

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
February 7, 2013

1.

The February meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2013 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Jim Mochoruk presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Adams, Darla	Fazel-Rezai, Reza	Mochoruk, James
Ames, Forrest	Gapp, Jacob	Mosher, Sarah
Anderson, Suzanne	Gerbert, Shane	Murphy, Eric
Bass, Gail	Goodwin, Janice	Noghanian, Sima
Bateman, Connie	Halgren, Cara	Oommen, Abraham
Beck, Pamela	Harsell, Dana	Ozaki, Casey
Berg, Kate	Heitkamp, Thomasine	Petros, Thomas
Bridewell, John	Hillebrand, Diane	Ray, Linda
Casler, James	Johnson, Phyllis	Reesor, Lori
Cherry, Emily	Keengwe, Sagini	Shanta, Linda
Combs, Barbara	Kitzes, Adam	Stofferahn, Curt
Dewar, Graeme	Korom, Scott	Sturges, Denyse
Doze, Van	Kurtz, Sharley	Sun, Jeffrey
Drewes, Mary	Liang, Lewis	Towne, Gary
Dunlevy, Jane	Luber, Patrick	Walker, Anne
Eckmann, Lindsey	McBride, Rosanne	Young, Patricia
Elbert, Dennis	McHenry, Laurie	Zerr, Ryan
El-Rewini, Hesham	Mikulak, Marcia	
Ernst, Julia	Mitzell, John	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Andersson, Julie A.	Koepke-Nelson, Yvette	Stolt, Wilbur
Brekke, Alice	Korniewicz, Denise	Stone, Jan
Caine, Dennis	LeBel, Paul	Sum, Paul
Caraher, Bill	Malott, Daniel	Swisher, Wayne
Evanson, Tracy	Morrison, Steven	Tiemann, Kathleen
Fletcher, Logan	Nelson, Christopher	Vetter, Jennifer
Gorney, Kjiesta	Poochigian, Donald	Walton, Susan
Holland, Dixie	Rand, Kathryn	Wang, Enru
Hommerding, Aaron	Schlosser, Isaac	Watne, Eric
Jonientz, Joel	Schultz, Kasey	Worley, Paul
Kelley, Robert	Smith, Bruce	Wynne, Joshua

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Mr. Mochoruk described a minor change to the Intellectual Property Committee description; additionally, for the Senate's information, he explained the delay in approval due to not receiving and forwarding the correct copy to the President.

- b. There is a reminder from the Office of General Counsel to the chairs of all Senate Committees with student members. If in the course of their work the student members must utilize student records, please ensure that these student members receive FERPA training.
- c. The Ombuds position advertisements have been placed and applications are coming in. The start date for the new position will be May 15.
- d. Ms. Young, representing Staff Senate, announced the Denim and Diamonds event on Feb 22. She reminded the senators that this event is for staff and faculty with the proceeds going to "Seeds for Staff Success," which is funding for staff development. Tickets are still available.
- e. The student organizers, Jake McConkey and Kaylee Scheer, of "The Big Event" asked to address the Senate. In the past, over 1,200 students and faculty completed more than 100 projects. This year they are reaching out for more participation by faculty and staff. The event will be on April 27.
- f. Mr. Mochoruk called attention to the University Senate election process and deadlines. He asked senators to be mindful of the process.
- g. Mr. Mochoruk updated the Senate on the Provost search. He urged senators to provide feedback on any experience with the candidates. He indicated that action on the position will be fairly rapid.
- h. Mr. Mochoruk requested that the Honorary Degrees recommendations and report from Jon Jackson be added to the business agenda. Mr. Gerbert moved approval to add Honorary Degrees to the business agenda. Mr. Stofferahn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The item was added to the business agenda.
- i. Tom Petros indicated that there is a USAT review committee for teaching evaluations. He indicated that the Committee is commencing their work and he requested that those interested in being involved email him.
- j. In order to address a number of issues related to admissions, enrollment, and academic standards raised by the "Pathways to Student Success" document, a special joint meeting of the Senate's Academic Policy and Admissions Committee and the Student Academic Standards Committee will be held so that pertinent information may be shared with both committees by VPSA Reesor, Provost Paul LeBel, and Sol Jensen, Assistant Vice President for Admissions and Financial Aid.
- k. At the upcoming Senate meeting on March 7, just as legislation will be going to the cross-over phase, VP for University and Public Affairs, Susan Walton, will be providing senators with an in-depth accounting of the legislative session as it relates to UND. She has also agreed to field questions. In the interim, VP Walton has also agreed to provide an interim update to the three Legislative Affairs committees of the Student, Staff and University Senates.
- l. Mr. Murphy indicated that the Council of College Faculties (CCF) was contacted by the Chancellor and asked to take a position on the IT building matter. The CCF decision was to not take a position. CCF will be at the Higher Education Day on March 20 in Bismarck.
- m. Mr. Murphy also indicated that UND sent student wrestlers to St John's for competition. He indicated that the program is up and running.

5.

Mr. Mochoruk called attention to the minutes of the December 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 4:32 p.m. There were no questions.

7.

Mr. Mochoruk called attention to the annual reports from the Senate Honors Committee, Senate Academic Policies and Admissions Committee and the Senate Summer Sessions Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Stofferahn to receive and file the reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and was approved.

8.

Ms. Goodwin presented the Curriculum Committee report for December, 2012 and January, 2013 and moved for approval. There was a second by Mr. Gerbert and the motion was approved unanimously.

9.

An addition to the Scholastic Honesty policy was presented. Academic Policies and Admissions Committee chair, Sonia Zimmerman, introduced Tom Rand and Dennis Elbert to answer questions. Discussion ensued. Approval of the addition was moved by Ms. Heitkamp and seconded by Mr. Stofferahn. The addition to the policy was approved with a vote of 47 for and 2 abstentions.

10.

Mr. Mochoruk presented a proposed change to the Senate University Assessment Committee. The change was simply removing the "Vice President for Finance and Operations or designee" from the Membership, Terms and Selection categories due to reorganizational changes that resulted in that representative position no longer being pertinent. Mr. Mochoruk indicated that the chair of the University Assessment Committee will work with the Committee to determine if any additional members should be added. Senators called attention to the need to correct two titles in the Committee membership. The two title changes were Vice President for Student Affairs and School of Graduate Studies. Ms. Heitkamp moved approval of all the changes. Mr. Zerr seconded the motion and the changes were approved unanimously.

11.

Mr. Jackson, chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, was called upon to address matters for the Committee. First, Mr. Jackson presented the standards for selecting a person for an honorary degree nomination. He indicated that the Committee met on December 17 to review nominees and are submitting two candidates for approval. He presented the qualifications for the first nominee and moved approval on behalf of the Committee. Mr. Towne seconded the motion. The first candidate was approved with a vote of 46 for, 1 against, and 2 abstentions. Mr. Jackson then presented the qualifications of the second nominee and moved approval on behalf of the committee. Mr. Gerbert seconded the motion and the second candidate was approved with a vote of 45 for, 1 against, and 2 abstentions.

12.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate