

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
September 1, 2011

1.

The September meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2011 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Kathy Smart presided over the first part of the meeting and then turned it over to Curt Stofferahn.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Suzanne	Haskins, Jim	Oommen, Abraham
Antonova, Slavka	Hillebrand, Diane	Overesen, Kylie
Baker, Mary	Jehlicka, Brenden	Pederson, Randy
Bass, Gail	Jeno, Sue	Petros, Thomas
Beck, Pamela	Johnson, Phyllis	Poochigian, Donald
Berger, Albert	Kallio, Brenda	Rakow, Lana
Bradley, April	Keengwe, Jared	Ray, Linda
Brekke, Alice	Kelley, Robert	Reesor, Lori
Bridewell, John	Kenville, Kimberly	Reissig, Bradley
Casler, James	Kitzes, Adam	Robison, Lori
Cherry, Emily	Koepke-Nelson, Yvette	Safratowich, Michael
Christian, Stephanie	Korniewicz, Denise	Schwartz, Rhonda
Doze, Van	Laguetta, Soizik	Seddoh, Amebu
Drechsel, Paul	Langstraat, Jeffrey	Smart, Kathy
Drewes, Mary	LeBel, Paul	Stofferahn, Curt
Elnes, Nathan	McGinniss, Mike	Stolt, Wilbur
El-Rewini, Hesham	Mikulak, Marcia	Suleiman, Nabil
Emmons, Kristin	Mitzell, John	Swartz, Kristi
Evanson, Tracy	Mochoruk, James	Swisher, Wayne
Gapp, Jacob	Moen, Joseph	Tiemann, Kathleen
Gerbert, Shane	Mosher, Sarah	Thompkins, John
Gorney, Kjiesta	Munski, Doug	Walker, Anne
Halgren, Cara	Murphy, Eric	Watne, Eric
Harsell, Dana	Oncel, Nuri	Wynne, Lucas

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Ernest
Badahdah, Abdallah
Bibel, George
Dunlevy, Jane
Elbert, Dennis
Jackson, Jon
Khavanin, Mohammad
Onchwari, Grace
Rand, Kathryn
Raynes, Joshua
Rice, Daniel
Riedy, Joshua
Shafer, Richard
Smith, Bruce
Volkov, Boris
Wynne, Joshua
Young, Patricia

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Ms. Smart called the meeting to order and welcomed the Senators to the first meeting of the 2011-2012 year.
- b. President Kelley thanked Ms. Smart for her service and indicated that he looks forward to working with Mr. Stofferahn. He welcomed all the Senators back to the University for the 2011-2012 year. He spoke of moving the University forward to excellence and of the many initiatives and projects that are happening to make that possible. Some of what he mentioned include: the remodeled Education and Human Development building; the new Alumni Center, which is in progress; and the new Family Residency Center in Bismarck. The University will break ground on the new IT center for NDUS and UND. President Kelley indicated that there are five things the Senators will hear again and again. The five priorities are: 1) the student experience of teaching and learning; 2) collaboration in teaching, scholarship and research; 3) exceptional gathering spaces for students, faculty and staff; 4) the presence of UND in community and state; and 5) quality of life for all - students, faculty and staff. The President updated the Senators on the name and logo. He indicated that we are under sanctions by NCAA due to the state law which went into effect on August 1. We will continue under sanctions unless the law is repealed. He also indicated that there are lawsuits filed regarding the name and logo. He said that we will continue to work through the issues. Mr. Berger asked about the site for the IT center. President Kelley indicated that it will be on the West side of campus but the exact location is unknown.
- c. Mr. Loren Liepold was called upon to make an announcement on behalf of Staff Senate. Ms. Swartz moved to recognize him. There were no objections and Mr. Liepold reported that the Staff Senate has several projects to assist Minot with their flooding and weather problems. Attendees of the Potato Bowl will be encouraged to bring items to donate to Minot. Staff Senate plans to have members attending the Potato Bowl parade where these donations will be collected. They are also working with the Target registry for people to purchase and donate to Minot through the month of September. During the state staff recognition week, September 12-16, there will be places to drop off donations. The newsletter will list opportunities for donations. Mr. Poochigian suggested an email to all faculty and staff describing the opportunities. Mr. Liepold asked that the word of these opportunities be spread to colleagues across campus.
- d. Mr. Stoltz announced that the Chester Fritz Library will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. There will be many events to celebrate this milestone and all are invited to participate. The announcements on the various events will be coming out in the near future.
- e. Mr. LeBel announced the successful conclusion of two dean searches. He reported that Kathryn Rand was selected as the Law School Dean. Mr. LeBel then introduced Denise Korniewicz as the new dean of the College of Nursing. There remain two dean vacancies and both will have searches this year. The Arts & Sciences search will be chaired by Dean Smith. Information on the Graduate School dean search will be forthcoming.
- f. Ms. Smart then turned the meeting over to Mr. Stofferahn. He indicated that he would not be going through the orientation since it was distributed before the meeting.

5.

Mr. Stofferahn called attention to the minutes of the May 5, 2011 meeting. He asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, Mr. Gerbert moved approval of the minutes and Mr. Munski seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

Mr. Munski, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, presented the slate of nominees for University Senate officers. He introduced the candidate for vice chair/chair elect, Jim Mochoruk. Nominations from the floor were requested. Hearing none, Ms. Kenville moved for approval of a unanimous ballot. Ms. Bass seconded the motion. The vote was taken and Jim Mochoruk was elected vice chair/chair elect.

7.

The following nominees for Senate Executive Committee were presented: Gail Bass and Kim Kenville. The candidates were introduced and nominations were requested from the floor. Hearing none, the vote was taken. Kim Kenville was elected to a two-year term.

8.

Mr. Munski reported that Jim Mochoruk withdrew his name as a nominee for the Committee on Committees. The remaining two nominees were: Amebu Seddoh and Linda Ray. Nominations were requested from the floor. Hearing none, Mr. Mochoruk moved nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. Mr. Bridewell seconded the motion, the vote was taken, and Amebu Seddoh and Linda Ray were elected to the Committee on Committees.

9.

Kylie Oversen was presented as the nominee for the student member on the Senate Executive Committee. She introduced herself. Nominations were requested from the floor. Hearing none, Mr. Mochoruk moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Ms. Smart seconded the motion and Kylie Oversen was elected to the Senate Executive Committee.

10.

During the voting, Mr. Stofferahn and other SEC members shared activities of the SEC during the summer. The following were some of the activities:

- a. Mr. Stofferahn shared the thank-you letter sent to President Kelley for his work to repeal the name and logo bill as well as his leadership to the University.
- b. Ms. Smart reported on the Faculty Research Seed Money Program. She indicated that there had been a blue ribbon committee working on the program last year. SEC reviewed the program and made recommendations. The committee going forward will include the associate dean of research and a faculty member from each college. Administration of the program will be out of the Office of Research, chaired by Barry Milavetz. Ms. Smart thanked the prior committee for their work and suggested that if they wished to be on the new committee they should indicate their interest.

Mr. Murphy spoke about the process being a faculty driven process and where this program is going. Ms. Smart indicated that the Committee has put forth a report, recommendations for procedures, structure, etc. The plan is that there will be a report back to Senate every fall.

11.

The question period opened at 4:42 p.m.

Mr. Petros asked about the Council of College Faculties election. It was reported that the CCF election was in the spring.

The question period closed at 4:43 p.m.

12.

Mr. Stofferahn asked if there was any other business; hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson, Secretary to the Senate