

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
January 15, 2015

1.

The January meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2015 in Room 113, Education. Chair Melissa Gjellstad presided.

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The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Ernest	Henderson, Pam	Reesor, Lori
Anderson, Julie	Hill, Robert	Reissig, Brad
Baker, Mary	Hunter, Cheryl	Routon, Claudia
Bradley, April	Johnson, Chase	Rozelle-Stone, Rebecca
Brekke, Alice	Kelley, Robert	Schwartz, Rhonda
Bridewell, John	Lawrence, David	Semke, William
Burgess, Gaye	Liang, Lewis	Smart, Kathy
Campbell, Katherine	Marasinghe, Kanishka	Smith, Bruce
Christopherson, Anne	Martin, Will	Stofferahn, Curt
DeLong, Loretta	McHenry, Laurie	Walker, Anne
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Medina, Shannon	Walton, Susan
Drewes, Mary	Mikulak, Marcia	Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca
El-Rewini, Hesham	Milavetz, Barry	Weber, Bret
Ernst, Julia	Mosher, Sarah	Wood, Robert
Fevig, Ron	Munski, Doug	Young, Tim
Flanagan, Ken	Murphy, Eric	Zerr, Jessica
Geiger, Jonathan	Onchwari, Grace	Zerr, Ryan
Gjellstad, Melissa	Poochigian, Donald	
Harsell, Dana	Quinn, Andrew	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Suzanne	Halgren, Cara	Roux, Gayle
Badahdah, Abdallah	Jendrysik, Mark	Schroeder, Janie
Beattie, Robert	Jeno, Sue	Schuster, Shane
Bibel, George	Johnson, Brett	Sheridan, William
Brown, Ryan	Jones, Nicholas	Storrs, Debbie
Cerkoney, Marissa	Kenville, Kim	Sum, Paul
Cowden, Kimberly	Kurtz, Sharley	Swisher, Wayne
Enright, Jeremiah	Lim, Howe	Tanaka, Tomohiro
Frank, Daniel	Mitzel, John	Williams, Margaret
Franklin, Tanner	Petros, Tom	Wynne, Joshua
Gedafa, Daba	Popehn, Montana	
Grant, Vincent	Rand, Kathryn	

4.

The following announcements were made:

a. Ms. Gjellstad made the following announcements:

- The Cooperative Education policy was approved by the President as an interim policy and will be valid for the next academic catalog.
- There is currently a campus-wide survey being conducted to gather input on parking. It may be accessed at:  
<http://und.edu/news/2015/01/questionnaire-for-parking.cfm>

- Please respond to the Committee on Committees' survey of committee preference with your interest in serving on Senate Committees. The email request was sent by Chair Emily Cherry on January 12.
  - Vacancy appointments on Senate since Fall and Senate committees in December were presented.
  - UND now utilizes a bill tracker to follow bills related to Higher Education during the legislative session in Bismarck. Vice President Susan Walton re-loads it every Friday. The URL is: <http://www.cgstatetrack.com/teaxis/statetrack/insession/viewrpt?report=54b996e0103>.
  - The President's State of the University address will be held on Wednesday, February 4 at 3:00 p.m. in the Lecture Bowl at the Union. This will not be a University Council meeting.
  - There will be an Intellectual Property seminar held on Thursday, January 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the Lecture Bowl at the Union.
  - As of January 12, 2015, a CVIC advisor is available on campus to assist anyone needing help pertaining to sexual violence/abuse.
  - The Student Financial Aid office reports that dependents of UND employees are eligible for the Robert Korth Scholarship. The application deadline is January 19, 2015.
  - The missing revalidation data from the annual report of the Essential Studies Committee that was presented at the December Senate meeting has been supplied as a handout at today's meeting.
- b. Tom Steen, Essential Studies director, reported on the first review of the Essential Studies program which was done in September. The report was completed in November and is now available on the Essential Studies website. Three areas of need were identified in the report: 1) a need for a campus-wide public relations effort; 2) a need to evaluate the administrative structure for the office/director; and 3) a need for discussion regarding the next director since Mr. Steen will be retiring. Focus groups and open meetings to gather feedback and ideas will be held before February 15, which is the end of the review period. The University Senate Essential Studies Committee will process feedback and report to the Senate Executive Committee.
- c. Mr. Murphy gave a Council of College Faculties update. He reported that a survey will be coming soon to gather input regarding: 1) the new motor pool policy and how it has affected your ability to deliver curriculum; and 2) whether institutions should have the opportunity to offer a January term. Mr. Murphy also reported that the All Faculty Conference has been postponed.

5.

Ms. Gjellstad called attention to the minutes of the December 4, 2014 meeting. There was a motion of approval by Mr. Munski. Ms. Smart seconded and the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

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

- a. Mr. Geiger asked for an update on the search for the Vice President for Research. Mr. DiLorenzo reported that the paperwork to secure the search firm has taken longer than anticipated, so it has not yet been hired.

The question period closed at 4:28 p.m.

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Ms. Gjellstad called attention to the annual report from the Senate Honors Committee. Ms. Smart moved to accept and file the annual report. There was a second by Mr. Poochigian, and the motion was approved.

8.

The University Curriculum Committee report was reviewed. Ms. Gjellstad requested a motion to approve those items requiring Senate approval. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Munski. There was a second by Mr. Quinn and the motion was approved unanimously.

9.

Ms. Gjellstad explained the Ad hoc Committee on Shared Governance's process up until now for creating and gathering feedback on the Faculty Governance proposal. Surveys have been distributed and forums have been held. She also explained that the Senate Executive Committee requested that the Ad hoc Committee share the feedback with the University Senate. She introduced Marcus Weaver-Hightower, who aided the Committee with survey construction, deployment, and analysis. He presented the survey results, stating that the survey had a 32% response rate. He gave demographics regarding the responses on perceptions of faculty influence on: decisions made for academic areas; decisions in various policy areas; and on how effective the University Senate is in representing faculty voices. It was found that there are no statistically significant relationships between being in favor of a faculty senate and: having been elected to Senate; having served on a Senate committee; self-reported knowledge of Senate; or current position or years at UND. The most significant demographic was that those most likely to answer that they needed more information were those who have been at UND for a short period of time. The most frequent question undecided faculty had was if a Faculty Senate would have any power with current administration.

Ms. Gjellstad then introduced Ad hoc Committee members Linda Ray, Margaret Healy and Kathy Smart. They reported on the activities of the Committee related to drafting this third proposal and identifying which functions would be under Faculty Senate and which would be under University Senate. They stated that this was a starting point in the process. Discussion ensued and questions were answered by the Committee members. A remark was made that the concept of a Faculty Senate is not new and that faculty governance is different from shared governance, which is what University Senate is.

Mr. Stofferahn made a motion to encourage faculty senators to bring this to their constituents for consideration and discussion. Mr. Munski seconded, and the motion carried.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Lori Hofland for Suzanne Anderson, Secretary  
University Senate