

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
April 2, 2015

1.

The April meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2015 in Room 113, Education. Chair Melissa Gjellstad presided.

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The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Ernest	Jendrysik, Mark	Reissig, Brad
Anderson, Suzanne	Jeno, Sue	Rozelle-Stone, Rebecca
Baker, Mary	Kelley, Robert	Schwartz, Rhonda
Bibel, George	Kurtz, Sharley	Semke, William
Bridewell, John	Lawrence, David	Sheridan, William
Burgess, Gaye	Liang, Lewis	Smart, Kathy
Christopherson, Anne	Marasinghe, Kanishka	Stofferahn, Curt
El-Rewini, Hesham	Martin, Will	Storrs, Debbie
Ernst, Julia	McHenry, Laurie	Tanaka, Tomohiro
Fevig, Ron	Mikulak, Marcia	Walker, Anne
Flanagan, Ken	Milavetz, Barry	Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca
Gedafa, Daba	Mosher, Sarah	Williams, Margaret
Geiger, Jonathan	Munski, Doug	Wood, Robert
Gjellstad, Melissa	Murphy, Eric	Young, Tim
Harsell, Dana	Onchwari, Grace	Zerr, Jessica
Henderson, Pam	Poochigian, Donald	Zerr, Ryan
Hunter, Cheryl	Quinn, Andrew	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Julie	Erickson, Lacey	Popehn, Montana
Badahdah, Abdallah	Frank, Daniel	Rand, Kathryn
Beattie, Robert	Franklin, Tanner	Reesor, Lori
Bradley, April	Grant, Vincent	Routon, Claudia
Brekke, Alice	Halgren, Cara	Roux, Gayle
Brown, Ryan	Hill, Robert	Schroeder, Janie
Campbell, Katherine	Johnson, Brett	Schuster, Shane
Cerkoney, Marissa	Johnson, Chase	Smith, Bruce
Cowden, Kimberly	Jones, Nicholas	Sum, Paul
DeLong, Loretta	Kenville, Kim	Swisher, Wayne
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Lim, Howe	Walton, Susan
Drewes, Mary	Mitzel, John	Weber, Bret
Enright, Jeremiah	Petros, Tom	Wynne, Joshua

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Steve Light updated the senators on several matters for the Provost:
  - The School of Graduate Studies and Program Development dean search is in process. An update went out campus-wide with details on the status. The search committee has met, there are several internal candidates, and the committee is proceeding with the initial stages of the search. There was a question about an internal rather than external search. Mr. Light reported that his understanding was to first look at viable internal candidates. He did not know any further information.

- An offer was extended for the Ombuds position and is being considered. If the offer is accepted, the person is anticipated to start in early summer.
  - The search committee for the Vice President for Research and Economic Development has met several times and a pool of candidates has been developed. The complete pool was screened to a smaller group for reference checks. After reference checks, that group will be reduced to a smaller list of candidates for preliminary, then on-campus interviews.
  - The search committee for the Essential Studies Director has met and there is a pool of internal candidates. The intent is to fast-track the search and the campus will be involved as it moves forward. The goal is to have a candidate chosen by May 1.
  - Finally, the search will be moving forward for a Dean of Libraries and Information Technologies/Resources position. Mr. Light will chair the national search. There were questions about whether the position would be responsible for information technology on campus, or in the library context, whether the position would supervise all campus libraries. Mr. Light reported that the position was responsible for information resources in the library sciences context, and would coordinate with, not supervise, the law and medical libraries.
- b. Mr. Harsell reported on the status of the faculty travel and research funding report. The subcommittee found that the level of funding does not match where the institution is expected to be. The subcommittee will roll out a survey next week. It will be sent to faculty, chairs and deans. They have worked on benchmarking with peers and plan to compile a report for the Provost and the Senate Executive Committee by May.
- c. A SOAR update was provided by Ms. Kurtz and Mr. Zerr based on their membership on the Coordinating Committee. Mr. Zerr described the intent and the process for SOAR. He shared the timeline and that we are currently in the authoring stage, which will finish at the end of May. The approval stage will occur over the summer and the task force review will be in the fall. The criteria for judging both the academic and support programs were shown.
- d. Ms. Gjellstad shared that the President has signed approval of the changes to the Senate Budget, Restructuring and Reallocation Committee and the Senate Honors Committee.
- e. The Legislative Affairs Committee continues to follow bills during the current legislative session and the bill tracker is updated regularly.
- f. A "Budget 101" session is scheduled for April 9 at 4:00 p.m. in EHD 113.
- g. The University Senate member-at-large election results have been announced in the University Letter. The Senate Committee election results were attached to the April Senate agenda.
- h. Mr. Murphy provided a CCF report. CCF has been working on motor pool issues. The survey results regarding the motor pool were presented to the State Board of Higher Education. The other issue for CCF continues to be the oath. It was intended that the oath be on the March agenda but was moved to the next meeting. The support is uneven. NDSU, LRSC and MiSU have supported the UND resolution on the oath. The other institutions have questions and concerns. Mr. Murphy also reported that the Chancellor search has found excellent candidates. Interviews will begin on April 14, and the pool will be then be reduced for in-person interviews.

Ms. Gjellstad called attention to the minutes of the March 6, 2015 meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. There was a motion of

approval by Mr. Munski and a second by Mr. Murphy. The minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:36 p.m. There were no questions.

7.

The discussion on Faculty Senate, which was discontinued at the March meeting due to loss of quorum, was resumed. Mr. Zerr withdrew the motion that he made in March. Ms. Mikulak, who seconded the motion, accepted the withdrawal. Ms. Smart made a new motion on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee on Shared Governance to endorse the formation of a Faculty Senate. Mr. Zerr seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. Ms. Smart made a second motion to approve the process portion that was handed out to the Senate members in attendance.

Text of the motion:

- Charge a faculty Senate Development Committee to develop a new constitution and bylaws for a Faculty Senate for approval at the first University Senate meeting in 2015-16. The committee membership will be faculty appointed by the Chair of University Senate.
- Charge a University Senate Revision Committee to revise the existing constitution and bylaws of the University Council and University Senate for approval at the first University Senate meeting in 2015-16. Further, the committee will review and revise the purpose, charge and membership of the university governance and advisory committees. The membership will include representatives of faculty, staff, students and administration. Committee members will be appointed by the chairs of the respective governance groups; the President will appoint the administration representative.
- Charge the two committees to consult in order to insure that governance structure is aligned and integrated.
- The faculty elected to the 2015-16 University Senate also will act as senators in the newly constituted Faculty Senate during the time when the governance documents are being drafted, reviewed and approved; thus, faculty will serve on both the University Senate and the Faculty Senate in the transition period. The Chair of the Faculty Senate will be the Chair of the University Senate. The agenda of this body will be those items referred from the University Senate and those items identified by faculty.

There was a second by Mr. Sheridan. Discussion ensued. A friendly amendment was made by Mr. Semke and accepted by Ms. Smart to exchange the words "Faculty" and "University" in the second to the last sentence of the fourth bullet. Ms. Healy suggested additional wording to the second bullet to consider the terms of senators elected to be filled out the following year. Discussion continued. The decision was to not accept the amendment but include it in the charge to the committee. Ms. Gjellstad called for the vote. The final text of the motion that was approved follows:

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8.

The Senate Curriculum Committee report was reviewed. Mr. Quinn moved approval. There was a second by Mr. Poochigian and the motion was approved.

9.

Ms. Gjellstad called attention to the Senate Committee election results from the March Senate meeting.

10.

The changes to the University Curriculum Committee, presented by the Committee, were reviewed. The reason for the changes was explained. After discussion, the Membership section was adjusted as follows:

Membership: Faculty (seven--one from each college offering undergraduate degree curricula and two from Arts and Sciences: one from Math, Science, and Social Sciences; and one from Fine Arts and Humanities), for a total of eight)

There was a call for the vote, and the changes were approved.

11.

The proposed changes to the Institutional Conflict of Interest in Human Subject Research Policy were presented. Ms. Gjellstad called for the vote. The policy changes were approved.

12.

A resolution regarding attorneys and auditors drafted by the Senate Executive Committee was presented to the senators. The resolution opposed language in HB 1003 dictating the termination and NDUS attorneys and internal auditors as of June 30, 2015, and the transfer of a reduced number of these functions to the State Attorney General and Auditor Offices. Discussion and explanation ensued. Approval was moved by Mr. Zerr with a second by Mr. Harsell. Ms. Gjellstad called for the vote. The motion was approved.

13.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson, Secretary  
University Senate