Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
September 5, 2013

1.
The September meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2013 in Room 7, Gamble Hall. Curt Stofferahn called the meeting to order and passed the gavel to Ryan Zerr as the new chair of Senate.

2.
The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Ernest
Antonova, Slavka
Baker, Mary
Barkdull, Carenlee
Burke, Molly
Campbell, Katherine
Casler, James
Cherry, Emily
Combs, Barbara
Creamer, Nick
De Long, Loretta
Dennis, Steven
Dewar, Graeme
DiLorenzo, Thomas
Elbert, Dennis
Ernst, Julia
Fazel-Rezai, Reza
Gedafa, Daba
Geiger, Jonathan
Gjellstad, Melissa
Halgren, Cara
Hanson, Lexi
Harsell, Dana
Hill, Robert
Hillebrand, Diane
Hoffert, Rachel
Hume, Wendelin
Jackson, Jon
Jeno, Sue
Johnson, Brett
Johnson, Phyllis
Kelley, Robert
Kurtz, Sharley
Lagouette, Soizik
Lawrence, Shaina
Lien, Ross
Marasinghe, Kanishka
Masko, Meganne
McGinniss, Michael
McHenry, Laurie
Mikulak, Marcia
Mitzell, John
Munski, Doug
Noghanian, Sima
Oberg, Alan
Petros, Thomas
Porter, Kim
Rakow, Lana
Rami, Manish
Ray, Linda
Reesor, Lori
Reissig, Brad
Shafer, Richard
Smart, Kathy
Smith, Bruce
Stolt, Wilbur
Stone, Jan
Storrs, Debbie
Sturges, Denyse
Suleiman, Nabil
Sum, Paul
Thorson, Kyle
Towne, Gary
Urlacher, Brian
Walker, Anne
Weber, Brett
Young, Tim
Zerr, Ryan

3.
The following members of the Senate were absent:

Allmer, Alison
Anderson, Suzanne
Berg, Kate
Brekke, Alice
Doze, Van
El-Rewini, Hesham
Keengwe, Jared
Khavanin, Mohammad
Kuntz, Susan
Lemire, Steve
Light, Steven
Maury, Debra
Poochigian, Donald
Rand, Kathry

Rice, Dan
Schultz, Kasey
Swisher, Wayne
Walton, Susan
Worley, Paul
Wynne, Joshua

4.
The following announcements were made:

a. Mr. Zerr thanked Mr. Stofferahn for agreeing to serve as Senate past chair for another year.
b. Mr. Zerr welcomed all new and returning senators.
c. Mr. Munski reported on behalf of the Council of College Faculties that the six semi-finalists for the interim chancellor position will be interviewed on Friday, September 6. The interviews, although held in Bismarck, will be broadcast via IVN in Room 119, Abbott Hall starting at 9:00 a.m. He encouraged the senators to attend. Mr. Munski also encouraged senators to give their input on House Bill 3013 regarding open source text books.
d. Mr. Zerr reported on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) summer actions:
   • Delayed deletion of English 422 from Fall 2013 to Spring 2014
   • Approval of the Summer 2013 candidates for degrees
   • Continued work related to the Senate’s Ad Hoc Committee on Shared Governance, the Next Generation of Faculty Leadership Subcommittee.

e. Mr. Zerr also reported on the SEC’s ongoing work:
   • Continuing to seek input from Senate committees on workload, functions and responsibilities, and membership.
   • Gathering information on which non-tenure/tenure-track faculty are eligible to serve on Senate.

f. On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Mr. Zerr reported on the appointments made over the summer by the Committee.

g. Mr. Zerr welcomed the new University Ombuds, Dusty Bates Farned. Mr. Farned introduced himself and gave a brief description of his position and encouraged the senators to visit with him at any time.

h. Tom Steen, Director of Essential Studies, gave a briefing on a proposal for a new General Education Requirements Transfer Agreement (GERTA) brought by the North Dakota General Education Council, which includes all 11 of the state institutions, the 5 tribal colleges, and 2-3 private institutions in the state. Campus discussions will take place this year and the proposal will eventually come to Senate for a vote.

i. Provost DiLorenzo reported on the Strategic Enrollment Management Initiative, which included this summer’s activity and plans for the fall. The entire presentation can be accessed on the Provost’s blog at: blogs.und.edu/provost/. Comments would be greatly appreciated. The Provost will be meeting with each college over the next month, and plans to meet with all departments over the course of the year.

5. Mr. Zerr called attention to the minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting. He asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, Mr. Munski moved approval of the minutes and Ms. Smart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as distributed.

6. The question period was opened at 4:47 p.m. There were no questions.

7. Mr. Zerr called attention to the Senate Curriculum Committee annual report and the reports from the Ad Hoc Faculty Seed Money Committee and Ad Hoc Data Management Committee. A motion was made to receive and file the reports. The motion was approved.

8. Mr. Zerr indicated that the staff representative election was inadvertently left off the business calendar and asked for a motion to add it. Mr. Oberg moved and Mr. Stolt seconded to add it to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Mr. Zerr indicated that the Senate orientation information was sent out in the new senator packets. He gave a brief overview of the orientation information.

10. Mr. Zerr called on Ms. Ray, past Chair of Committee on Committees, who thanked Lori Hofland of the Registrar’s Office for her support of the Committee. She
then turned the Senate election process over to Ms. Walker. Ms. Walker presented the slate of nominees and asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

The vice chair/chair elect, the faculty member on Senate Executive Committee, the two faculty representatives on the Committee on Committees, the student representative on Senate Executive Committee, and the staff representative on Senate Executive Committee ballots were cast.

11.

After the votes were tallied, Mr. Zerr announced that Melissa Gjellstad was elected vice chair/chair-elect, Kanishka Marasinghe was elected faculty representative to the Senate Executive Committee, Katherine Campbell and Emily Cherry were elected to the Committee on Committees, Diane Hillebrand was elected as staff representative on the Senate Executive Committee, and Nick Creamer was elected as student representative on the Senate Executive Committee.

12.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Lori Hofland for Suzanne Anderson
Secretary to the Senate