

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
October 5, 2023

1.

The September meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023, via Zoom Conference. University Senate Chair Sarah Robinson presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Alberts, Crystal	Hume, Wendelin	Munski, Douglas
Anderson, Sonya	Iseminger, Colt	Newman, Robert
Anvari-Clark, Jeffrey	Jendrysik, Mark	Novak, Michelle
Armacost, Andy	Keengwe, Grace	Oancea, Cristina
Azizova, Zarrina	Kehn, Andre	Petros, Thomas
Bakke, Rebecca	Kinney, Anna Marie	Pokornowski, Alex
Beltz, Michael	Legerski, Elizabeth	Reading, Patrick
Bjorg, Renae	Lim, Yeo Howe	Richter, Justin
Blankenship, Jonathan	Linder, Meloney	Robinson, Sarah
Bowman, Frank	Link, Eric	Saga, Lea
Correll, Scott	Liu, Jun	Sauer, Michelle
Dahlke, Rachel	Malloy, Art	Singhal, Sandeep
Dodge, Michael	Maskaly, Jonathan	Sperle, James
Doze, Van	Masursky, Danielle	Tatro, Lauren
Elderini, Tarek	Mayo, Whitney	Traynor, Paul
Ferguson, Connor	Mihelich, John	Urban, Shanna
Gjellstad, Melissa	Milavetz, Barry	Wallace, Alfred
Grijalva, James	Moritz, Sandra	Zerr, Ryan
Hove, Hannah	Mosher, Sarah	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Brynn	Mongeon-Stewart, Karla
Bichel, Rebecca	Nelson, Ella
Bjorgaard, Stacy	Nelson, Chris
Cox, Paula	Pappas, Brian
Emter, Adelyn	Price, Samantha
Grave, Shannon	Rajpathy, Odele
Henley, Amy	Rundquist, Brad
Hoffmann, Mark	Running Bear, Ursula
Homstad, Stephanie	Seddoh, Amebu
Hoppenrath, Joseph	Shogren, Maridee
Hunter, Cheryl	Smart, Kathy
Johnson, Amber	Swanson, Brenna
Kempel, Sarah	Tande, Brian
Kraus, Robert	Wintermute, Kaleb
Lawson-Body, Assion	Wozniak, Mike
Marquis, Jared	Wynne, Joshua
Martin, Noelle	

4.

Ms. Robinson congratulated the winners of last month's senate elections including the new members of the Committee on Committees: Tarek Elderini and Renae Bjorg.

5.

Ms. Robinson announced the University Council meeting to be held on November 6, 2023, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Nistler Hall.

6.

Ms. Pedersen provided updates from the Council of College Faculties. Ms. Pedersen discussed the loss of five to six faculty and one staff member at Dickinson State University. Multifactor authentication is being considered for Blackboard. If you have concerns, please share them with Ms. Pedersen.

7.

Ms. Kinney provided a Staff Senate update. There are five new senators filling vacancies. All positions are now filled. Last week was Staff Appreciation week. Attendance was up from last year. Tubs of Love is coming up in November. Thirty-one days of Glory is also coming in November.

8.

Mr. Ferguson provided updates from Student Government. There is a food pantry allocation of \$30,000 from Student Government. It should fund the pantry for three months. There is an education campaign around bed rails and safety as a few injuries have occurred in the residence halls. On October 31st, there will be safety event for pedestrians. Students will be on the Campus Safety Walk occurring soon. There are many bills going through Student Senate at this time.

9.

Mr. Link provided updates from Academic Affairs. Enrollment numbers from our census count are up 2.1%. It was a team effort. We are up in Presidential Scholars and international students. The FAFSA for student aid is changing this year and the go-live date will be delayed two months. The federal health emergency for Covid-19 expired in May 2023. The mask requirement by faculty members will end after this semester. One may still choose to wear a mask. Tomorrow will be filled with Homecoming events on campus.

10.

Quorum was established.

11.

Without objection, the minutes from the University Senate on September 7, 2023, were approved.

12.

Mr. Schellpfeffer discussed the HLC reaffirmation site visit during April 2024. There will be open fora in January 2024 to review the draft of the reaffirmation argument and provide feedback. Mr. Schellpfeffer will provide regular updates to the Senate during the 24-25 academic year.

13.

Ms. Robinson provided a report from the Senate Executive Meeting last month. There is Provost support for shared governance. There were SBHE listening sessions last week for President Armacost's evaluation. Almost all committee vacancies have been filled. There will be a committee chair's luncheon on October 10, 2023.

14.

The twenty minute question and answer period opened at 3:58 p.m. Mr. Elderini asked if student government is getting feedback from graduate students. Mr. Ferguson stated the representation of graduate students on Student Government. Mr. Elderini asked about international students. Mr. Ferguson could explore more international student involvement. The question period ended at 4:09 p.m.

15.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the Curriculum Committee report. Ms. Gjellstad asked to move the UNIV 270 to the business calendar.

16.

Ms. Gjellstad asked to rollback UNIV 270 to the University Curriculum Committee for further review to ensure that this is the best process. Ms. Alberts seconded the motion. A discussion ensued. UNIV 270 will be returned to the UCC to discuss with their colleges. This return will be annotated on the University Curriculum Committee report.

17.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the proposed name change to academic probation. Mr. Correll moved to approve the name change from academic probation to academic alert. Mr. Newman seconded the motion. A discussion ensued. The motion did not carry. Mr. Beltz moved to return this change to the Academic Policies and Admission Committee with the charge to provide an alternative name. Mr. Traynor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

18.

Mr. Iseminger moved to approve the PLA proposal. Mr. Munski seconded the motion. A discussion ensued. The motion carried.

19.

Mr. Jendrysik moved to move the March Senate meeting to March 14, 2024. Mr. Munski seconded. Without discussion, the motion carried.

20.

Mr. Munski motioned he would like to submit a resolution regarding academic freedom, shared governance, and appropriate handling of tenure to send to the Council of College Faculties. Mr. Traynor seconded the motion. A discussion ensued.

Ms. Alberts moved to extend the meeting by five minutes. Mr. Munski seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. Alberts moved to extend the meeting another five minutes. Mr. Petros moved to second. The motion carried.

After additional discussion, the motion on the resolution carried.

21.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate