

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
February 1, 2024

1.

The December meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2024, via Zoom Conference. University Senate Chair Sarah Robinson presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Alberts, Crystal	Grijalva, James	Mosher, Sarah
Anderson, Sonya	Henley, Amy	Munski, Douglas
Anvari-Clark, Jeffrey	Homstad, Stephanie	Newman, Robert
Azizova, Zarrina	Hove, Hannah	Novak, Michelle
Bakke, Rebecca	Hume, Wendelin	Oancea, Cristina
Beltz, Michael	Hunter, Cheryl	Reading, Patrick
Bichel, Rebecca	Iseminger, Colt	Robinson, Sarah
Bjorg, Renae	Jendrysik, Mark	Rundquist, Brad
Bjorgaard, Stacy	Kehn, Andre	Saga, Lea
Blankenship, Jonathan	Kinney, Anna Marie	Sauer, Michelle
Bowman, Frank	Lawson-Body, Assion	Shogren, Maridee
Correll, Scott	Legerski, Elizabeth	Singhal, Sandeep
Cox, Paula	Lim, Yeo Howe	Smart, Kathy
Dahlke, Rachel	Liu, Jun	Tatro, Lauren
Dodge, Michael	Malloy, Art	Traynor, Paul
Doze, Van	Marquis, Jared	Urban, Shanna
Elderini, Tarek	Maskaly, Jonathan	Wallace, Alfred
Emter, Adelyn	Masursky, Danielle	Wozniak, Mike
Ferguson, Connor	Mayo, Whitney	Zerr, Ryan
Gjellstad, Melissa	Milavetz, Barry	
Grave, Shannon	Moritz, Sandra	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Brynn	Martin, Noelle	Richter, Justin
Armacost, Andy	Mongeon-Stewart, Karla	Seddoh, Amebu
Hoffmann, Mark	Nelson, Ella	Snyder, Scott
Hoppenrath, Joseph	Nelson, Chris	Sperle, James
Johnson, Amber	Pappas, Brian	Swanson, Brenna
Keengwe, Grace	Petros, Thomas	Tande, Brian
Kempel, Sarah	Pokornowski, Alex	Wintermute, Kaleb
Kraus, Robert	Price, Samantha	Wynne, Joshua
Linder, Meloney	Rajpathy, Odele	
Link, Eric		

4.

Quorum was established.

5.

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

6.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the University Senate Curriculum Committee monthly report. With objection, the report was filed.

7.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the change to Incomplete Grade policy. Ms. Gjellstad moved to approve. Mr. Milavetz moved to approved. The motion carried.

8.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the change in Deficiency Reports policy in the academic catalog. Mr. Munski moved to approved. Mr. Jendrysik seconded. The motion carried.

9.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the change in Academic Probation name policy. Ms. Bjorgaard moved to approve. Ms. Smart seconded. The motion carried.

10.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the Honorary Degree candidates proposed. Mr. Harsell presented the candidates to the senate members. Mr. Jendrysik moved to approve. Mr. Milavetz seconded. The motion carried.

11.

Ms. Robinson announced that parking will be distributing a survey in early February 2024. The parking consultants will be on campus February 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Memorial Union taking feedback. Ms. Robinson stated that all University Council members were emailed the survey to volunteer for University Senate committees. The survey is due to be completed by February 4, 2024. Ms. Robinson announced that the spring 2024 University Council meeting is April 25, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at a location to be determined. The meeting will be available online as well.

12.

Ms. Marasinghe spoke about the DUO update to Blackboard. March 5, 2024, is the begin date for faculty and staff. May 13<sup>th</sup> is the begin date for students.

13.

Ms. Pederson updated the senate on the College of College Faculties. The SBHE is working a post-tenure review process. CCF is looking for representation of officers for next year.

14.

Mr. Wozniak provide a Staff Senate update. Thank you for participating with Thirty-One Days of Glory. There is a staff senate video for new employee orientation now available and used. There will be a staff senate bowling event next week. Remember to submit UShine nominations to recognize staff members.

15.

Mr. Ferguson provided a Student Government update. There are two open student government seats to fill due to vacancy. There are various events coming up this month with self-defense, international student concerns, and fundraising efforts as the topics.

16.

Ms. Tanglen provided updates from Academic Affairs. She invited the university community to reach out with concerns across campus. Ms. Tanglen designed a learning community for early career faculty. It proved popular and expanded into mid-career, late career, and post retirement learning communities.

17.

The twenty minute question and answer period opened at 4:42 p.m. Ms. Legerski ask about the decision to discontinue Gradescope. Ms. Marasinghe discussed the current funding method and stated that Gradescope is not used across the university. Individual departments could purchase it. Ms. Alberts inquired about the essential studies email that was distributed earlier this week. Was a campus-wide announcement made about the failed search? Ms. Robinson said it was announced at University Senate. Who made the request to have a program review? Do we really need one? Is this faculty driven? Ms. Alberts asked before any action is taken, could we pause and get more information? Ms. Alberts asked about the email with a student group request for donations is appropriate on Staff Chat? Mr. Correll noted that a staff member in HR approves the emails for mass distribution.

18.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary  
University Senate