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  
Haigren, Cara  
Henderson, Pam  
Ho, I-Hsuan  
Hunter, Cheryl  
Jorgenson, Terra  
Keengwe, Jared  
Kitzes, Adam  
Lagouette, 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.
5.

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 TocHunter, 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