Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
May 4, 2023

1.

The September meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023, via Zoom Conference. Chair Bob Newman presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Armacost, Andy
Azizova, Zarrina
Bjorgaard, Stacy
Clark, Travis
Correll, Scott
Cox, Paula
de Silva, Renuka
Denny, Dawn
Dhungana, Bebas
Dockter, Sally
Doze, Van
Gjellstad, Melissa
Halcrow, Steven
Iseminger, Colt
Jendrysik, Mark
Jordan, Rachel
Juntenen, Cindy
Kalbfleisch, Pamela
Kehn, Andre
Kinney, Anna Marie
Kraus, Robert
Lagouette, Soizik
Lazerski, Elizabeth
Linder, Meloney
Lindseth, Glenda
Link, Eric
Liu, Jun
Malloy, Art
Marquis, Jared
Maskaly, Jonathan
Masursky, Danielle
Mattingly, Shaina
Mihelich, John
Milavetz, Barry
Newman, Robert
Pokornowski, Alex
Robinson, Sarah
Rundquist, Brad
Seddoh, Amebu
Shogren, Maridee
Singhal, Sandeep
Spaeth, Andria
Sperle, James
Traynor, Paul
Tulin, Alexei
Urban, Shanna
Wahl, Faith
Weber, Bret
Wild, Brandon
Wise, Richard
Zerr, Ryan

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Adjekum, Daniel
Alberts, Crystal
Berry, Whitney
Crotty, Tyanne
Dada, Precious
Dahlke, Rachel
Emter, Adelyn
Fiedler, Kianna
Germolus, Isaiah
Grijalva, Jim
Gupta, Surojit
Henley, Amy
Henneman, Emily
Homstad, Stephanie
Ji, Yun
Kuznicki, Malissa
Light, Steve
Mamaghani, Iraj
Mastrud, Morgan
Mengon-Stewart, Karla
Mosher, Sarah
Niemi, Tyler
Olson, Katlyn
Pappas, Brian
Peterson, Karen
Rajpathy, Odele
Running Bear, Ursula
Sela, Sapir
Sheridan, Bill
Smart, Kathy
Stone, Lucian
Strand, Skylaer
Tande, Brian
Wallace, Alfred
Wilson, Nick
Wynne, Joshua
Mr. Newman called attention to the Election for Senate Committees. The results are attached to the Senate agenda.

Mr. Armacost provided the following legislative updates. Mr. Armacost thanked the University Senate for the leadership during this academic year. Mr. Armacost recognized Mr. Newman’s leadership as chair for this academic year. The appropriation bill (HB 1003) has passed the legislature, but has not been signed by the governor. There are increases of a 6% and 4% merit pool available for raises in 2023 and 2024. Mr. Armacost also thanked Ms. Wahl for her student leadership. The post-tenure review bill was defeated. The specified concepts (SB 2247) passed by guaranteed academic freedom and freedom of speech. It appears that the UND campus already complies with new gender identity laws. The concealed carry bill on campus was defeated. The UND Leads strategic plan implementation team will be co-chaired by Ryan Zerr and Angie Carpenter.

Ms. Legerski provided a Council of College Faculties update. The majority of respondents stated that they would like to extend the contract. There is a committee that will be formed to review post-tenure review processes.

Ms. Cox provided an update from Staff Senate. Tonight, there will be a May the Fourth Be with You trivia context. New senate leadership will begin May 10th. Andria Spaeth will be the new president.

Ms. Wahl provided the following updates on Student Government. The last business meeting was last night. There is a new Cassie Gerhardt Servant Leadership award. It was an honor to be in this position and working with everyone. Ella Nelson will be the new Student Senate president.

Mr. Link provided the following updates from the Provost Office. The new strategic plan has been launched. Mr. Link provided examples of items initiatives already underway for each pillar. Next year we will have our HLC reaffirmation site visit. Commencement season is upon us. Please join us to celebrate their successes.
10.
Ms. Marasinghe provided the following updates from the Office of the CIO. There are several summer projects underway. There will be an update to a new virtual private network to use. The telephone system will be moving to the cloud. Go live will now be the middle of June. Citrix will be disabled this summer. Apporto will be the new solution. The UIT helpdesk has moved to the cloud. Starfish retention solutions will be replaced with Civitas over the next year.

11.
Ms. Plumm and members of her team provided the following updates regarding the Experiential Learning Center. This will be a method to help our students develop skills that our workforce needs. The idea also aligns with our current strategic plan and each of the pillars. The implementation of this project would be over two phases.

12.
Mr. Newman stated the following reports are due from senate committees:

Intellectual Property, February 16th
Conflict of Interest/Scientific Misconduct, March 23rd
Curriculum, March 23rd
Intercollegiate Athletics, March 23rd
Online & Distance Education, March 23rd
Budget, April 20th
Open Educational Resources, April 20th
Scholarly Activities, April 20th

13.
Quorum was established.

14.
Without objections, the minutes from the March 2, 2023, senate meeting were approved.

15.
Mr. Newman provide a report from the Senate Executive Committee. The legislation has already been discussed. There will be additional discussions on weather closures. There is a proposal for graduate tuition waiver policy. The UND LEADS implementation structure was distributed with the agenda.
16. The twenty minute Question and Answer period began at 4:28 p.m. Ms. Legerski inquired about the funding bill and the distribution of the merit money and a mandatory minimums. Mr. Armacost stated it is being discussed at the Executive Council on Monday. Ms. Laguette asked about a salary study. Ms. Stewart detailed that we are finalizing hiring a consulting firm to conduct the study. The question period concluded at 4:34 p.m.

17. Mr. Newman called attention to the Curriculum Committee April and May report. The April report was approved by the Senate Executive Committee. Without objection the May report, the report was filed.

18. Mr. Newman called attention to the Online & Distance Education committee report. Without objection, the report was filed.

19. Mr. Newman called attention to the Academic Policies and Admissions committee annual report. Without objection, the report was filed.

20. Mr. Newman called attention to the Conflict of Interest/Scientific Misconduct annual report. Without objection, the report was filed.

21. Mr. Newman called attention to the Intercollegiate Athletics annual report. Without objection, the report was filed.

22. Ms. Newman announced the runoff election for the Senate Honors committee. The new committee member is Lavinia Iancu.

23. Mr. Newman called attention to the Senate Committee on Committees charge update. Mr. Milavetz moved to approved. Mr. Jendrysik seconded. Without discussion, the motion carried.

24.
Mr. Newman called attention to the University Assessment Committee charge update. Ms. Laguette moved to approve. Mr. Milavetz seconded. Without discussion, the motion carried.

25.

Mr. Newman called attention to the Senate Online & Distance Education committee resolution. Mr. Milavetz moved to approved. Ms. Gjellstad seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the resolution carried.

26.

There are no matters arising.

27.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate