ND Council of College Faculties
IVN Meeting
May 9, 2006
Minutes

Urgent issues: Send campus representative names to the new president, Tom Barnhart.

Members present: Tom Barnhart (NDSU), Ann Burnett (NDSU), Jon Jackson (UND), Chris Keller (MiSU), Lisa Borden-King (MiSU), Doug Munski (UND), LoAnn Nelson (LRSC), John Pederson (MaSU), Fernando Quijano (DSU) Milan Christianson (NDSCS), Harlene Hatterman-Valenti (NDSU), Shirley Wilson (BSC), Jim Wright (BSC),

Guest: Mike Hillman

Members absent: James Crawford (VCSU), Gene Bender (MISU-BC) or alternate Brad Gangl (MISU-BC), Leslie Kline (WSC), Dennis Miller (NDSCS), Tom Petros (UND),

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 April 11, 2006—Doug Munski made a motion, Ann Burnett seconded and the motion carried
Announcements: none
AAC Report: Tom Petros absent

SBHE Report
There has not been a meeting since the last CCF meeting. There will be a face-to-face SBHE meeting on May 17th. Resolutions passed at the current meeting could be presented at that time. June 15th will be the final meeting in Williston.

Old Business
Arts and Humanities Summit: Ann Burnett informed us that the call for proposals is out. June 15th is the deadline for proposal submissions. Plans are to send post cards at the end of May to all faculty and registrations will be completed online. An author has been chosen as a keynote speaker. They are hoping to get Dana Gioia, president of the National Endowment for the arts, as another speaker. A reception is planned at the Great Plains Art Museum, a walk through downtown, and a stop for deserts. The theme is fusion.

New Business: Election of Officers
President: Tom Barnhart
Vice President and AAC Representative: Harlene Hatterman Valenti
Faculty Advisor to SBHE: John Pederson
Secretary: Lisa Borden-King
Two proposed resolutions were passed and will be presented to the SBHE at their next meeting- one supporting Chancellor Potts and the other concerning the UND
logo and nickname. The passed resolutions follow: There were two abstentions from the vote for the Chancellor motion.

Council of College Faculties
Proposed Resolution concerning continued use of the current UND logo and nickname
May 9, 2006

Whereas, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), which accredits the University of North Dakota (UND), issued a 2004 report critical of UND's ongoing use of the current Indianhead Logo and Fighting Sioux nickname connecting use of these symbols with negative impacts on the University's academic mission, and calling on UND to discontinue use of these symbols, and

Whereas, the NCA's call to discontinue use of these Native American symbols by UND is in accord with requests and resolutions made and passed at various times by eight Sioux nations and several other area tribes, and by a number of Native American Organizations and Education Associations and individuals, and by twenty of UND's Indian-related programs, as well as by many other entities, and

Whereas, in 2006 the University Senate of UND has passed a resolution requesting the UND President promptly seek authority from the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education to develop and implement an orderly plan for discontinuing use of current Indianhead Logo and Fighting Sioux nickname, and

Whereas, in 2005 the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), of which the University of North Dakota is a member, has declared the current UND Indianhead Logo and Fighting Sioux nickname to be “hostile” and “abusive” and that these Native American references by UND creates an environment “inconsistent with the NCAA constitution and inconsistent with the NCAA commitment to diversity, respect and sportsmanship”, and

Whereas, the NCAA Executive Committee has instituted penalties for UND that include not being permitted to host any NCAA championships (something UND has done frequently in the past) and permission to participate in NCAA Championships only if UND uniforms and associated athletic program activities are free of Native American references, and

Whereas, UND has exhausted all appeals of the NCAA Executive Committee decision, and

Whereas, UND President Charles Kupchella has recently indicated the University’s intention to challenge the decision of the NCAA in court;

Therefore, be it resolved that, in the current longstanding period of under-funding of North Dakota institutions of higher education, that the Council of College Faculties vigorously opposes the use of any State of North Dakota monies in pursuing any lawsuit brought by or on the behalf of UND against the actions of the NCAA concerning the ongoing use by UND of its current Indianhead Logo and Fighting Sioux nickname.

Furthermore, the Council of College Faculties urges the State Board of Higher Education to grant authority to UND to alter its symbolic representation.
Council of College Faculties Resolution  
Approved May 9, 2006  

Whereas news media stories the past month have raised considerable speculation concerning the North Dakota University System, the State Board of Higher Education, and its Chancellor, Robert Potts; and  

Whereas such speculation, rumors, and innuendo are harmful to the university system and the parties affected; and  

Whereas on May 1, 2006, ten of the eleven campus CEO’s of the North Dakota University System asked that “the Board and the Chancellor act proactively and aggressively to secure adequate state funding for the universities and colleges, and the Board work with the Chancellor and the presidents to achieve a unified system as defined in ‘Clarifying Roles and Responsibilities;’” and  

Whereas the President of the North Dakota School Boards Association, Arden Eide, wrote on May 2, 2006, that its Board of Directors “is unanimous in our intent to impress on you the belief that our state is best served by a unified system of higher education with the Chancellor serving as CEO. If Chancellor Robert Potts is asked to leave by the Board of Higher Education, that will signal that the State Board no longer supports a unified system;” and  

Whereas the faculty of the North Dakota University System are concerned with maintaining a system that functions with quality and integrity for the students it serves; and  

Whereas upon assuming his current position, the Chancellor has made repeated efforts to develop and maintain open dialogue with the faculty, including meeting with the Council of College Faculties in October 2004, stating his goals and ideas and seeking faculty feedback; and  

Whereas the goals and ideas he mentioned such as increasing the enrollment of international students and increasing faculty salaries across the system are issues he pursued; and  

Whereas he has implemented policies to improve communication between the North Dakota University System Office, the State Board of Higher Education and the Council of College Faculties, and provided resources to assist faculty leaders in that regard; and  

Whereas the state of North Dakota now has record budget surpluses and the State Board of Higher Education should be doing everything in its power to secure an appropriate share for adequate funding of the North Dakota University System;
Therefore, be it Resolved that the Council of College Faculties supports a unified university system allowing for individual campus flexibility as being in the best interests of the taxpayers, the students, the system faculty and staff; and

Furthermore, from the perspective of the Council of College Faculties terminating the Chancellor’s contract now is not warranted and would be detrimental to the best interests of the North Dakota University System.

Thanks to past officers and board members.
Meeting was adjourned
Respectfully submitted,
LoAnn Nelson, CCF Secretary