

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
September 5, 2024

1.

The September meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024, via Zoom Conference. Past Chair Sarah Robinson opened the meeting, and Chair Zarrina Azizova presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Adjekum, Daniel	Hume, Wendelin	Oliver, Emily Cherry
Alberts, Crystal	Iiams, Michele	O'Brien, Kevin
Alghazo, Runna	Kinney, Anna	Orvis, Maya
Anderson, Sonya	Kraus, Robert	Partington, Ellie
Azizova, Zarrina	Kubatova, Alena	Pedersen, Daphne
Bakke, Rebecca	Langerud, Heather	Petros, Thomas
Bjorg, Renae	LaPlant, Chloe	Pokornowski, Alex
Chelmo, Hallie	Lawson-Body, Assion	Reading, Patrick
Clark, Travis	Legerski, Elizabeth	Rundquist, Bradley
Correll, Scott	Liang, Lewis	Saga-Leiser, Lea
Dasse, Kimberly	Howe Lim, Yeo	Sauer, Michelle
Ferguson, Connor	Linder, Meloney	Smart, Kathy
Gjellstad, Melissa	Link, Eric	Steen, Carla
Glaser, Carson	Malloy, Art	Steidl, Ellen
Goldsberry, Daralyn	Masursky, Danielle	Sum, Paul
Grabanski, Julie	McGinniss, Michael	Swanson, Brenna
Grave, Shannon	Millspaugh, Richard	Westall, Sara
Gregg, Cindy	Montigne, Justin	Wild, Brandon
Harsell, Dana	Moritz, Sandra	Wilson, Amanda
Hoffmann, Mark	Munski, Douglas	Witte, Shelbie
Homstad, Stephanie	Newman, Robert	Wynne, Joshua
Hove, Hannah	Oancea, Cristina	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Armacost, Andrew	Mongeon-Stewart,	Shogren, Maridee
Bichel, Rebecca	Karla	Smith, Jobi
Bost-Sandberg, Lisa	Moyer, Dalton	Snyder, Scott
Brown, Logan	Nelson, Chris	Talk, Natalie
Gill, James	Nelson-Boutros,	Tande, Brian
Henley, Amy	Lilien	Tatro, Lauren
Ji, Yun	Pappas, Brian	Wallace, Alfred
Martin, Kaleb	Rajpathy, Odele	Wozniak, Mike
Mayo, Whitney	Schweitzer, Kimberly	

4.

Ms. Azizova overviewed the University Senate rules and procedures following the Senate By-Laws and Standing Rules. The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure by Alice F. Sturgis will be followed.

5.

Quorum was established

6.

Without objection, the minutes from the University Senate on May 2, 2024, were approved and filed.

7.

Without objection, the University Senate Curriculum Committee annual report was filed.

8.

Without objection, the University Senate Legislative Affairs Committee annual report was filed.

9.

Ms. Azizova called attention to the ballots for Senate Vice Chair/Chair Elect and the faculty representative on the Senate Executive Committee.

The final results of the election are as follows:

Senate Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Adam Matz  
Faculty Representative on SEC - Tanis Walch

10.

Ms. Azizova provided a report from the Senate Executive Committee.

11.

Ms. Mongeon-Stewart was scheduled to discuss parking, but had other impending business arise. Ms. Azizova reminded everyone to refer to the updated email from Parking Services dated Friday, August 30, 2024.

12.

Ms. Alberts provided a Council of College Faculties update. There have been a number of topics discussed over the summer including the situation at Dickinson State University as well as post-tenure review. The Chancellor is proposing some policy changes. CCF is monitoring the changes.

13.

Ms. Kinney provided an update from Staff Senate. The State Employee Recognition Week commences on September 20th. Ms. Kinney is also the chair of State Staff Senate.

14.

Ms. Kempel (in lieu of Mr. Ferguson) provided an update from Student Government. Ms. Kempel stated that the student government is meeting with college departments and deans. They are also working with the Wellness Center. Green bandana project training is ongoing. They are trying to bring greater visibility to the Hilyard Center.

15.

Mr. Link provided updates from the Office of the Provost. The Higher Learning Commission reaffirmed our accreditation for a ten-year term. We have begun a new academic year with increased student headcount as well as increased credit hour generation. There was a record setting fundraising effort by the UND Alumni Association & Foundation last year with over \$100 million raised. Retention has also increased for first year students. There are many capital projects occurring on campus. We are getting ready to enter a legislative session. The UND priorities already sent to the NDUS system for inclusion. The NDUS Chancellor will be retiring in December 2025.

16.

Ms. Plumm and Ms. Krenelka were in attendance to present on student retention initiatives. Student Disability Resources now reports to Student Academic Success and Career Engagement. Utilization of this service has increased from Spring 2022 to Spring 2024 by 117 students. Retention has increased over the last few years, but to help continue this increase SASCE would like to build relationships between advisors and faculty. There is also a plan to increase student experiential learning via internships/co-ops as well as undergraduate research with faculty members. TTaDA works with SDR to ensure we make learning resources tailored to the accommodation required. UND is transitioning to Blackboard ULTRA, which is more user-friendly. TTaDA is working on increasing flexibility and engagement in learning. SPEA is a flexible delivery method. TTaDA is promoting Universal Design for learning to benefit everyone and meet diverse needs.

17.

The twenty minute question and answer period opened at 4:49 p.m. Ms. Anderson asked about processes for synchronous online courses and students experiencing a medical emergency. Ms. Plumm is going to research an answer. Mr. Pokornowski discussed contacting UND PD. Ms. Alberts inquired about Blackboard Ultra and if there is a university committee to decide about UND customizations. Ms. Krenelka stated the NDUS timeline to roll out the conversion to ULTRA is by fall 2025. Ms. Legerski asked about providing access to COVID tests as students are reporting symptoms. Mr. Link stated he is not aware of any discussion, but will bring it to the president's executive committee. Mr. Pokornowski stated students can visit Student Health Services. Mr. Clark stated that he has solicited feedback to the University Senate Online and Distance Education committee. Mr. Link added that the policy changes at the system level include series 605 policies revisions. The question and answer period concluded at 5:01 p.m.

18.

There were no matters arising presented.

19.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary  
University Senate