Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
March 5, 2015

1.

The March meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2015 in Room 113, Education. Chair Melissa Gjellstad presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Julie       Anderson, Suzanne       Beattie, Robert       Bradley, April       Brekke, Alice       Bibel, George       Bridewell, John       Campbell, Katherine       Christopherson, Anne       DeLong, Loretta       Dilorenzo, Thomas       El-Reewini, Hesham       Erickson, Lacey       Ernst, Julia       Fevig, Ron       Flanagan, Ken       Gedafa, Daba       Gjellstad, Melissa       Harsell, Dana

Hill, Robert       Hunter, Cheryl       Jendrysik, Mark       Jeno, Sue       Kelley, Robert       Kurtz, Sharley       Lawrence, David       Liang, Lewis       Lim, Howe       Marasinghe, Kanishka       Martin, Will       McHenry, Laurie       Mikulak, Marcia       Mosher, Sarah       Munski, Doug       Murphy, Eric       Poochigian, Donald       Quinn, Andrew       Rand, Kathryn

Reesor, Lori       Reissig, Brad       Routon, Claudia       Rozelle-Stone, Rebecca       Semke, William       Sheridan, William       Smart, Kathy       Smith, Bruce       Stofferahn, Curt       Sum, Paul       Swisher, Wayne       Tanaka, Tomohiro       Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca       Weber, Bret       Wood, Robert       Young, Tim       Zerr, Jessica       Zerr, Ryan

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Ernest       Badahdah, Abdallah       Baker, Mary       Brown, Ryan       Burgess, Gaye       Cerkoney, Marissa       Cowden, Kimberly       Drewes, Mary       Enright, Jeremiah       Frank, Daniel       Franklin, Tanner       Geiger, Jonathan       Grant, Vincent       Halgren, Cara       Henderson, Pam       Johnson, Brett       Johnson, Chase       Jones, Nicholas       Kenville, Kim       Milavetz, Barry       Mitzel, John       Onchwari, Grace

Petros, Tom       Popehn, Montana       Roux, Gayle       Schroeder, Janie       Schuster, Shane       Schwartz, Rhonda       Walker, Anne       Walton, Susan       Williams, Margaret       Wynne, Joshua

4.

The following announcements were made:

a.  Ms. Gjellstad made the following announcements:
   • A thank-you luncheon for University Senate committee chairs was held on February 27.
   • The UND Nickname Committee has been established and announced. John Bridewell represents the faculty. Diane Hillebrand represents the staff. Jazmyn Friesz, Dayo Idowu and Chelsea Moser represent students.
• There are three ombuds candidates coming to campus the week of March 9. Ms. Gjellstad will send out the information to the Senators.
• The Senate Legislative Affairs Committee is working with the current legislative session. The bill tracker is available for all to use and is refreshed each Friday.
• University Senate elections are in process. The ballot was sent electronically today for Members-at-Large, the Standing Committee on Faculty Rights, the Council of College Faculties, and the Special Review Committee Pool. The paper ballot for Senate Committee members is available today. All Senators should complete, sign and turn in their ballot at the end of the meeting.
• The Promotion, Tenure and Evaluation Committee continues their work and will provide information to the Senate as their work progresses.

b. Ms. Gjellstad introduced Health and Wellness staff Kim Rulfison and Anne Bodensteiner and thanked them for the healthy snacks they provided for the meeting. They spoke about health and wellness opportunities for the campus and encouraged wellness for the Senators through their presentation called Wellness at Your Fingertips.

c. Ms. Reesor presented an update on the Community & Campus Committee (CCC) to reduce high risk alcohol consumption. She described the composition of the Committee, gave background information and described the categories of work they are doing. The areas are education, proposing two city ordinances: extreme drink specials ordinance and social host ordinance, and Spring Fest. She described possible future initiatives. Questions were addressed.

d. An introduction of the new budget model was provided by Margi Healy. She gave historic background on the incremental budget model and described the planning process. Huron was hired and they developed a resource allocation model that was customized for UND. The UND model is called MIRA, Model for Incentive-based Resource Allocation. She listed the goals of the MIRA model. Questions were collected on cards. There will be more in-depth information to come for senators and the campus as a whole, and questions will be answered at that time.

e. Mr. Murphy reported on the Council of College Faculties (CCF). He updated the senators on the work that CCF has done regarding the oath that is required of faculty. It is being discussed on the NDUS campuses and there will be campus votes on the matter. He described the status at this time noting that UND University Senate started the discussion of the oath.

