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  Jendrysaik, 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.


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 14th 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.
Ms. Marasinghe spoke about the DUO update to Blackboard. March 5, 2024, is the begin date for faculty and staff. May 13th 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