

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
March 1, 2012

1.

The March meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2012 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Curt Stofferahn presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Ernest	Harsell, Dana	Onchwari, Grace
Anderson, Suzanne	Haskins, Jim	Oversen, Kylie
Antonova, Slavka	Hillebrand, Diane	Pederson, Randy
Bahl, Landon	Jackson, Jon	Petros, Thomas
Baker, Mary	Jehlicka, Brenden	Poochigian, Donald
Bass, Gail	Jeno, Sue	Rakow, Lana
Beck, Pamela	Kallio, Brenda	Ray, Linda
Berger, Albert	Keengwe, Jared	Reesor, Lori
Bibel, George	Kenville, Kimberly	Rice, Daniel
Bradley, April	Khavanin, Mohammad	Robison, Lori
Brekke, Alice	Kitzes, Adam	Safratowich, Michael
Bridewell, John	Koepke-Nelson, Yvette	Schwartz, Rhonda
Casler, James	Korniewicz, Denise	Seddoh, Amebu
Christian, Stephanie	Laguetta, Soizik	Smart, Kathy
Drechsel, Paul	McGinniss, Mike	Smith, Bruce
Drewes, Mary	Mikulak, Marcia	Stofferahn, Curt
Elbert, Dennis	Mitzell, John	Swisher, Wayne
Elness, Nathan	Mochoruk, James	Tiemann, Kathleen
El-Rewini, Hesham	Moen, Joseph	Watne, Eric
Emmons, Kristin	Mosher, Sarah	Young, Patricia
Gerbert, Shane	Munski, Doug	
Halgren, Cara	Murphy, Eric	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Badahdah, Abdallah	Langstraat, Jeffrey	Suleiman, Nabil
Cherry, Emily	LeBel, Paul	Swartz, Kristi
Doze, Van	Oncel, Nuri	Tompkins, John
Dunlevy, Jane	Oommen, Abraham	Volkov, Boris
Evanson, Tracy	Rand, Kathryn	Walker, Anne
Gapp, Jacob	Reissig, Bradley	Wynne, Joshua
Gorney, Kjiesta	Riedy, Joshua	Wynne, Lucas
Johnson, Phyllis	Shafer, Richard	
Kelley, Robert	Stolt, Wilbur	

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Mr. Stofferahn announced that due to the Honorary Degrees Committee not being present at the last Senate meeting and the time requirements for state approval, the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) acted on behalf of the Senate at their February 15 meeting. SEC approved the three nominees and forwarded them to the President's Office.
- b. Mr. Stofferahn announced that the SEC met on February 16 with SBHE President Grant Shaft. He indicated that it was a cordial meeting. The SBHE is under assault and it is important to have good relations with them. The outcome of the meeting was good, with SEC better understanding the efficiencies document and the Legislative concerns.
- c. Peggy Lucke spoke regarding the safety issues raised at the December Senate meeting. One issue was related to crosswalks on campus. She

indicated that there are several current initiatives regarding crosswalks on University Avenue and the heart of the campus. Ms. Lucke reported that the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Council will do a study of University Avenue this summer. The study must be done before any recommendations for changes can be made. She stated that there are several other related initiatives, such as: a campus shuttle study; the challenges the campus faces regarding these matters; a recommendation to look at a combined bus/bike lane; and bus schedule and vehicle time conflicts. The Campus Safety Office is looking at implementing crosswalks on campus similar to the one in front of the Facilities building. Mr. Murphy asked about painting the University Avenue crosswalks to make them easier to see. Ms. Lucke said the lack of action is tied to the upcoming study this summer. There were comments about jaywalking and safety. Ms. Lucke indicated that pedestrians have the right of way on campus and Centennial Drive.

5.

Mr. Stofferahn called attention to the minutes of the February 2, 2012 meeting. He asked if there were any corrections; hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:15 p.m. There were no questions.

7.

Mr. Stofferahn called attention to the annual reports from the Senate Student Academic Standards, Administrative Procedures, and ROTC Committees. Mr. Murphy moved approval to file the reports. Mr. Gerbert seconded the motion and the reports were approved to be filed.

8.

The Curriculum Committee report was presented. Mr. Drechsel, Curriculum Committee representative, was available to answer questions; there were none. Mr. Mochoruk moved to approve the report. There was a second from Mr. Poochigian and the report was approved with a vote of 50 for and 1 abstention.

9.

The Nominations for Senate Committees ballot was presented. Mr. Stofferahn spoke about the importance of the work of the Committee on Committees and the work of all the Senate committees. Mr. Munski, as chair of the Committee on Committees, introduced the committee members and turned matters over to Linda Ray. She described the process for establishing the ballot. She indicated that there were 126 responses for the 45 committees. Mr. Munski described the nomination process and asked for additional nominations from the floor for each committee. Upon completion, Mr. Gerbert moved for the ballot to be closed and for approval of the ballot amendments. Mr. Moen seconded the motion, and the amended ballot was approved with a vote of 54 for and 1 abstention.

10.

Mr. Stofferahn presented the Senate Committee on Data Management and Retention charge. This policy is required by Federal guidelines. He indicated that Barry Milavetz will select the Committee members based on the criteria and SEC will have final approval. When the policy is developed, it will be brought back to Senate to be approved. It was inquired if there is an interim policy and if it could be brought to the Senate. No one was aware of such an interim policy. Mr. Murphy asked if Senate could vote on the appointed members. He moved to amend the charge that the faculty nominated will be chosen by University Senate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Petros. The vote was taken and the amendment was

approved with a vote of 52 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention. Discussion ensued. There was a motion by Ms. Mikulak and a second by Mr. Poochigian to strike the requirement for experience with Federal grants. The amendment was approved with a vote of 51 for and 1 abstention. Mr. Rice moved to amend the charge to include the College of Education and Human Development. There was a second by Mr. Jackson and the motion passed unanimously. Two friendly amendments were accepted: 1) change the number of members to 19; and 2) delete the word "colleges" in the second paragraph. The amendments were approved unanimously. Mr. Stofferahn then called for a vote on the entire amended document as presented to Senate by SEC. The vote was taken and the amended charge was approved unanimously.

11.

Mr. Stofferahn recognized Dexter Perkins, Chair of the Standing Committee on Faculty Rights. Mr. Perkins presented the changes to be made to the language of the Faculty Handbook regarding SCoFR. Mr. Perkins indicated that the SBHE policy was removed since the policy is so readily available on the internet. He discussed the points in the memo describing the changes proposed. He then answered questions. Discussion ensued. Approval of the proposed changes was passed with a vote of 50 for and 2 abstentions.

12.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson, Secretary
University Senate