

Minutes of University Council Meeting  
May 1, 2012

Curt Stofferahn, Chair of University Senate, called the meeting of the University Council to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Lecture Bowl of the Memorial Union.

Mr. Stofferahn welcomed the attendees and introduced President Kelley for his address to the University Council.

President Kelley indicated that he would speak about the University's accomplishments and challenges going forward. He first thanked everyone for making this academic year a successful one. He also thanked everyone who made the inaugural Exceptional UND Showcase on April 30 such a successful event. He then indicated that if anyone had not read the 2011 financial report for the University, it was available online on the Finance and Operations website.

President Kelley stated that the University of North Dakota is an exceptional university. UND is a research high intensity institution. The research expenditures are up 18% over 2009. There are 1,727 students eligible to graduate this spring, including 78 JD degrees, 60 MD degrees, 446 graduate degrees and 27 students being over 40. The master planning has been completed that is addressing capital construction and traffic. UND is ranked number three nationally for student services. In speaking about the student leadership, he indicated that Kylie Oversen and Nate Elness had a great year and we now look forward to working with Student Body President Logan Fletcher and Vice President Eric Watne.

The President spoke of what is new and what is coming. He noted that we will have a new Chancellor, Hamid Shirvani. Next year is a legislative session year and the legislature will consider performance funding models for a portion of the state appropriation. One-fourth of the funding from the state will be based on student retention and graduation. The Princeton Review ranks UND as one of America's greenest schools. UND is ranked third, behind UCLA and Stanford, in wellness. We look ahead to new campus leadership with the search for a new provost with Provost LeBel stepping down in summer 2013. There is a 17-member search committee appointed with Lori Reesor and Jim Mochoruk as co-chairs.

Student enrollment is at a record 14,697, with 6,041 from North Dakota and 5,038 from Minnesota. We have students from all 50 states and more than 50 countries. The graduate enrollment is up 4% at 2,673. Our quality is strong with an average ACT composite of 23.4, average high school GPA of 3.26 and 172 Presidential Scholars. Our entering class is 97% age 18-19 and 77% were retained to the sophomore year.

Our student success is illustrated by 100% pass rates for Medicine in steps 2 and 3 USMLE, Chemical and Electrical Engineering on the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, Communication Sciences and Disorders and Cytotechnology.

We have outstanding student achievements. Some of those achievements are:

- The UND team claimed first place and made history in the Down Under UAV competition.
- UND Law students took second place in a national Criminal Moot Court Competition.
- The UND Dakota Student editorial staff was honored at the Midwest College Journalism Convention.
- The UND student-managed investment fund beat the S & P and has gained national ranking.
- The UND Lunabotic team placed first overall in the Lunar Rover competition.

Student spending has a significant impact. In FY 2009, the spending was \$104.3 million for the Grand Forks area with a total impact of \$259 million. In business sales, \$5.4 million in sales and use tax was generated along with \$1 million in personal income tax and 1,210 new secondary jobs in the community. The President then shared the average annual salaries of graduates by college.

In speaking of the challenges for UND, the President cited the eroding funding models, rising tuition costs, the logo issue and controversy, and the open content and changing environment of the higher education industry.

President Kelley indicated that athletics is a tremendous marketing tool for UND. For many alumni, athletics is the picture window to UND. We have had a remarkable and exceptional year. The men's hockey team won the Broadmore trophy and the NCAA tournament, the women's hockey team advanced to their first NCAA tournament, the football team was the 2011 Great West Conference Co-champions, the men's and women's basketball teams were Great West Champions, and the volleyball team was Great West Conference Champion. In the next year, we will begin our participation in the Big Sky Conference. The competition will certainly increase and this will be exciting for fans. Beginning next year, UND will be in full Division I status. The President asked all to be informed and to vote on June 12. He stated he is not suggesting how people should vote, but is encouraging that everyone be informed and to vote.

President Kelley highlighted faculty and staff accomplishments. He called attention to the new cello professor, Simona Barbu, the Burgum Endowed Chair in Cello. There are many inventors, including Ron Marsh, Wayne Seames, Julia Zhao, Matt Nilles, Evgenii Kozliak and Michael Mann. UND has received a COBRE grant of \$10 million for Neuroscience research. Oceanographer, Xiaodong Zang, is conducting a Devil's Lake study. Research engineer, Pablo de Leon, is recognized internationally for the NDX planetary exploration suit. Julie Anderson from Nursing is an ACE Fellow for 2012-2013. Geomorphologist, Jaakko Putkonen, is conducting Antarctica research. UND is partnering with Northland Technical College for UAS education, research and training. The new Center of Excellence in Petroleum Engineering and deputy director Zheng-Wen Zeng are doing research on the Bakken Formation. There are digital humanities projects which are developing multi-disciplinary learning projects. The EERC is involved in work with all kinds of energy and environmental activities including coal gasification.

President Kelley stated that there are program challenges. Most significant are the shifting funding models and the disappearance of Federal earmarks. The Medical School is currently in a workforce needs study, a study of physical growth needs and looking at delivery systems. There are infrastructure

challenges with deferred maintenance, planned renovations and the Coulee bridge repair/rebuild which will cost approximately \$1 million.

The President then updated the status on several capital projects. The Gorecki Alumni Center is in progress. It will house Admissions, a Visitor Center, the Alumni operations and gathering and work space. The NDUS IT building will break ground soon. The Law School renovation and addition is in the planning stages along with working with the legislature. The renovation and addition to the College of Education and Human Development building was completed. The School of Medicine and Health Sciences has completed a new Family Medicine Clinic in Bismarck. We are looking ahead to a new College of Business and Public Administration building, perhaps where the old Alumni Center is. Some of the challenges with the infrastructure are the Law building and accreditation, Medical School growth, workforce needs and delivery, aging infrastructure and what to do with the aging Steam Heat Plant for energy and the \$15-20 million cost.

President Kelley again called attention to the challenges we face. Those challenges include eroding federal funding, the disappearance of earmarks, aging infrastructure, deferred maintenance, local competition for dollars, legislative challenges, changing funding environment, the logo controversy, rapidly changing technology, outdated research facilities, and recruitment and retention.

In conclusion, the President stated that the year ahead will be exciting. We have had great successes as well as a number of challenges and there will be more going forward. He expects the University to advance to more than we have been this past year.

There was then time for questions:

- The first question was about the “Maximizing Efficiencies” report from the State Board of Higher Education and review of low enrollment programs. Mr. LeBel addressed the question. He indicated that the report did not have Academic Affairs Council (AAC) input. AAC is now looking at a methodology and they plan to first look at the value of the program to the institution and its mission. There is a proposal being developed with the Academic Affairs Council with benchmarks for review. The review would be qualitative, not just quantitative, with a mission-specific and value framework, with the value added to the university based on mission.
- There was a question about higher education cost outpacing health care cost and inflation. With 80% of the cost personnel and the raise 3-4%, why is the cost beyond inflation and health care. President Kelley described the need to balance rising costs, tuition and fee increases and decrease of research dollars. We cannot afford to have rapid decline in state support.

Mr. Stofferahn gave a year-end report for the 2011-2012 University Senate. He indicated it has been a productive year for University Senate. He reported the following activities were completed:

- The members of the Ad-hoc Faculty Research Seed Money Committee were appointed and charged with administering the program and developing policies and procedures.
- Approved a resolution in support of the President’s request to repeal NDCC 15-10-46.
- Approved a revision in the charge to the Senate Continuing Education Committee to include assessment of teaching in online courses.

- Approved an Ad-hoc Committee on Student Evaluation of Teaching and members were appointed and charged with evaluating current methods of assessing teaching effectiveness.
- Approved changes to the charge to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee.
- Senate Executive Committee members provided commentary to the SBHE President Shaft on the “Maximizing Results through Efficiencies” initiative.
- Paul Sum, Associate Professor, was appointed to update the faculty handbook.
- John Bridewell, Associate Professor, developed and presented a presentation on shared governance to the Alice Clark Program.
- The SEC chair met with Alice Clark Program participants to discuss shared governance at UND.
- Approved a change in the charge to the Standing Committee on Faculty Rights.
- The Senate Executive Committee met with SBHE President Shaft to discuss the “Maximizing Results through Efficiencies” initiative.
- Approved a charge to the Ad-hoc Committee on Data Management and Retention and the Associate Vice President for Research will recommend members to be appointed.
- The SEC chair and vice chair met with the President and Provost to discuss ways to improve shared governance.
- Approved changes to the Faculty Handbook concerning 605 Grievances by removing reference to SBHE Policies.
- Approved changes to the Conflict of Interest Policy.
- Approved changes to the charge of the Special Review Committee.
- Endorsed a resolution from the Student Wellness Committee regarding preservation of green space on campus for student intramural use.
- The SEC chair and vice chair met with the Director of the Alice Clark Program to discuss the development of a faculty leadership program.
- The SEC chair and vice chair met with the Administrative Procedures Committee to discuss whether any changes in policies were needed to facilitate the committee’s work.

Mr. Stofferahn indicated that the following activities were in progress:

- Approval of a resolution in favor of establishing a campus Ombuds Office
- Approval of a charge to an Ad-hoc Committee on Shared Governance
- Approval of a University Senate bylaw concerning attendance for purposes of establishing quorum
- Approval of revisions to the Intellectual Property Policy

Mr. Stofferahn concluded with acknowledgements and thanks to the following:

- Senate Executive Committee
  - Jim Mochoruk, University Senate Vice Chair
  - Kathy Smart, University Senate Past Chair
  - Kim Kenville, 2013 Faculty Representative
  - Rosanne McBride, 2012 Faculty Representative
  - Don Poochigian, 2012 Council of College Faculty Representative

Kylie Oversen, 2012 Student Body President

Paul LeBel, VPAA

Suzanne Anderson, Registrar & Secretary to University Senate

- Lori Hofland, Assistant Secretary to University Senate
- President Kelley
- Members of the University Senate
- 155 faculty members who serve on 24 University Senate Committees

Mr. Stofferahn asked the audience if there were any other matters arising; there were none and the meeting of the University Council adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson, Secretary  
University Council