Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
October 4, 2012

1.

The October meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2012 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Jim Mochoruk presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

- Adams, Darla
- Anderson, Suzanne
- Andersson, Julie A.
- Bass, Gail
- Bateman, Connie
- Beck, Pamela
- Berg, Kate
- Bridewell, John
- Caine, Dennis
- Carson, Sharon
- Casler, James
- Cherry, Emily
- Dewar, Graeme
- Drewes, Mary
- Dunlevy, Jane
- Eckmann, Lindsey
- Elber, Dennis
- El-Rewini, Hesham
- Ernst, Julia
- Evanson, Tracy
- Fazel-Rezai, Reza
- Gapp, Jacob
- Gerbert, Shane
- Goodwin, Janice
- Harsell, Dana
- Hillebrand, Diane
- Holland, Dixie
- Hommerding, Aaron
- Johnson, Phyllis
- Kelley, Robert
- Kitzes, Adam
- Koepe-Nelson, Yvette
- Korom, Scott
- Kurtz, Sharley
- Liang, Lewis
- McHenry, Laurie
- Mikulak, Marcia
- Mitzell, John
- Mochoruk, James
- Morrison, Steven
- Mosher, Sarah
- Murphy, Eric
- Nelson, Christopher
- Noghanian, Sima
- Oommen, Abraham
- Ozaki, Casey
- Ray, Linda
- Reesor, Lori
- Schlosser, Isaac
- Shanta, Linda
- Smith, Bruce
- Stofferahn, Curt
- Stolt, Wilbur
- Stone, Jan
- Sturges, Denys
- Sum, Paul
- Sun, Jeffrey
- Swisher, Wayne
- Tiemann, Kathleen
- Towne, Gary
- Vetter, Jennifer
- Walker, Anne
- Walton, Susan
- Wang, Enru
- Watne, Eric
- Worley, Paul
- Young, Patricia
- Zerr, Ryan

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

- Ames, Forrest
- Brekke, Alice
- Combs, Barbara
- Doze, Van
- Fletcher, Logan
- Gorney, Kjista
- Halgren, Cara
- Heitkamp, Thomasine
- Jonientz, Joel
- Keengwe, Sagini
- Korniewicz, Denise
- LeBel, Paul
- Luber, Patrick
- Malott, Daniel
- McBride, Rosanne
- Petros, Thomas
- Poochigian, Donald
- Rand, Kathryn
- Schultz, Kasey
- Wynne, Joshua

4.

The following announcements were made:

a. Senator Phyllis Johnson spoke on behalf of the United Way. Ms. Johnson, as co-chair of the GF/EGF United Way campaign, described the various programs supported by the United Way. Last year, UND’s participation was 14%. Ms. Johnson encouraged participation. On Wednesday, October 10 a United Way kick-off will be held at the Memorial Union from 2-4:00 p.m.

b. Permission was requested to place the report of the Honorary Degrees Committee and its nominations for honorary degrees on the business calendar as new item #7. Mr. Jon Jackson will be recognized by the Chair to offer this report and make the nominations. Mr. Stofferahn moved approval. Mr. Gerbert seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
c. Senator Murphy was asked to provide a Council of College Faculties (CCF) report. Mr. Murphy indicated that CCF had a historic meeting with Chancellor Shirvani. They also attended the SBHE and met as a committee. CCF expressed concerns to Chancellor Shirvani about the 3-Tier System Access/Pathways to Student Success plan. The major concerns for UND were expressed by the members. The dual credit program was discussed. Another issue addressed was mandatory fees rolled into tuition. The Chancellor assured CCF that he is seeking input and wishes to work with the members. He spoke of salary issues and faculty qualities required for hiring. His goal for UND and NDSU is to be AAU in the next 10 years.

d. Mr. Mochoruk indicated that he was giving the senators notice of the intent by SEC to bring forth a recommendation for a change to the Senate’s bylaws at the next meeting. The change would enable a representative of the Staff Senate to serve on the SEC. He indicated that this is formal notification that a bylaw change will be coming to add a Staff Senate member to SEC.

e. Mr. Mochoruk shared that the Ad-hoc Committee on Shared Governance has started its work and is currently working on developing a set of guiding principles for the effort to improve “collaborative governance” at UND. After the guiding principles have been established, the work will begin in the three subcommittees: a) governance structure; b) service in aid of shared governance; and c) the next generation of faculty leaders. The work is going well.

f. The Senate Continuing Education Committee is hard at work redefining and “re-visioning” the work of this committee. This redefinition is necessary given the structural changes for the former Division of Continuing Education over the past two years. The work is concerning the former office of “Outreach Programs” and the current Office of Extended Learning and the rapid changes in “distance education,” on-line education, etc. It is anticipated that the Committee will be coming to the Senate requesting a much overdue change to the Committee’s charge. There is an expectation that a new charge will be sent to SEC and it will ultimately be presented to Senate for approval.

