University Council

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• Vested by Article II of the UND Constitution
  – “The University Legislature shall consist of the Council and its Senate. The faculty's legislative powers shall reside in the Council and its University Senate”

• Membership:
  – The President; the Vice Presidents; Associate Vice Presidents who concurrently hold faculty rank; the Registrar, the Director of Libraries, all deans, all department chairpersons, all of the benefited faculty of any rank, including lecturer, instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor; program directors, coordinators, assistant and associate deans who concurrently hold faculty rank; professional librarians, and such other academic personnel and administrative officers as the Council may designate.

Quorum and Proceedings

• Transaction of Business requires 25 percent of the Council membership
  – 183 of the current 732 members

• Regular University Council Meetings are co-chaired by chairperson of the University Senate and the President of the University

• The Registrar is ex officio secretary.

University Senate

• Shared Governance is University Governance

• University Senate Consists of:
  – 54 Faculty elected from the Council
  – 18 ex-officio members
  – 3 Staff Senate representatives
  – 14 Student Government representatives

• 23 Standing USenate Committees
  – Over 300 faculty involved engaged in Usenate and Governance

Standing Committees

• Academic Policies and Admissions Committee
• Administrative Procedures Committee
• Budget Committee
• Committee on Committees
• Compensation Committee
• Conflict of Interest/Scientific Misconduct Committee
• Curriculum Committee
• Essential Studies Committee
• Executive Committee
• Faculty Handbook Committee
• Faculty Instructional Development Committee
• Honorary Degrees Committee
• Honors Program Committee
• Intellectual Property Committee
• Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
• Legislative Affairs Committee
• Library Committee
• Online & Distance Education Committee
• Scholarly Activities Committee
• Special Review Committee Pool
• Standing Committee on Faculty Rights
• Student Academic Standards Committee
• University Assessment Committee

Highlights of Committee Work

Academic Policies and Procedures Committee

• Academic Policies and Procedures Committee
  – Examining policies to double count major and minor credits
  – Examining Double Major / Dual Degree Policies
  – Streamlining Grade Change Procedures
  – Examining Number of Credits Required to Graduate
Highlights of Committee Work
Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

- Engaged in intensive Fall review of number of sports, current and projected budgets, conference / league affiliation, Title IX, Facilities, and revenue generation.
- Academic Integrity and Student Athlete Well-being
- Governance and Compliance
- Equality and Diversity
- Fan Experience/Behavior & Facilities

Senate Budget Committee

- Began weekly meetings to coincide with a university-wide budget reduction process
- Sought to increase communications
  - Responded to questions asked through the USenate feedback form
- Crafted recommendations for requests to recruit tenure track faculty
- Made recommendations to the libraries
  - “Exploration of Sustainable Budget Models of UND Libraries”

Highlights of Committee Work
Essential Studies Committee

- Met 16 times
- Reviewed and validated new courses seeking ES designation
- Handled 24 Student petitions
  - Approved 18
- Approved a handbook of ES policies
- Updated ES goal language
- Instituted new revalidation process for Breadth of Knowledge courses

Ad Hoc Committees

- SETIC / SELF
- Study of Procedures for Administrative Evaluation (SPEA)
- Qualified Faculty Requirements
- Special Appointment and Contingent Faculty Rights (SACFR)

USenate Involvement in Larger Campus Initiatives

Committee Involvement
- Space Management
- Promotion Evaluation and Tenure
- Code of Student Life Revision
- Strategic Planning
- President Inauguration Planning
- Open Education Resources
- Provided testimony to SBHE on the dangers of eroding tenure protections
- Represented on Chester Fritz Auditorium Working Group

Senate Dialogue
- Regular reporting from essential studies director
- Gathered input for proposed Center of Teaching Excellence
- NDUS Blackboard Initiative
- Strategic Enrollment Management and Marketing Updates
- VPFO Alice Brekke Budget Timeline

Worked with VPAA on Regular Provost Updates / Fora

- Budget
- Strategic Enrollment Management
- Student Success with Blackboard
- Online Degree and Certificate Programs
- Master Plan
- Branding Survey
- Strategic Planning
  - (Discovery, Teaching and Learning, Engagement)
Staff Senate
• Pam Shea, President
• Amber Flynn, Incoming President

Student Government
Outgoing
• Brandon Byer, President
• Blake Andert, Vice President

Incoming
• Cole Bachmeier, President
• Erik Hanson, Vice President

Questions?