Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
April 7, 2016

1.

The April meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016 in Room 113, Education. Chair Rebecca Weaver-Hightower presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Beck, Pamela
Borboa-Peterson, Stacey
Bridewell, John
Burgess, Gaye
Campbell, Katherine
Christopherson, Anne
DiCristina, Bruce
DiLorenzo, Thomas
Doze, Van
El-Rewini, Hesham
Fazel-Rezai, Reza
Ferraro, Richard
Flynn, Amber
Gedafa, Daba
Gjellstad, Melissa
Halgren, Cara
Henderson, Pam
Ho, I-Hsuan
Hunter, Cheryl
Jorgenson, Terra
Keengwe, Jared
Kitzes, Adam
Laguette, Soizik
Lawrence, David
Lawrence, Wesley
Liang, Lewis
Lindseth, Glenda
Mack, Marci
Martin, Will
McGimpsey, Grant
McGinniss, Mike
Mosher, Sarah
Munski, Doug
Murphy, Eric
Noghanian, Sima
Pettinato, Tammy
Ping, Yi
Porter, Kimberly
Pupino, Kaaren
Quinn, Andrew
Rakow, Lana
Reissig, Brad
Schindler, Gary
Semke, William
Sheridan, William
Takahashi, Shuzo
VanLooy, Jeffrey
Weaver-Hightower,Rebecca
Williams, Margaret

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Basile, Eric
Blanchard, Paige
Bradley, April
Brekke, Alice
Brown, Ryan
Hanson, Collin
Harsell, Dana
Jendrysik, Mark
Johnson, Chase
Juntunen, Cindy
Kenville, Kim
Kopp, Matthew
Lange, Jacob
Lerma, Sam
Lim, Howe
Nelson, Taylor
Peshut, Conner
Rand, Kathryn
Ray, Linda
Reesor, Lori
Richards, Thomas
Ring, Tanner
Roux, Gayle
Schroeder, Nate
Sens, Donald
Sens, Mary Ann
Schafer, Ed
Smith, Bruce
Staples, Cliff
Stofferahn, Curt
Stone, Lucian
Storrs, Debbie
Sutton, James
Swisher, Wayne
Tanaka, Tomohiro
Walker, Stephanie
Walton, Susan
Wood, Robert
Wynne, Joshua

4.

Ms. Rakow invited senators and their students to a community open forum titled Common Ground: A Community-University learning Forum on April 16 at the Empire Arts Center. Onsite registration is at 8:00 a.m., with sessions beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The following announcements were made:

- Congratulations to new At-Large Senators:
  James Casler, Gerri Dunnigan, Surojit Gupta, Daba Gedafa, James Grijalva, Susan Jeno, Debra Maury, Marcia Mikulak, Eric Murphy, Jeremiah Neubert, Sima Noghanian, Donald Poochigian, Paul Todhunter, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, Rebecca Weaver-Hightower, and Julia Zhao
  * College elections are taking place this month

- The SACFR (Special Appointment and Contingent Faculty Rights) committee has been formed and will include:
  Senate Executive Committee (Chair)—Dana Harsell; School of Law faculty, Alex Sickler; School of Medicine and Health Sciences faculty, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm; College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines faculty, Maridee Shogren; Provost/VPAA office designee, John Miller; Council of College Faculties rep, Tom Petros; Deans' Council rep, Cindy Juntunen; Current or past member of SCOFR, John Bridewell; and UND General Counsel, Heather Wages

- The employee engagement survey has been circulated to 1,000 employees across campus. There has been a 21% response rate so far. The last day to complete it is April 8.

- The University and Staff Senates sent a welcome message and flowers to President and Mrs. Kennedy.

- A Master Planning Committee update was presented by Dave Chakraborty. The first phase of the study is nearing completion and will be posted to the Facilities Management website approximately April 15 when it is due to the State Board of Higher Education.

- A CCF report was given by Anne Christopherson. She stated that the CCF Resolution has been brought forth to all NDUS institutions. The following institutions voted for the resolution: UND, NDSU, Minot, Valley City, North Dakota State College of Science, Dickinson and Dakota College of Bottineau. Those abstaining: Lake Region, Williston, and Mayville. Bismarck State College will discuss it at their next meeting.

- Before April 20, President Schafer will post to his website a 600-word summary of each Vice President's proposed budget and a line item report that will show where the savings are coming from.

- Budget Update. The President will host an all-campus forum, Wednesday, April 20, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom. Vice Presidents will hold discussions with their units about their budget proposals (times TBA). The President will submit his budget to the Chancellor on April 25. The Vice Presidents will hold discussions with departments, etc., to discuss the budget impacts after the all-campus forum. The Chancellor will make decisions about the system based on each campus's proposal, and then present the budget to the legislature. Discussions will be ongoing.

- After the May 5 University Senate meeting, there will be a celebration of all our hard work this year. This celebration is being sponsored by a generous friend of the Senate who prefers to remain anonymous. It will include food and drink at the Stone House.

6.

The senators were asked to submit ideas on what they think the Senate Executive Committee should work on over the summer.

7.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Munski to approve the minutes. A second was made by Mr. Quinn and the minutes were approved as distributed.

8.

The question period was opened at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Bridwell and Ms. Rakow, Senate members-at-large, provided a handout which contained a list of questions they have collected from across campus. Discussion followed. They requested help from the Senate chair to see how these questions can be answered and who can answer them.

Mr. Sheridan asked what the question on Athletics Compliance software meant and what the software is. Mr. Murphy suggested it might be software to track student academic performance and is NCAA compatible. Mr. Murphy suggested that an NCAA compliance person should come to Senate and give a presentation.

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

9.

The University Curriculum Committee report was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Quinn and seconded by Mr. Sheridan to accept the report. The motion was approved.

10.

The nominees for Senate Committees were presented. Nominations were taken from the floor. The Senators completed their ballots and the results will be announced at the May meeting.

11.

The proposed changes to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Study of Practices for the Evaluation of Administration (SPEA) charge were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Munski to accept the changes. A second was made by Ms. Porter and the motion carried.

12.

The proposed changes to the Good Academic Standing Policy were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Quinn to accept the proposed changes. A second was made Mr. Gedafa and the motion carried.

13.

The Senate Scholarly Activities Committee (SSAC) and the Faculty Instructional Development Committee (FIDC)reports were reviewed. It was stated that these are two very important Senate committees. The committees requested faculty input, which was used to draft the reports. They were co-written by the Senate Chair and the Chairs of FIDC and SSAC as a preemptive move. Discussions will be held about the funding of these committees in coming semesters.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Sheridan made a motion to applaud the efforts of the committees and to endorse the work done on these reports. Mr. Munski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

14.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower requested that Senators talk to their constituents over the next month regarding priorities. This information will be compiled and presented to President Kennedy. It was suggested that a survey could be developed so data can be collected and utilized.

15.

Mr. Bridewell stated that it was important to know if everyone was voting, and if so, we need to find out why all votes are not recording. Ms. Weaver-Hightower said it will be looked into.

16.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Marci Mack, Secretary
University Senate