Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
May 3, 2012

1.

The May meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2012 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Curt Stofferahn presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Ernest
Antonova, Slavka
Bahl, Landon
Baker, Mary
Bass, Gail
Beck, Pamela
Berger, Albert
Bridewell, John
Casler, James
Cherry, Emily
Christian, Stephanie
Doze, Van
Drechsel, Paul
Drewes, Mary
Dunlevy, Jane
El-Rewini, Hesham
Fletcher, Logan
Gerbert, Shane
Harsell, Dana
Haskins, Jim
Hillebrand, Diane
Jackson, Jon
Jeno, Sue
Johnson, Phyllis
Kallio, Brenda
Keengwe, Jared
Kelley, Robert
Khavanin, Mohammad
Kitzes, Adam
Koepke-Nelson, Yvette
Laguette, Soizik
Langstraat, Jeffrey
McGinniss, Mike
Mikulak, Marcia
Mochoruk, James
Munski, Doug
Oommen, Abraham
Pederson, Randy
Poochigian, Donald
Rakow, Lana
Ray, Linda
Reissig, Bradley
Rice, Daniel
Robison, Lori
Seddoh, Amebu
Shafer, Richard
Smart, Kathy
Smith, Bruce
Stofferahn, Curt
Stolt, Wilbur
Swartz, Kristi
Swisher, Wayne
Tiemann, Kathleen
Walker, Anne

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Suzanne
Badahdah, Abdallah
Bibel, George
Bradley, April
Brekke, Alice
Elbert, Dennis
Emmons, Kristin
Evanson, Tracy
Gapp, Jacob
Gorney, Kjiesta
Halgren, Cara
Jehlicka, Brenden
Kenville, Kimberly
Korniewicz, Denise
LeBel, Paul
Mitzell, John
Moen, Joseph
Mosher, Sarah
Murphy, Eric
Oncel, Nuri
Onchwari, Grace
Petros, Thomas
Rand, Kathryn
Reesor, Lori
Riedy, Joshua
Safratowich, Michael
Schwartz, Rhonda
Suleiman, Nabil
Tompkins, John
Volkov, Boris
Watne, Eric
Wynne, Joshua
Wynne, Lucas
Young, Patricia

4.

Mr. Stofferahn made the following announcements:

a. Provost Paul LeBel has announced that he will step down June 30 2013. President Kelley has appointed the Provost Search Committee members. The Committee will be co-chaired by Lori Reesor, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Jim Mochoruk, chair-elect of University Senate and Professor of History.
b. The Ad-hoc Faculty Seed Money Committee has been granted another year to formalize policies and procedures.
c. Senator Doug Munski has been elected by the Council of College Faculties as the Faculty Representative to the State Board of Higher Education.

d. Mr. Stofferahn congratulated Senator Dan Rice on his retirement as Dean of the College of Education and Human Development. He thanked him for his many years of service on University Senate.
e. Condolences were expressed to Suzanne Anderson, Registrar and Secretary to the Senate, on the passing of her mother.
f. Mr. Munski reported on some changes to the Senate Committee Election Ballot.

5.

Mr. Stofferahn called attention to the minutes of the April 5, 2012 meeting. He asked if there were any corrections; hearing none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:09 p.m.

Mr. Munski asked Ms. Rakow, Director of the Center for Community Engagement, if she had anything to report. Ms. Rakow replied that the 5th successful University Forum was held in Buffalo, North Dakota, with faculty, staff and students representing the University. Ms. Rakow reported that next year's forum will be held on April 27, 2013 in Warren, Minnesota.

The question period closed at 4:11 p.m.

7.

The annual report of the Senate Intellectual Property Committee was presented. Mr. Gerbert moved approval. It was seconded by Mr. Mochoruk. The report was approved and filed.

8.

The list of candidates for degrees was presented. Mr. Mochoruk moved to approve the degree candidates, Mr. Fletcher seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

9.

The Curriculum Committee report was presented. Mr. Drechsel, Curriculum Committee representative, was available to answer questions. There were none. He thanked everyone, especially the Committee members, for their hard work. Mr. Gerbert moved to approve the report. There was a second from Ms. Smart and the report was approved unanimously.

10.

The Senate Committees ballot was presented. Mr. Munski reiterated the changes to the ballot and moved to approve the ballot. Ms. Ray seconded and the revised ballot was approved with a vote of 48 for and 1 against.

11.

Mr. Stofferahn, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, introduced the Senate Resolution for an Ombuds Office. Ms. Milulak and Mr. Gerbert spoke in favor of the resolution. Ms. Mikulak requested that the ombudsperson be someone external to the University to ensure fairness and no bias. Mr. Stofferahn explained that there are various ways to set up an ombuds office and all of them will be considered. A motion was made to approve the resolution and the motion was approved unanimously.

12.

Mr. Stofferahn, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, presented a proposal for an Ad-hoc Committee on Shared Governance. He explained the need for the Committee, its proposed functions and responsibilities, and its guiding principles. Mr. Munski stated that this proposal is long overdue and thanked the Senate Executive Committee for bringing it forward. Mr. Gerbert expressed his support as well. Mr. Rice asked who the “Chair of the Academic Council” is in the selection list. Mr. Jackson asked if the chair of the University Senate still sits on Dean’s Council. Both questions will be considered by the Senate Executive Committee. Ms. Jeno moved to change “Chair of the Academic Council” to “an appointed representative of the Academic Council.” Mr. Stofferahn accepted this as a friendly amendment. Discussion ensued regarding encouraging faculty to engage in service to the University and promote self-governance. A motion was made to approve the proposal and the motion passed with a vote of 44 for and 6 against.

13.

Mr. Stofferahn, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, presented the second draft of the amendment to the Bylaws of the University Senate regarding attendance. Mr. Gerbert spoke in favor of the amendment. Ms. Kallio stated that she was in favor of the idea and concept, but moved to change the stipulation of missing “two consecutive meetings” to “missing two meetings.” Discussion ensued. Mr. Jackson spoke against the amendment. Ms. Smart called attention to the second paragraph that explained the role of the Senate Vice Chair as the contact person for excused absences. Mr. Stofferahn moved to accept the revisions by Ms. Kallio and the motion was approved with a vote of 42 for and 11 against. Discussion ensued regarding how various members would be replaced. More senators spoke for and against the amendment. Mr. Mochoruk moved to withdraw the amendment. Mr. Gerbert seconded and the motion was approved. The amendment will be brought back to Senate in the fall.

14.

Mr. Stolt presented the revisions to the Intellectual Property Policy. He began by giving background on the original policy and the revisions to date. Mr. Poochigian pointed out an editorial change in 4.1 by changing “good and services” to “goods and services.” This was accepted as a friendly amendment. Discussion ensued on the contributions of the EERC and the suggestion that they are being treated differently. Mr. Stolt moved to approve the Intellectual Property Policy as amended. The motion was approved with a vote of 36 for, 12 against, and 1 abstention.

15.

President Kelley presented Mr. Stofferahn with an appreciation plaque and thanked him for his service as University Senate Chair.

16.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Lori Hofland for Suzanne Anderson, Secretary
University Senate