

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
September 7, 2023

1.

The September meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2023, via Zoom Conference. Past Chair Bob Newman opened the meeting, and Chair Sarah Robinson presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Alberts, Crystal	Hove, Hannah	Nelson, Ella
Anderson, Sonya	Hume, Wendelin	Newman, Robert
Anderson, Brynn	Iseminger, Colt	Novak, Michelle
Anvari-Clark, Jeffrey	Jendrysik, Mark	Oancea, Cristina
Armacost, Andy	Johnson, Amber	Petros, Thomas
Azizova, Zarrina	Kehn, Andre	Pokornowski, Alex
Bakke, Rebecca	Kempel, Sarah	Rajpathy, Odele
Beltz, Michael	Kinney, Anna Marie	Reading, Patrick
Bichel, Rebecca	Kraus, Robert	Robinson, Sarah
Bjorg , Renae	Lawson-Body, Assion	Sauer, Michelle
Blankenship, Jonathan	Legerski, Elizabeth	Seddoh, Amebu
Bowman, Frank	Lim, Yeo Howe	Shogren, Maridee
Correll, Scott	Linder, Meloney	Singhal, Sandeep
Dodge, Michael	Link, Eric	Smart, Kathy
Elderini, Tarek	Malloy, Art	Swanson, Brenna
Emter, Adelyn	Marquis, Jared	Tatro, Lauren
Ferguson, Connor	Maskaly, Jonathan	Traynor, Paul
Gjellstad, Melissa	Masursky, Danielle	Urban, Shanna
Grave, Shannon	Mayo, Whitney	Wallace, Alfred
Grijalva, James	Mihelich, John	Wozniak, Mike
Henley, Amy	Milavetz, Barry	Zerr, Ryan
Hoppenrath, Joseph	Munski, Douglas	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Bjorggaard, Stacy	Mosher, Sarah
Cox, Paula	Nelson, Chris
Dahlke, Rachel	Pappas, Brian
Doze, Van	Price, Samantha
Hoffmann, Mark	Richter, Justin
Homstad, Stephanie	Rundquist, Brad
Hunter, Cheryl	Running Bear, Ursula
Keengwe, Grace	Saga, Lea
Liu, Jun	Sperle, James
Martin, Noelle	Tande, Brian
Mongeon-Stewart, Karla	Wintermute, Kaleb
Moritz, Sandra	Wynne, Joshua

4.

Mr. Armacost thanked outgoing chair, Bob Newman, and welcomed incoming chair, Sarah Robinson. Mr. Armacost also welcomed everyone to the 2023-24 University Senate.

5.

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

6.

Ms. Robinson provided comments about the upcoming year. Ms. Robinson reviewed the role of the University Senate and provided an overview of the committees.

7.

Ms. Pedersen provided updates from the Council of College Faculties. Ms. Pedersen is also chairing the University Senate Compensation committee. The CCF just had their first meeting this week. CCF has been asked to provide feedback to changes with NDUS policy/procedure 605.

8.

Mr. Wozniak provided updates from the Staff Senate. Staff Senate is holding a special election for additional staff senators. The Tubs of Love event will be launched on October 30th of this year. Jeans Give Back is about \$200 per event, but the overall annual contributions are \$10K to support local charities. Thirty-one days of glory will be held again this year to raise funds for Seeds of Staff Success. UShine - submit these to recognize your staff. Staff appreciation events will be held later this month.

9.

Ms. Nelson provided updates from Student Government. A few projects have begun including an undergraduate research portal. Student government is hoping to have a presence at homecoming.

10.

Mr. Link provided updates from Academic Affairs. There are 99 new faculty members this fall. Enrollment census is 10 days away, but our enrollment is looking very strong this fall. Future term applications are up as well. First time persistence rate is over 83%. Please visit and view the updates to the Academic Affairs website as well as the leadership themes. There is an equity and market study for faculty and staff underway. This is our HLC reaffirmation year. The site visit will occur in spring 2024. There are numerous construction projects on campus including Merrifield Hall. There is a STEM building proposal, and discussing is happening around an allied health center. There are many leadership searches on campus including the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Dean for the College of Education and Human Development, Director for Essential Studies, Chief Data Officer, and Director of the Honors Program. There is a Strategic Enrollment

Management Plan in development. The School of Graduate Studies is also working on one. There is a new product coming to replace Starfish. There is a new Experiential Learning Center in McCannel Hall.

11.

Ms. Marasinghe provided updates from University Information Technology. First, there is a UND Digital Storage Discovery project underway. Second, Ms. Marasinghe provided an update that Zoom does not use our audio, video, chat, etc... for artificial intelligence training.

12.

Quorum was established.

13.

Without objection, the minutes from the University Senate on May 4, 2023, were approved.

14.

Mr. Zerr and Ms. Carpenter provided updates from the UND LEADS Strategic Plan implementation. Mr. Zerr stated the group has been formed and is working. Ms. Carpenter provide additional information on the details of the plan. Mr. Zerr overview how metrics will be used with this project.

15.

Ms. Robinson provided a report from the Senate Executive Meetings this past summer including graduation candidate approval, creation of committee chair orientation, meeting schedule for campus events, review of senate committee and charges, and bookstore delay issues.

16.

The twenty minute question and answer period opened at 4:33 p.m. Ms. Alberts inquired about the late books to the bookstore. Ms. Alberts also asked about receiving email from political representatives. How can this prevented? Mr. Link stated to send specific bookstore examples to his office. Ms. Marasinghe stated that email from political representatives is Spam and should be blocked and reported as phishing. Mr. Jendrysik asked if we had an athletic representative on Senate. Ms. Robinson stated there is not an appointed or elected member from athletics. Mr. Correll stated that the composition of the University Senate is determined by the UND Constitution. Ms. Legerski stated there is an University Senate Intercollegiate Athletics committee that reports to the Senate on an annual basis. The question and answer period ended at 4:41 p.m.

17.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the Compensation Committee annual report. Without objection, the report was filed.

18.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the ballots for Senate Vice Chair/Chair Elect, faculty representative on the Senate Executive Committee, two faculty members on the Committee on Committees, staff representative to the Senate Executive Committee, student representative to the Senate Executive Committee. The election results are as follows:

The final results of the election are as follows:

Senate Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Zarrina Azizova
Faculty Representative on SEC - James Grijalva
Faculty Representatives on the C on C - Tarek Elderini and Renae Bjorg
Staff Representative on SEC - Mike Wozniak
Student Representative on SEC - Ella Nelson

19.

Due to a technical issue, the election for faculty representatives will be conducted on Qualtrics using university email as the distribution method.

20.

There were no matters arising presented.

21.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate