Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
December 2, 2021

1.

The December meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2021, via Zoom Conference. Chair Cristina Oancea presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Adjekum, Daniel  
Bartz, Jeremiah  
Brandt, Sonja  
Cherry Oliver, Emily  
Chu, Qianli  
Clark, Travis  
Correll, Scott  
Cox, Paula  
Dauphinais, Kirsten  
Denny, Dawn  
Dorafshan, Sattar  
Doze, Van  
Dutchak, Dawson  
Gjellstad, Melissa  
Halcrow, Steven  
Helleloid, Duane  
Hellwig, Beth  
Henley, Amy  
Henneman, Emily  
Homstad, Stephanie  
Hume, Wendelin  
Iseminger, Colt  
Jedlicka, Janet  
Jendrysik, Mark  
Johnson, Erika  
Jordan, Rachel  
Kalbfleisch, Pamela  
Karikari, Isaac  
Kehn, Andre  
Kitzes, Adam  
Lagouette, Soizik  
Legerski, Liz  
Liang, Lewis  
Light, Steven  
Lim, Howe  
Linder, Meloney  
Link, Eric  
Liu, Jun  
Lianghani, Iraj  
Matz, Adam  
McGinniss, Michael  
Mihelich, John  
Milavetz, Barry  
Munski, Douglas  
Myers, Brad  
Newman, Robert  
Nonte, Stephen  
Oancea, Cristina  
Pedersen, Daphne  
Peterson, Karen  
Petros, Tom  
Reedy, Nicole  
Reissig, Brad  
Schill, Brian  
Schlenker, Jad  
Shivers, Jed  
Wahl, Faith  
Walker, Stephanie  
Weber, Bret  
Wise, Richard  
Worley, Deborah  
Xiao, Feng

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Armacost, Andy  
Borowicz, Taylor  
Chew, Jack  
Hammond, Sean  
Hufford, Jordan  
Juntunen, Cindy  
Korsho, Danielle  
Kostrzewski, Diana  
Kraus, Robert  
Lian, Gracie  
Menard, Dominique  
Orvedal, Casey  
Perkins, Dexter  
Rozelle-Stone, Rebecca  
Rundquist, Brad  
Shea, Heather  
Spaeth, Andria  
Tande, Brian  
VanLooy, Jeffrey  
Wilson, Nick  
Zerr, Ryan
4.
Ms. Oancea called attention to the UND Bookstore survey open until December 15, 2021.

5.
Ms. Oancea called attention to the new landing page on Blackboard available January 4, 2022.

6.
Ms. Oancea stated there is no University Senate meeting in January 2022. The next meeting of University Senate will occur on February 3, 2022.

7.
Ms. Oancea reminded the University Senate of the Senate Committees' annual report deadlines:
- Due Sept. 23rd (overdue): Compensation
- Due Oct. 21st (overdue): Essential Studies, Honorary Degrees, Standing Committee on Faculty Rights
- Due Nov. 18th (overdue): Legislative Affairs, Library Committee
- Due Jan. 20th: Academic Policies and Admissions Committee
- Due Feb. 17th: Administrative Procedures, Intellectual Property, Student Academic Standards

8.
The discussion on the future path of UND procurement was postponed until the February 2022 meeting.

9.
Mr. Millspaugh provided an update from the Council of College Faculties. There are some minor bylaw changes that will be occurring very soon. Past officers are very valuable to stay on as ex-officio members to aid new leadership. There is a faculty committee being formed to discuss administrator evaluation.

10.
Mr. Schill provided an update from Staff Senate. The 31 Days of Glory fundraiser just concluded and drawing will begin very soon. The staff mentoring program is being reengaged. There is also discussion about a staff volunteering program.

11.
Mr. Reedy provided a Student Government update. The Campus Safety Committee charter will be on the business agenda.
Mr. Link talked about the funding from the state legislature - $50 million to fund Merrifield/Twamley, $10 million for Space Education and Research, $5 million for the airport apron project, and $2.1 million to purchase hyperbaric oxygen therapy equipment.

The Merrifield-Twamley renovation project will consume our lives for the next few years. Once Nistler Hall opens, the Merrifield residents will move to Gamble Hall. The administrative offices in Twamley will also have to move. Some moves are permanent, and some will be temporary. The floorplan for Merrifield-Twamley is in draft form. No final plans are set. The Office of Provost is the assigned owner to this project.

Please welcome Karina Knutson who joined academic affairs. She was a former employee at the Wellness Center.

There are 38% of the annual assessment reports that have not been submitted. This is a requirement of our HLC reaffirmation. Please turn them in as soon as possible.

There are two active dean searches – the School of Law and the School of Nursing.

The next executive leadership position to be hired is the leadership within the School of Graduate Studies.

There was a town hall today on the Covid-19 vaccine mandate.

There is good news on the enrollment front. Our fall 2022 admission applications are up 14% for new freshmen. Transfers are up 42%. And, graduate students are up 21%. Some spring registration areas are lagging.

Thank you everyone for the great work this semester.

13.

Quorum was established.

14.

Without objection, the minutes from November 4, 2021, University Senate meeting were filed.

15.

Ms. Oancea reported from the Senate Executive Committee in November. The SEC approved the November Curriculum Committee report. There are two Academic Policies and Admission Committee policy changes on the business calendar. There is a Faculty Handbook Sick Leave Policy update on the business calendar. The December 2021 graduation candidate list needs to be approved. Finally, the Student Senate has brought forward the request for a Campus Safety Committee.
The 20 minute question and answer period began at 4:02. Mr. Jendrysik asked how much money is needed to be raised for the Merrifield-Twamley renovation and what will happen to Gamble Hall. Mr. Link stated we need to raise $29M for the project. Mr. Link stated that Gamble would probably be demolished. Mr. Petros asked at what level with the School of Graduate Studies administration would be. Mr. Link stated that he will share after the job description is finalized. Ms. Legerski asked about the results of SB2030 legal interpretation. Mr. Link stated that the guidance from the attorney general office is not intended to restrict academic freedom and freedom of speech. Furthermore, there were no findings from a survey that we have internships in conflict with SB2030. We are in full compliance and can receive challenge grant funding. Ms. Oliver asked about student permission numbers. Mr. Correll detailed the difference between permission numbers and student specific permissions in Campus Connection. Student specific permissions allow for increased tracking and follow-up on overrides. It also reduces the need for students to enter a permission number. Mr. Kehn asked about the plan for Columbia Hall. Mr. Link stated he will defer to Mr. Shivers. Mr. Shivers stated that once we get all the renovations completed, Columbia should be decommissioned unless picked up by an outside entity. Mr. Milavetz asked if this is both parts of Columbia Hall. Mr. Shivers stated that we need to work with SMHS on how the research could be accommodated. The question period ended at 4:20pm.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the annual report of the Faculty Handbook committee. Without objection, it was filed.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the December 2021 University Senate Curriculum Report. Without objection, it was filed.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the Student Specific Permission policy. Mr. Jendrysik moved to approve. Ms. Gjellstad seconded. Without discussion, the motion carried.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the Non-Degree Admission Policy. Mr. Munske moved to approved. Mr. Milavetz seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the Faculty Handbook Sick Leave Policy update.
Mr. Milavetz moved to approved. Mr. Munske seconded. A discussion ensued. The motion carried.

22.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the Campus Safety Committee charter. Mr. Liang moved to approved. Mr. Newman seconded. The motion carried.

23.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the December 2021 Graduation Candidate List. Mr. Munske moved to approved. Mr. Liang seconded. The motion carried.

24.

Mr. Liang asked about the MWF classes. The committee is still working on it and gathering feedback.

Ms. Gjellstad asked about the implementation date for the new 24 non-degree credit hour policy. It will be Fall 2021, but current students can continue to 24 credits.

Mr. Petros asked about the document for MWF classes. It will be sent to all department chairs.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38pm.