Student Affairs Council Conference Call Meeting
Draft Minutes
May 19, 2008

Members Present:
Mike Hillman, NDUS      Ray Gerszewski, MaSU
Paula Berg, MiSU-B      Hugh Long, WSC
Georgia Pullen, NDSCS   Laurel Goulding, LRSC
Prakash Mathew, NDSU

Members Present by Telephone:
Mike Lenhardt, BSC
Donna Fishbeck, BSC
Hal Haynes, DSU

Others Present:
Jancy Brisson, MiSU-B   Paul Brekke, MiSU
Caren Barnett, MiSU     Anne Jorgenson, LRSC

Mike Hillman called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. There were no additions to the agenda. He announced that Louise Wetzel was leaving the System Office for a job with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Approval of Minutes

Mike Hillman asked if there were any changes/corrections to the April 2, 2008 minutes. Prakash Mathew said that on page 5, under “Future meeting dates,” the name “Troy Meadner” should be “Troy Noeldner.” Given this change, the minutes were approved by consensus.

Updates

Mike Hillman reported that the Academic Affairs Council will meet the first week in June. It will be a planning session held in Bismarck. The issue of duplication will be one of the main discussion items. The AAC did support the Fall Break proposal but it was a split vote. The proposal will now move onto the Chancellor’s Cabinet.

Mike also reported that the Chancellor’s Cabinet will meet on June 4. Preliminary reports from legislators would indicate the NDUS Budget is not being well received. Some suggest it is “dead on arrival.”

He also reported on the activities of the State Board and Higher Education Interim Committee. Again, there has been a great deal of discussion about the budget. The Board will meet at NDSU on June 19. The following items will receive discussion – priorities; affordability; student fees; workforce; and the fact that NDUS campuses are some of the most efficient in the nation. He mentioned the “culture” of the new board is developing.

The Board will hold a retreat in July and re-examine its mission and discuss the viability of the
eleven campuses.

The Higher Education Interim Committee met at UND on May 14. Dennis Jones was the facilitator. He made the comment that the research universities are probably over-enrolled and some of the other campuses in the System are under-enrolled.

Mike also mentioned that the number of students completing their high school education with a GED is increasing – especially in Devils Lake and Wahpeton. More data on this issue needs to be available. Student retention continues to be a concern of the System and monthly meetings may be called to discuss and work on the issue. SAC should be represented.

**Professional Development**

Bob Boyd distributed a brochure and schedule for the SAC workshop and reported the total of registrations was limited to 100.

**Student Comments**

No report was made. Bob Boyd reported that Rachel Peterson had requested to be reappointed by the NDSA but he had not heard if her request was granted.

**Fall Break**

The proposal will be discussed at the June 4 meeting of the Chancellor’s Cabinet. If supported by this group, the Chancellor can make the change in the calendar without Board action. If approved by the Chancellor, an implementation date will have to be determined. Fall 2009 is a possibility and by consensus, the SAC did not object to this starting time. There was some discussion among SAC members about the rationale for the break and whether or not it was needed.

**Common Application**

Some discussion took place on whether or not the application was indeed “common” to all schools. It was determined that the application is being used by each of the campuses but some are adding supplements to gather information they need. Discussions continue on the revisions necessary to meet the Fall 2009 deadline for the Criminal History mandate.

**Karin Walton**

Bob Boyd reported that Dr. Walton’s performance review will take place on June 2. The comments from the evaluation questionnaire have been compiled and will be shared with Karin in a meeting with Laura Oster-Aaland (NDSU), Corey Michalos (Dickinson State), and Bob Boyd (UND). A report of the compilation will be forwarded to members of the Consortium and SAC after the June 2 meeting.

**June Retreat**
The SAC retreat will be held at the Four Bears Lodge – a block of rooms has been reserved. The retreat will begin on **Tuesday, June 10 at 1:00** and conclude on **Wednesday, June 11 at Noon**.

**Enrollment Management**

Bob Boyd reported that he has heard concerns expressed about the aggressive recruiting and offering of scholarships by the two research universities. The assumptions are that these concerns might reflect the feelings of other campuses or their communities. He suggested this issue might be a topic for the retreat.

**Retention Management**

Discussion centered on the “C” form and the possible need to gather even more information. No clear consensus was reached but Mike Hillman said he would visit with Jule Schepp to help determine the next steps.

**Future Meetings**

It was decided that there would be no July meeting and future dates would be discussed at the June retreat.