

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
February 6, 2014

1.

The February meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2014 in Room 113, Education. Chair Ryan Zerr presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Ernest	Hill, Robert	Poochigian, Donald
Anderson, Suzanne	Hillebrand, Diane	Ray, Linda
Antonova, Slavka	Hume, Wendelin	Reesor, Lori
Barkdull, Carenlee	Jackson, Jon	Reissig, Brad
Brekke, Alice	Johnson, Phyllis	Rice, Dan
Casler, James	Kalka, Joseph	Shafer, Richard
Cherry, Emily	Keeley, Kim	Smart, Kathy
Combs, Barbara	Kelley, Robert	Smith, Bruce
Creamer, Nick	Khavanin, Mohammad	Stolt, Wilbur
De Long, Loretta	Kuntz, Susan	Stone, Jan
Dewar, Graeme	Kurtz, Sharley	Sturges, Denyse
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Laguetta, Soizik	Suleiman, Nabil
Doze, Van	Lemire, Steve	Swisher, Wayne
Elbert, Dennis	Marasinghe, Kanishka	Thorson, Kyle
El-Rewini, Hesham	Masko, Meganne	Towne, Gary
Fazel-Rezai, Reza	Mauray, Debra	Urlacher, Brian
Gedafa, Daba	McGinniss, Michael	Walker, Anne
Geiger, Jonathan	McHenry, Laurie	Young, Tim
Gjellstad, Melissa	Munski, Doug	Zerr, Ryan
Hanson, Lexi	Noghanian, Sima	
Harsell, Dana	Oberg, Alan	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Allmer, Alison	Johnson, Brett	Rami, Manish
Baker, Mary	Keengwe, Jared	Rand, Kathryn
Berg, Kate	Lawrence, Shaina	Schultz, Kasey
Burke, Molly	Lien, Ross	Storrs, Debbie
Campbell, Katherine	Light, Steven	Sum, Paul
Dennis, Steven	Mikulak, Marcia	Walton, Susan
Ernst, Julia	Mitzell, John	Weber, Brett
Halgren, Cara	Petros, Thomas	Worley, Paul
Hoffert, Rachel	Porter, Kim	Wynne, Joshua
Jeno, Sue	Rakow, Lana	

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Mr. Zerr called on Provost DiLorenzo to present on the Program and Services Prioritization initiative. Mr. DiLorenzo first explained that he chose to come to UND due to collaborative governance and good relationships between faculty and administration. At the same time, there

are changes in higher education across the country. The intent is to be vigilant about the future. This initiative is to discuss budgeting and prioritization. Generally, no one is satisfied with the historical budget model. There has been investigation into other models with the plan to create a transparent budget model; additionally, the process to create this model will be used to help make decisions for the future. The decision-making process is not within the actual budgeting tool. UND has hired a consultant, Larry Goldstein, to help with this process. He will be on campus next week and many have signed up for his sessions. No one above the position of chair will be involved. This process will look at the whole University, not just the academic side. Mr. DiLorenzo indicated that there are no cuts planned. He said we are looking at a proactive approach to where we want to be in the next five to ten years. Mr. DiLorenzo responded to questions.

- b. Carrie Herrick, U2 coordinator, spoke about the new U2. She is looking for ways for U2 to support and collaborate with the academic side. They are changing their curriculum to a skills-based approach. The Career Advancement Program (CAP) will be specific to job categories and certifications. They have partnered with departments for new programs in leadership development, mentoring, service excellence training and compliance. She indicated that it will take some time to implement all the changes she shared, along with additional initiatives in the planning.
- c. Mr. Zerr reported that the work of the Shared Governance and Leadership Interest Group continues. There was a joint meeting of the reading group. Out of this there is expected to be a recommendation for a new Senate Committee. There may be funding for travel grants for the new committee as well.
- d. Mr. Zerr stated that the online process will be used for the upcoming elections for University Council.
- e. Mr. Zerr reported that tenure and promotion process input is being sought. SEC has had discussion on this along with the Shared Governance group. SEC decided to reach out to tenure and promotion committees in the colleges. The results will be compiled and reviewed for possible action by SEC.
- f. Mr. Zerr indicated that there will soon be a survey related to the Ombuds Office and position. He stressed that participation is very important.
- g. Mr. Zerr reported that the changes to the Intellectual Property Committee, Committee on Committees, Senate Executive Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee, and Honors Committee that were passed at the November and December Senate meetings have been approved by the President.

5.

Mr. Zerr called attention to the minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. There was a motion of approval by Mr. Munski and a second by Mr. Oberg. The minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:37 p.m. There were no questions.

7.

Mr. Zerr called attention to the annual reports from the Academic Policies and Admissions Committee and the Senate Summer Sessions Committee. Mr. Dewar moved to accept and file the two annual reports. There was a second by Mr. Stolt, and the motion was approved.

8.

The Curriculum Committee report was presented. There was a motion to approve by Mr. Munski and a second by Mr. Kalka. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.

Mr. Jackson was called on to represent the Honorary Degrees Committee. Mr. Zerr first shared NDUS policy 430.1.4 which requires that the information presented is to be kept confidential. Mr. Jackson presented the requirements to award an honorary degree. He presented the four candidates. Mr. Munski moved approval of candidate one. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stolt, and candidate one was approved unanimously. Mr. Poochigian moved approval of candidate two, Ms. Stone seconded the motion and candidate two was approved unanimously. Mr. Munski moved approval of candidate three, Ms. Smart seconded the motion and candidate three was approved unanimously. Ms. Smart moved approval of candidate four, Mr. Creamer seconded the motion and candidate four was approved unanimously.

10.

The recommendations from the Academic Cabinet for the Faculty Handbook which were tabled at the last Senate meeting were reviewed. The motion at the last meeting was to approve. One change is to remove the Dean of Graduate Studies from the process. The second is adding item II.8.2.p, which addressed alternatives for where an assistant professor who must achieve promotion and tenure at the same time does not. There was no further discussion and the vote was taken. The motion was approved with a vote of 51 for and 2 abstentions.

11.

Mr. Zerr presented the change to the UND Constitution, Section ii.1.b, regarding membership in University Council that was approved at the last meeting. This matter requires a vote at two meetings. Mr. Poochigian moved approval and Mr. Munski seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved with a vote of 50 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

12.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate