Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
October 6, 2011

1.
The October meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2011 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Curt Stofferahn presided.

2.
The following members of the Senate were present:

- Anderson, Ernest
- Anderson, Suzanne
- Antonova, Slavka
- Bahl, Landon
- Bass, Gail
- Beck, Pamela
- Berger, Albert
- Bibel, George
- Bradley, April
- Brekke, Alice
- Bridewell, John
- Casler, James
- Cherry, Emily
- Christian, Stephanie
- Drechsel, Paul
- Elness, Nathan
- El-Rewini, Hesham
- Emmons, Kristin
- Evanson, Tracy
- Gapp, Jacob
- Gerbert, Shane
- Gorney, Kjiesta
- Halgren, Cara
- Harsell, Dana
- Haskins, Jim
- Hillebrand, Diane
- Jackson, Jon
- Jeno, Sue
- Johnson, Phyllis
- Kallio, Brenda
- Keengwe, Jared
- Kenville, Kimberly
- Khavanin, Mohammad
- Kitzes, Adam
- Korniewicz, Denise
- Laguette, Soizik
- Langstraat, Jeffrey
- McGinniss, Mike
- Mikulak, Marcia
- Mitzell, John
- Mochoruk, James
- Moen, Joseph
- Munski, Doug
- Murphy, Eric
- Oncel, Nuri
- Onchwari, Grace
- Oommen, Abraham
- Oversen, Kylie
- Pederson, Randy
- Petros, Thomas
- Poochigian, Donald
- Rakow, Lana
- Ray, Linda
- Reesor, Lori
- Reissig, Bradley
- Rice, Daniel
- Schwartz, Rhonda
- Seddoh, Amebu
- Shafer, Richard
- Smart, Kathy
- Smith, Bruce
- Stofferahn, Curt
- Stolt, Wilbur
- Swartz, Kristi
- Tompkins, John
- Volkov, Boris
- Walker, Anne
- Watne, Eric
- Young, Patricia

3.
The following members of the Senate were absent:

- Badahdah, Abdallah
- Baker, Mary
- Doze, Van
- Drewes, Mary
- Dunlevy, Jane
- Elbert, Dennis
- Jehlicka, Brenden
- Kelley, Robert
- Koepke-Nelson, Yvette
- LeBel, Paul
- Mosher, Sarah
- Rand, Kathryn
- Riedy, Joshua
- Robison, Lori
- Safratowich, Michael
- Suleiman, Nabil
- Swisher, Wayne
- Wynne, Joshua
- Wynne, Lucas

4.
The following announcements were made:

a. Mr. Stofferahn called the meeting to order and asked if there were additions to the agenda. There were no additional items.

b. Ms. Jeno reported on the Big Sky conference meeting. The Conference Faculty Representatives group is looking to form an undergraduate research opportunity that would result in a published article in an online journal. There would be a potential scholarship for the top article and a stipend for the faculty advisor. The presidents have indicated their support. Ms. Jeno indicated that she wanted to bring this to the attention of the faculty and that there would be more to come. Mr. Poochigian asked about
the status of UND and the conference. She reported that as of now we are still invited to participate.

c. Mr. Munski indicated that the Committee on Committees is seeking members for several committees. Those committees needing members are: the Summer Sessions, Student Policies, and Student Academic Standards Committees. He asked for possible names for the various positions. He indicated that the Dean of Nursing will present a name for the Essential Studies Committee. Additionally, the College of Business has presented a non-tenure track member for the Compensation Committee.

d. Mr. Munski reported that the ND Public Employees Association is meeting at the Ramada Inn Friday and Saturday, October 7-8. He encouraged attendance.

e. Ms. Oversen reported that Student Government sent two busses of volunteer students to Minot to help with flood recovery. The students finished work on eight houses and were much appreciated.

f. Mr. Stofferahn shared a letter sent out regarding USAT results. The letter clarified that comments are only to be returned to the faculty member.

5.

Mr. Stofferahn called attention to the minutes of the September 1, 2011 meeting. He asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, Mr. Haskins moved approval of the minutes and Mr. Gerbert seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:14 p.m.

Mr. Murphy asked if there was any consideration for a USAT form that is targeted to graduate classes. Mr. Stofferahn indicated that SEC has discussed the form. They will look at forms that other institutions are using. If needed, SEC will appoint a special committee. Mr. Petros suggested that Mr. Murphy should be on the committee to speak to the graduate needs. It was also suggested that distance education should be considered. Mr. Haskins indicated that the classes that are hybrid for both face-to-face and online simultaneously must also be considered.

The question period closed at 4:20 p.m.

7.

Attention was called to the annual report for the Senate Faculty Instructional Development Committee. Mr. Munski moved to receive and file the report. Mr. Gerbert seconded the motion. The report was filed.

8.

Mr. Stofferahn asked if there was representation from the Curriculum Committee for the September report. There was no one present. Mr. Murphy asked how the Public Health degree was structured. Mr. Mochoruk moved to recognize Dennis Caine from Physical Education, Exercise Science and Wellness, author of the proposed degree program. Mr. Cain addressed the questions regarding the proposed undergraduate degree in Public Health. Mr. Jackson asked about the suspension of the STEM certificates. Mr. Rice explained the background for the certificates and the decision to suspend. Mr. Gerbert moved approval of the report. Mr. Mochoruk seconded the motion. The report was approved.

9.

Mr. Stofferahn asked if there was any other business; hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson, Secretary to the Senate