g. The Ad-hoc Ombuds Committee has now met twice and will be meeting every other week through October. The Committee is currently in the process of drafting a job description and a charge for what will become the Senate Ombuds Committee.

h. The SEC will be reviewing the changes in the 612 Grievance procedure that have been drafted in consultation with the Office of General Counsel in order to be fully compliant with SBHE policy in hopes of bringing those proposed changes to the Senate in time for the November meeting.

i. It is also hoped that the SEC will be bringing forth a proposal for the next Senate meeting to begin the process of implementing the changes for the Faculty Handbook recommended by Professor Sum at the September meeting of the Senate. The necessary first step will involve the creation of a new committee of the Senate to supervise this work and to move forward with the “simple changes.” The Committee will then progress to the more complex matters which will call for considerable debate.

j. President Kelley has invited the Chair of the Senate to join the President’s Cabinet as a way of strengthening shared governance.

k. Mr. Mochoruk reminded the senators that if they are unable to attend a Senate meeting, please let Vice-Chair/Chair Elect Ryan Zerr know.
1. Finally, Dr. Anne Kelsch requested that the senators be reminded that the 20th Anniversary Reception for the Alice Clark/UND Foundation Scholars Mentoring Program has been extended to run until 6:00 p.m. today, October 4th, at the NDMOA. This is especially for members of the Senate who had hoped to attend this event.

5.

Mr. Mochoruk called attention to the minutes of the September 6, 2012 meeting. He asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, Mr. Stofferahn moved approval of the minutes and Mr. Zerr seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period opened at 4:25 p.m.

1. Ms. Mikulak asked Senator Murphy to speak more about the American Association of Universities (AAU). Mr. Murphy described the Chancellor’s goal and more about the AAU.

2. Julie Anderson asked that acronyms be explained since many members don’t know what they mean.

The question period closed at 4:30 p.m.

7.

Mr. Mochoruk called attention to the Senate Committee annual reports from the Faculty Instructional Development Committee, the University Assessment Committee, and the Committee on Committees. Mr. Murphy moved approval to accept all the annual reports. Mr. Stofferahn seconded the motion. The reports were accepted and filed.

8.

There was a motion by Mr. Stofferahn to recognize Jon Jackson. Mr. Jackson, chair of the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee, described the requirements for an honorary degree nomination and the process used by the Committee for receiving nominations and reviewing and recommending candidates. He presented the qualifications for the two nominees for honorary degrees at December commencement. Mr. Gerbert moved approval of the candidates. There was a second by Mr. Stofferahn. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.

Ms. Goodwin, chair of the Curriculum Committee, presented the Committee’s report. Ms. Goodwin moved approval of the curricular items. There was a second by Ms. Carson. Discussion ensued. The motion was approved with a vote of 59 for and 1 abstention.

10.

Mr. Stofferahn presented a revised Senate Special Review Committee Pool charge. He reported that changes were made to comply with Board Policy. He explained that a version was approved by the President as interim policy and this is to replace the interim policy. Mr. Mochoruk spoke in support of the changes. A motion was made to approve the new charge. It was seconded and approved unanimously. Gratitude was expressed to the Office of General Counsel for the work accomplished together.
11. The Senate addressed the Intellectual Property Policy. Senator Murphy indicated that the Intellectual Property Committee met last Thursday along with Logan Fletcher and Eric Watne, the Student Government leadership. Mr. Murphy shared that he had also met the prior Friday with Mr. Watne. He indicated all the discussions were very cordial. Mr. Murphy first described the general structure of the Intellectual Property Policy. He then described changes that were made. Mr. Murphy asked for Mr. Jason Jenkins to be allowed to address the legal questions. Discussion ensued. Mr. Murphy accepted a friendly amendment for an addition of “non-commercial” to 3.7.2, “royalty-free non-commercial license.”

12. There was a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes by Mr. Stofferahn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dunlevy and approved with a vote of 39 for, 4 against, and 2 abstentions.

13. Discussion ensued. Mr. Stofferahn moved to close the debate. Ms. Dunlevy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. The motion to approve the amended policy was approved with a vote of 54 for and 2 abstentions.

14. Mr. Watne asked that a Student Senate resolution be recognized. The resolution requested that the University help students to understand the Intellectual Property Policy and to add a student representative to the Intellectual Property Committee membership. Mr. Mochoruk indicated that he requested that the students review all the committees for student membership. Mr. Murphy stated that he will take the recommendation for a student member to the Committee.

15. Mr. Mochoruk thanked the Senators for the healthy debate.

16. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate