

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
March 7, 2013

1.

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

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Adams, Darla	Fletcher, Logan	Noghanian, Sima
Anderson, Suzanne	Gapp, Jacob	Poochigian, Donald
Bass, Gail	Goodwin, Janice	Ray, Linda
Bateman, Connie	Gorney, Kjiesta	Reesor, Lori
Bridewell, John	Halgren, Cara	Stofferahn, Curt
Caraher, Bill	Harsell, Dana	Stolt, Wilbur
Combs, Barbara	Hillebrand, Diane	Stone, Jan
Dewar, Graeme	Johnson, Phyllis	Sturges, Denyse
Doze, Van	Jonientz, Joel	Sum, Paul
Drewes, Mary	Koepke-Nelson, Yvette	Swisher, Wayne
Dunlevy, Jane	Korom, Scott	Walker, Anne
Eckmann, Lindsey	Lindseth, Paul	Wang, Enru
Elbert, Dennis	McHenry, Laurie	Watne, Eric
El-Rewini, Hesham	Mikulak, Marcia	Worley, Paul
Ernst, Julia	Mochoruk, James	Young, Patricia
Evanson, Tracy	Murphy, Eric	Zerr, Ryan
Fazel-Rezai, Reza	Nelson, Christopher	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Ames, Forrest	Kitzes, Adam	Petros, Thomas
Andersson, Julie A.	Korniewicz, Denise	Rand, Kathryn
Beck, Pamela	Kurtz, Sharley	Schlosser, Isaac
Berg, Kate	LeBel, Paul	Schultz, Kasey
Brekke, Alice	Liang, Lewis	Shanta, Linda
Caine, Dennis	Luber, Patrick	Sun, Jeffrey
Casler, James	Malott, Daniel	Tiemann, Kathleen
Cherry, Emily	McBride, Rosanne	Towne, Gary
Gerbert, Shane	Mitzell, John	Vetter, Jennifer
Heitkamp, Thomasine	Morrison, Steven	Walton, Susan
Holland, Dixie	Mosher, Sarah	Wynne, Joshua
Keengwe, Sagini	Oommen, Abraham	
Kelley, Robert	Ozaki, Casey	

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Several senior administrators send their regrets for not being able to attend. They are in Bismarck for legislative matters.
- b. Ms. Walton was going to give a legislative update but Mr. Mochoruk will share what Ms. Walton shared at the President's Cabinet. UND has done quite well in Bismarck. The Governor's budget has been positive as well as

the Senate and House legislation. There is strong support for a new Medical School building and funds for remodeling at the Law School. In addition, there is budget and salary support. There are still actions required before anything is finalized but all is looking good. UND personnel are planning to testify at additional hearings.

- c. Mr. Mochoruk indicated that an ongoing concern for the Senate is a procedure for replacing non-attending committee members and achieving quorum for committee action. He stated this is a common problem for all committees. The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) is taking the following steps: 1) If students are not attending, the Student Body President should be notified; 2) Mr. Mochoruk will send an email to chairs asking for notification of any issues of non-attendance; 3) Mr. Mochoruk will also ask in his message to chairs about any workload issues. The information from the committee chairs will help in streamlining work of the body. Mr. Mochoruk shared that he looked into the definition of quorum but he could find no definition. He indicated that the Committee manual could define quorum and it is easily adjusted. SEC will develop a recommendation that will be presented to the Senate at a later meeting.
- d. The Faculty Handbook Committee has just forwarded a plan of action to the SEC, who will review the proposed plan and will be reporting to the Senate. The Committee is working to address the many issues over time.
- e. The Ombuds Committee, representing all three senates, is working on the Ombuds position. They are planning to develop a pool of candidates, conduct telephone interviews and then bring candidates to campus. President Kelley will make the hiring decision for the position.
- f. Ms. Reesor introduced Sol Jensen, the new Assistant Vice President for Admissions and Financial Aid. She then reported on the preparation for Pathways and Performance based funding. In preparation for Pathways, Ms. Reesor and Sol Jensen met with the Student Academic Standards Committee and proposed that changes be made to the provisional admit process. After discussion, the Committee made the following decision: As of March 1, if students are not admissible under regular standards, they will be denied admission but they can appeal the decision. All appeals will be reviewed first by Sol Jensen and then sent to the Student Academic Standards Committee if the decision on the appeal is not clear. Mr. Murphy asked where the GPA and ACT standard is for admission to UND. Ms. Reesor indicated it is in the Academic Catalog and it will be placed on the Admissions website by the week after spring break.
- g. Mr. Murphy made a brief Council of College Faculties (CCF) report based on their last meeting. He indicated that they elected Paul Markel from Minot State University as the new president. CCF has had discussion on the Chancellor issues. To date, the CCF has not taken a stand on the matter but decided that the individual Senates would poll their members. He requested comments to be sent to him, Doug Munski or Kim Kenville. Mr. Murphy also indicated openness to discussion. There was no discussion.

5.

Mr. Mochoruk called attention to the minutes of the February 7, 2013 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 4:33 p.m. Mr. Munski requested that he be recognized. He was recognized and then asked for an update on the search for the Arts & Sciences dean. Mr. El-Rewini, chair of the search committee, indicated that there were 46 applications, 8 off-campus interviews, and 4 finalists being invited to campus. The visits are being scheduled after spring break. The question period closed at 4:35 p.m.

7.

Mr. Mochoruk called attention to the annual reports from the Senate Administrative Procedures Committee and the Senate Student Academic Standards Committee. Mr. Stofferahn moved to accept and file the reports. Mr. Stolt seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

8.

Ms. Goodwin, chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, presented the Curriculum Committee report for February, 2013 and moved for approval of sections I, II, and III, those requiring Senate approval. There was a second by Mr. Zerr and the motion was approved unanimously.

9.

Ms. Ray was called on to preside over the Senate committee elections. She first described the election preparations for the ballot. She then indicated changes to the ballot. Ms. Ray then asked for nominations from the floor. There was a motion by Mr. Murphy and a second by Mr. Dewar to approve the ballot. The ballot was approved. Senators were then instructed to vote.

10.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson  
Secretary to the Senate