**Graduate Student Focus Group**

**Friday, May 6, 2022**

**12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Via Zoom**

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| **Question** | **Discussion** |
| **1. Why did you choose to attend UND** | * Location, live in Grand Forks
* Program brought them to UND
* Advisor here at UND
* Going somewhere different than UG school
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| **2. How do you describe UND to your family, friends, and neighbors?** | * College open to everyone and their needs
* Size (smaller)
* Great place for cross-disciplinary work
* Struggling to find it’s identity, with trying to promote a small liberal college 1:1 ratio in classroom, while also trying to be Harvard in research
* Staff/faculty are stretched thin (some just publish/research and not teach)
* Teaching staff (a lot is being asked of them) financial constraints
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| **3. Who does UND serve, and do you believe we are currently meeting these needs?** | * Regionally located students
* Students, alumni, faculty, staff
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| **3a. Who do you believe it should be serving and what do you think needs to change for this to happen?** | * Online community-having faculty better equipped to teach distance learning
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| **4a. What might the university do better to help you, or your student organization succeed?** | * Better engagement and community for online students
* Rolling admissions, Pearson
* Help online students feel like they are connected
* Customize your program from your background and make it what you will use in the future
* Construction prioritization
* Share more information on funding and allocation
* Communicate more on programs/departments
* More options for classes and options for faculty within classes
* Keep messaging consistent and accurate
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| **5. What have been your best experiences at UND?** | * Education
* Creating relationships across departments and in their department
* Graduate groups by departments
* Connection with faculty
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| **7. What would be your vision for UND’s future?** | * Cultivating the diversity that exists more.
* More interaction between faculty and student organizations, more investment
* Finish construction projects
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| **7a. Do you have any “big dreams” for the institution?** | * Hire enough faculty to allow the good teaching faculty teach and the good researchers research
* More financial support for students
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