University System institutions are under-funded relative to their peers, and

Whereas MGT’s report concluded that the State has not provided its share of resources in the base funding component, the Incentive Funding component, or the Capital Asset Funding component in the long term finance plan,

Therefore, the Council of College Faculties resolves the following:

That as the MGT study recommends, the State of North Dakota should increase and maintain state funding to the North Dakota University System to 21 percent of the state general fund budget.

The motion was seconded by Ann Burnett and carried.

Old Business

Arts and Humanities Summit: Ann Burnett informed us that the invitation for proposals will be going out in the first part of May. People are needed to screen for music proposals. Post cards will be sent out for invitations and the participants will be directed to register online.

System-wide Faculty Grievance Adjudication: The agreement will be made available to present to individual faculty senates with the old policy and the new policy wording, complete with strikeouts and underlining to show changes.

New Business:
Nominations will be held at the next meeting for CCF officers for the upcoming school year. Persons going off the board will still be eligible to be the representative to the State Board.

Joint meeting with SBHE on April 6th

There will be a short joint meeting between CCF members and the SBHE on April 6th in Minot. CCF members are encouraged to attend and will meet prior to the joint meeting to finalize the agenda. Some items that may be brought before the board include:

- The compensation report
- Information from Ann Burnett on the faculty collaboration for the Arts and Humanities Summit
- Information from Chris Keller and Lisa Borden-King on the faculty involvement in the P-16 Task Force
• Ideas for a lower cost implementation of the International Student Initiative—possibly by Doug Munski

Meeting adjourned

Spring meetings:
April 11, 2006
May 9, 2006
Meeting was adjourned
Respectfully submitted,
LoAnn Nelson
CCF Secretary