

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
October 2, 2014

1.

The October meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2014 in Room 113, Education. Chair Melissa Gjellstad presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Julie	Hunter, Cheryl	Reesor, Lori
Anderson, Suzanne	Jendrysik, Mark	Reissig, Brad
Baker, Mary	Johnson, Brett	Routon, Claudia
Bridewell, John	Johnson, Chase	Schwartz, Rhonda
Burgess, Gaye	Jones, Nicholas	Semke, William
Cavalli, Matthew	Kenville, Kim	Smart, Kathy
Cerkoney, Marissa	Kurtz, Sharley	Stofferahn, Curt
Christopherson, Anne	Lawrence, David	Storrs, Debbie
Cowden, Kimberly	Lim, Howe	Sum, Paul
DeLong, Loretta	Marasinghe, Kanishka	Swisher, Wayne
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Martin, Will	Tanaka, Tomohiro
Drewes, Mary	McHenry, Laurie	Walker, Anne
El-Rewini, Hesham	Medina, Shannon	Walton, Susan
Ernst, Julia	Mikulak, Marcia	Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca
Gedafa, Daba	Milavetz, Barry	Wood, Robert
Gjellstad, Melissa	Munski, Doug	Zerr, Jessica
Harsell, Dana	Poochigian, Donald	Zerr, Ryan
Henderson, Pam	Popehn, Montana	
Hill, Robert	Quinn, Andrew	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Ernest	Geiger, Jonathan	Roux, Gayle
Badahdah, Abdallah	Grant, Vincent	Rozelle-Stone, Rebecca
Beattie, Robert	Halgren, Cara	Schroeder, Janie
Bradley, April	Jeno, Sue	Schuster, Shane
Brekke, Alice	Kelley, Robert	Sheridan, William
Brown, Ryan	Liang, Lewis	Smith, Bruce
Campbell, Katherine	Mitzel, John	Weber, Bret
Carivau, Cory	Mosher, Sarah	Williams, Margaret
Enright, Jeremiah	Murphy, Eric	Wynne, Joshua
Fevig, Ronald	Onchwari, Grace	Young, Tim
Frank, Daniel	Petros, Tom	
Franklin, Tanner	Rand, Kathryn	

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Student Body Vice President Brett Johnson provided a Student Government update. He shared what Student Government has been working on so far this semester. He indicated three areas: optimizing academic advising and

insuring that students have the best advising possible; outreach to students, specifically, voting in North Dakota and an open forum on Measure 3; and working with the city on possible partnerships, e.g., internships, etc.

- b. Sharley Kurtz, President of Staff Senate, first introduced the other two Staff Senate representatives, Pam Henderson and Shannon Medina. She then reminded everyone of the upcoming Denim and Diamonds celebration on October 17. Tickets are still available. Ms. Kurtz also shared that Staff Senate has awarded 40 scholarships of \$500 each to dependents of staff.
- c. Steve Light was called on to address promotion and tenure activity. Last year, University Senate reached out to college promotion and tenure committees, deans and others. A report was compiled with findings and presented to the SEC. Mr. Light indicated that he introduced a concept to SEC regarding the next steps of review of promotion, tenure and evaluation. Based on the range of potential issues, President Kelley's leave research, and interest by the academic cabinet and deans, President Kelley asked that the Provost and University Senate partner on this issue. Mr. Light plans to create a small working group for this matter which will be comprised of representatives from faculty, chairs and deans. A co-chair model will be used; Mr. Light and Ryan Zerr will co-chair. They will gather a group and share information widely with the campus. Mr. Light answered questions from the Senators.
- d. Ms. Gjellstad reported that a SCOFR member vacancy, due to the resignation of Rebecca Weaver-Hightower, has been filled by the next highest vote recipient from the election, Grace Onchwari.
- e. Ms. Gjellstad reported on the Faculty Senate proposal. She indicated that the second faculty forum had taken place, the sub-committee had met to discuss all feedback, and they are working to find ways to connect with more constituents. She encouraged Senators to provide feedback via the Senate website.
- f. Ms. Gjellstad indicated the need for developing a conduit for information for Senators and their constituents. She wants to learn how Senators would like to receive and provide information. She not only wants to hear from them, but also for them to gather feedback from constituents. There is a new feedback button on the University Senate website and she requested that Senators provide feedback via the website. She will also accept emails. Ms. Gjellstad then passed out notecards and asked each Senator or guest to list the three issues being talked about on campus and three issues that need to be talked about. Shortly after, she then introduced the second part of the exercise asking that Senators discuss the items with their neighbors. The notecards were gathered and Ms. Gjellstad will compile the information and report back at a future Senate meeting.

5.

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

6.

The question period was opened at 4:37 p.m.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower asked about the status of SOAR. Ms. Gjellstad reported that the taskforces have met and presented questions to the Coordinating Committee, which has met several times. There will be a forum to present more information to the taskforces. She indicated that decisions have not yet been

made on lists or questions. They are close to presenting a roadmap on getting the work done. As for a timeline, the intent is to have active work starting toward the end of the semester and, hopefully, completed by the end of the year; however, Mr. Zerr stated that doing it well is more important than rushing.

Ms. Gjellstad shared a noteworthy solution for communication during this process. A new position is being created and is currently called "the connector." Mr. Light will be that person. What this looks like has not yet been totally decided. There is more to come.

Mr. Sum asked about the flexible budgeting model. He understood we would be using that model next year and indicated that faculty and departments need information to plan. Because those that could answer this question were attending the State Board of Higher Education meeting, it will be addressed at the next meeting.

The question period closed at 4:45 p.m.

7.

Ms. Gjellstad called attention to the annual report from the Senate University Assessment Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Zerr to accept and file the report. There was a second by Ms. Christopherson and the motion was approved.

8.

Ms. Gjellstad called attention to the University Curriculum Committee report. She explained that the monthly Committee reports include curricular matters that need Senate approval and others that do not. In this report, there were no items that needed Senate approval. She requested a motion to file the report. Mr. Quinn moved approval. Mr. Poochigian seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson, Secretary  
University Senate