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## Minutes of the 01/08/07 UNI Faculty Senate Meeting

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Date

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The summary is followed by a more detailed account of the meeting.

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SUMMARY OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING 01/08/07

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Herndon at 3:20 P.M.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the 12/11/06 meeting by Senator Strauss; second by Senator Gray. Motion passed.

### CALL FOR PRESS IDENTIFICATION

No press present.

Chair Herndon noted that Interim Provost Lubker and Associate Provost Koch are not able to be here today because they are involved with the collective bargaining negotiations.

### COMMENTS FROM FACULTY CHAIR, SUE JOSLYN

Faculty Chair Joslyn noted that the library is planning to bring to campus a speaker from California State University - Northridge who is an expert on plagiarism at the university level on April 6. They have also asked her to talk about the Turnitin.com program then.

### COMMENTS FROM CHAIR, CYNTHIA HERNDON

Chair Herndon had no comments.

### CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

922 Emeritus Status request for Lynn A. Brant, Department of Earth Science, effective 6/07

Motion to docket in regular order as item #832 by Senator O?Kane; second by Senator Soneson. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Herndon discussed the presidential search process at the University of Iowa with the Senate, noting that the Dean of the College of Dentistry at Iowa has been chosen to head the new search committee there. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

DRAFT FOR SENATOR'S REVIEW

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING

01/08/07

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PRESENT: Maria Basom, David Christensen, Paul Gray, Cindy Herndon, Rob Hitlan, Sue Joslyn, Michael Licari, David Marchesani, Pierre-Damien Mvuyekure, Steve O'Kane, Phil Patton, Jerry Soneson, Laura Strauss, Denise Tallakson, Barb Weeg, Susan Wurtz

Absent: Jeffrey Funderburk, Mary Guenther, Shashi Kaparathi, Susan Koch, James Lubker, Katherine VanWormer

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that they are planning on applying to the speakers fund to bring to campus a speaker from California State University - Northridge who is an expert on plagiarism at the university level. They have asked her to talk about the Turnitin.com program for those faculty who have not used it and for the library staff so that they can become familiar with

it. There will be one tract specifically for faculty and one for the library staff. The date planned for her visit is Friday, April 6.

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Chair Herndon noted that she left on the agenda, Discussion of Support for the University of Iowa Faculty Senate, in case the Senate had questions and wanted to discuss some of the efforts behind this situation. She appreciates all the comments that came forward about this issue.

Chair Herndon stated that as she had indicated in her email to the Senate prior to the holiday break, she did want to support the faculty

at the University of Iowa. The end result was that the President of the Faculty Senate at Iowa did send a letter to the Board of Regents (BOR) which was somewhat stronger than the Iowa State Faculty Senate President and she wanted to send. She wanted to include that the process did go well at UNI but it was not the traditional process. It

had been her understanding that that same process used here at UNI was to be followed at Iowa, but it did not happen.

At 5:00 P.M. Monday, December 18 there was a telephonic conference with the BOR with the University of Iowa Presidential Search as the only agenda item. The Dean of the College of Dentistry was selected as the

chair of the new search committee with plans to put the rest of the committee together by the first week of January. The Board was looking

at having a completely new search committee.

Senator O'Kane asked if we have any feel as to how the University of Iowa Faculty Senate is viewing that.

Chair Herndon responded that she did write to the University of Iowa Faculty President but has not received a response. It is her understanding that the Dean of the College of Dentistry is well liked and supported, and if the Board was going with a dean rather than a faculty member to serve in that position, he was well received.

There had also been discussion about of including a BOR member on the committee. Another concern was to allow for a cooling off period. The process, however, did go forward on December 18.

Chair Herndon noted that at this point, if there is any interest in doing something regarding presidential searches, it would be to look at the letter that did go forward which asks for the most recent presidential search committee chairs at UNI, Iowa State and Iowa to meet with the BOR and discuss the process, what worked well, what did not.

Senator Weeg asked for clarification that it is the Dean of the College of Dentistry at Iowa that is Chair of the Presidential Search Committee.

Chair Herndon replied that that is correct.

Senator Weeg asked if it is being called a search committee, and is that the only committee that is involved in the process? Here at UNI there was the official search committee and then an advisory committee, with two committees actually being involved.

Chair Herndon responded that as far as she knows, currently there is just the one committee with the Dean of Dentistry chairing it. They were looking at having a smaller committee than the original committee.

Senator Weeg continued that part of her reason for questioning this is that if there were to be a meeting of the chairs of the Search Committees, it might also be useful to expand it to include an advisory committee as we had here at UNI.

Chair Herndon stated that she thought Ira Simet, who chaired the UNI Presidential Search Committee along with Dan Power, would be willing to speak about our process.

Chair Herndon asked the Senate to contact her if issues arise that the Senate should address. The process seemed to work well here at UNI and we were very successful in our search. But that doesn't mean it's always going to work as well elsewhere.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Senator Mvuyekure to adjourn; second by Senator Soneson. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dena Snowden  
Faculty Senate Secretary