

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
December 4, 2014

1.

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

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Ernest	Hill, Robert	Rozelle-Stone, Rebecca
Anderson, Suzanne	Hunter, Cheryl	Schwartz, Rhonda
Baker, Mary	Jendrysik, Mark	Semke, William
Bradley, April	Jeno, Sue	Sheridan, William
Brekke, Alice	Kelley, Robert	Smart, Kathy
Burgess, Gaye	Kurtz, Sharley	Smith, Bruce
Campbell, Katherine	Lawrence, David	Stofferahn, Curt
Cavalli, Matthew	Liang, Lewis	Stolt, Wilbur
Christopherson, Anne	Lim, Howe	Storrs, Debbie
DeLong, Loretta	Marasinghe, Kanishka	Sum, Paul
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Martin, Will	Tanaka, Tomohiro
Fevig, Ron	McHenry, Laurie	Walker, Anne
Franklin, Tanner	Mitzel, John	Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca
Gedafa, Daba	Munski, Doug	Weber, Bret
Geiger, Jonathan	Murphy, Eric	Williams, Margaret
Gjellstad, Melissa	Onchwari, Grace	Wood, Robert
Grant, Vincent	Quinn, Andrew	Zerr, Jessica
Halgren, Cara	Reesor, Lori	Zerr, Ryan
Harsell, Dana	Reissig, Brad	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Badahdah, Abdallah	Frank, Daniel	Poochigian, Donald
Beattie, Robert	Henderson, Pam	Popehn, Montana
Bridewell, John	Johnson, Brett	Rand, Kathryn
Brown, Ryan	Johnson, Chase	Routon, Claudia
Cerkoney, Marissa	Jones, Nicholas	Roux, Gayle
Cowden, Kimberly	Kenville, Kim	Schroeder, Janie
Drewes, Mary	Medina, Shannon	Schuster, Shane
El-Rewini, Hesham	Mikulak, Marcia	Swisher, Wayne
Enright, Jeremiah	Milavetz, Barry	Walton, Susan
Ernst, Julia	Mosher, Sarah	Wynne, Joshua
Flanagan, Ken	Petros, Tom	Young, Tim

4.

The following announcements were made:

a. Ms. Gjellstad made the following announcements:

- SEC has decided to have a January Senate meeting on January 15, 2015. The regular February meeting will then take place on February 4, 2015.

- The Committee on Committees is updating the survey of committee interest and it will be coming out soon.
 - The Promotion and Tenure Working Group charge has been approved by the President. The Working Group will be meeting soon.
 - The work on the Budget Model continues. Senators can expect campus updates in January.
- b. Mr. Zerr reported on the Ombuds position. The initial position was part-time for one year and that time period has ended. The process to fill the position full-time is now underway. The search committee will be meeting soon and there will be more information coming at future meetings.
 - c. Ms. Gjellstad reported that work on the Faculty Senate proposal continues. The ad-hoc committee is analyzing the results of the survey from the senators and other faculty. There will be more information coming soon.
 - d. Ms. Gjellstad thanked the senators for their input on the top five topics that should be discussed by Senate. SEC will be working through the top five topics one by one. Today's agenda will address the first two topics. Ms. Gjellstad shared the results of the top five activities and indicated that they will be posted on the Senate website.
 - e. Ms. Gjellstad encouraged all senators to make use of the feedback button on the University Senate website.

5.

Ms. Gjellstad called attention to the minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting. There was a motion of approval by Mr. Munski. Mr. Gedafa seconded and the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:13 p.m.

- a. Mr. Sheridan asked about the parking consultant and what the plan is for sharing information. Ms. Gjellstad indicated that parking was planned to be covered under agenda item 11. Ms. Brekke then gave a parking report. She gave background on why the consultant was engaged. She explained that the following three dimensions of parking were to be reviewed: infrastructure, administration, and enforcement. Those pieces have been studied and there have been decisions to rearrange the components. There are changes coming that could significantly impact parking. Based on the possible impact, a consultant with outside expertise was engaged and asked to gather information from stakeholders. A scope of work has been defined and the work is underway.
- b. A follow-up question was whether the parking analysis is bicycle friendly. Ms. Brekke said she would make sure that is considered. There are parts of the task that are broader and would include other aspects such as bicycles. It was noted that there is a survey about bicycle use that is circulating that is not part of this project.
- c. Mr. Marasinghe asked the status of a search for the Vice President for Research. The Provost indicated that a search committee has been formed and a search firm hired. Josh Wynne will chair the search committee and the Committee will begin work soon. As for the format for the position and office, it will be similar to the prior position.

The question period closed at 4:22 p.m.

7.

Ms. Gjellstad called attention to the annual report from the Senate Essential Studies Committee. There was a question regarding information on revalidated courses. It was agreed that it was allowable to provide this information at the next meeting and to vote on the report. Mr. Sheridan moved to accept and file the annual report. There was a second by Ms. Smart, and the motion was approved.

8.

The candidates for degrees for the December 2014 commencement were presented. Mr. Munski moved approval. Mr. Stofferahn seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

9.

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. Jendrysik. There was a second by Mr. Martin and the motion was approved unanimously.

10.

Ms. Gjellstad shared the proposed Senate Bylaw changes submitted by the University Senate Executive Committee. She reminded the Senators that this was the second reading. She explained the reasoning for the fast track of the Code of Student Life changes and the process for doing it. Mr. Stofferahn moved approval. There was a second by Mr. Harsell and the motion was approved unanimously.

11.

The priority admissions application date proposal from the November Senate meeting when quorum was lost was reviewed. Discussion ensued. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Stofferahn. There was a second by Mr. Munski and the motion was approved with a vote of 45 for and 2 against.

12.

The confirmation tuition deposit proposal from the November Senate meeting when quorum was lost was reviewed. Discussion ensued. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Zerr. There was a second by Mr. Murphy and the motion was approved with a vote of 40 for, 8 against and 1 abstention.

13.

Ms. Gjellstad reported that there is further information coming regarding the Academic Policies and Admissions Committee's proposal to change the Cooperative Education policy. Mr. Munski moved to table until the January meeting. There was a second by Mr. Harsell and the motion was approved unanimously.

14.

The Senate Executive Committee's proposal for a Campus Parking Committee was presented. The committee would have equal representation from all senates.

There was a motion for approval by Mr. Munski and a second by Mr. Sheridan. Discussion ensued. Ms. Kurtz indicated that Staff Senate members met with the parking consultant, who recommended postponing action until after their report is finished. Ms. Weaver-Hightower shared that the faculty meeting with the consultant was positive. Mr. Zerr, in light of the information presented by Ms. Kurtz, moved to table the proposal until the January meeting. There was a second by Ms. Smart. Discussion ensued. The motion to table was approved with a vote of 32 for, 13 against and 3 abstentions.

15.

Kim Donehower and Desiree Tande, co-chairs of the Senate Library Committee, reported that the Library Committee has been tasked with investigating two areas concerning the Library: 1) space and services redesign; and 2) sustainable funding. They will be distributing a survey to gather information. There will also be focus groups. A motion was made by Ms. Smart to approve using the LibQual survey tool to gather stakeholder information. There was a second by Mr. Martin. Discussion ensued and the motion was approved with a vote of 43 for, 1 against and 3 abstentions.

16.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson, Secretary
University Senate