5.
Ms. Gjellstad called attention to the minutes of the February 5, 2015 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 5:00 p.m.

1. Mr. Bridewell and Mr. Liang presented a letter from the John D. Odegaard School of Aerospace Sciences regarding the School’s dean search and signed by 141 faculty and staff. They asked President Kelley to read and respond to the letter in the future. The letter was shared with the senators and presented to President Kelley.

2. Mr. Murphy asked Ms. Reesor if, when she indicated family-oriented events in her presentation, that included UND sporting/athletic events since there are lots of children at those events and significant alcohol. She said it did not.
3. Mr. Poochigian stated that he was informed second hand about a proposal at a College of Arts & Sciences faculty meeting to remove funding opportunities for research and creative activity in the arts and humanities from the authority of the Vice President for Research & Economic Development. Ms. Storrs described the process Arts & Sciences used to provide funds to support arts and humanities research this year. She described the success. A group gathered to discuss the research for arts and humanities. She has a meeting with the Provost regarding support for arts and humanities.

4. Mr. Sheridan shared that in the past he worked to develop a seed money fund to support research and scholarship. He described the fund and the philosophy behind that. He encouraged the efforts of funding models for research in the arts and humanities.

The question period closed at 5:15 p.m.

7.

Mr. Munski moved to extend the meeting to 5:45 p.m. There was a second by Mr. Stofferahn and the motion was approved.

8.

Ms. Gjellstad called attention to the annual reports from the Senate Student Academic Standards Committee and Senate Administrative Procedures Committee. Mr. Murphy moved to accept and file the reports. There was a second by Mr. Quinn, and the motion was approved.

9.

Ms. Gjellstad called attention to the ballot for University Senate Committee elections. She requested that each senator vote and turn in the ballot at the end of the meeting.

10.

The changes to the Senate Honors Committee charge were presented. Approval was moved by Mr. Munski and seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion was approved.

11.

The changes to the Budget, Restructuring and Reallocation Committee charge were presented. Discussion ensued. Mr. Murphy offered a friendly amendment to change “Student Association” to “Student Government.” Margi Healy, chair of the Committee, accepted that change. There was also a change for the election cycle to match the student and staff senate cycles. Approval was moved by Mr. Weber. Mr. Gedafa seconded and the motion was approved.

12.

Ms. Gjellstad reported on the Faculty Senate referendum. She indicated that 39% of benefitted faculty responded, of which 80% were in favor of moving ahead. Mr. Zerr moved to create a Faculty Senate to be seated in Fall 2015 populated by the faculty elected in the spring 2015 University Council elections, and having the authority of the University Senate during the transition year of 2015-2016. During the transition year, the SEC is charged with modifying the Constitution and Bylaws and creating the necessary structural changes to have the permanent structure in place by September 2016. There was a second by Ms. Mikulak. Discussion ensued. There was a friendly amendment offered by Mr. Murphy to include the faculty currently serving and those elected to serve. The friendly amendment was accepted by
Mr. Zerr. Mr. Bridewell moved to table to the next meeting to allow distribution of the motion. Mr. Poochigian seconded. Discussion ensued. Mr. Bridewell withdrew his motion. Quorum was lost; therefore, the matter will be addressed at the next meeting.

13.

The School of Graduate Studies discussion was also moved to the next meeting.

14.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson, Secretary
University Senate