

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
October 1, 2015

1.

The October meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2015 in Room 113, Education. Chair Rebecca Weaver-Hightower presided.

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The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Suzanne	Johnson, Chase	Pupino, Kaaren
Basile, Eric	Jorgenson, Terra	Quinn, Andrew
Beck, Pamela	Kelley, Robert	Rakow, Lana
Blanchard, Paige	Kopp, Matthew	Ray, Linda
Bradley, April	Kurtz, Sharley	Sage, Melanie
Bridewell, John	Laguetta, Soizik	Schindler, Gary
Burgess, Gaye	Lawrence, David	Semke, William
Christopherson, Anne	Lawrence, Wesley	Sens, Donald
DiCristina, Bruce	Liang, Lewis	Sens, Mary Ann
El-Rewini, Hesham	Lim, Howe	Sheridan, William
Fazel-Rezai, Reza	Lindseth, Glenda	Stofferahn, Curt
Ferraro, Richard	Martin, Will	Stone, Lucian
Flint, Jamie	McGimpsey, Grant	Takahashi, Shuzo
Gedafa, Daba	McGinniss, Mike	VanLooy, Jeffrey
Harsell, Dana	Munski, Doug	Walker, Stephanie
Henderson, Pam	Murphy, Eric	Walton, Susan
Hill, Robert	Nelson, Taylor	Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca
Hunter, Cheryl	Noghanian, Sima	Wood, Robert
Jendrysik, Mark	Pettinato, Tammy	

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The following members of the Senate were absent:

Brekke, Alice	Kitzes, Adam	Roux, Gayle
Brown, Ryan	Lang, Jacob	Schroeder, Nate
Campbell, Katherine	Lerma, Sam	Smith, Bruce
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Mosher, Sarah	Staples, Cliff
Doze, Van	Peshut, Conner	Storrs, Debbie
Flynn, Amber	Porter, Kimberly	Sutton, James
Halgren, Cara	Rand, Kathryn	Swisher, Wayne
Hanson, Collin	Reesor, Lori	Tanaka, Tomohiro
Ho, I-Hsuan	Reissig, Brad	Urlacher, Brian
Keengwe, Jared	Richards, Thomas	Williams, Margaret
Kenville, Kim	Ring, Tanner	Wynne, Joshua

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Ms. Weaver-Hightower read a report from Alice Brekke. The report was an update on the financial situation for UND since last reporting in spring 2015. First was an explanation of the resources and the expected

\$5 million shortfall. At this time, her office is confirming budget numbers and working with the deans and others on the matter. There will be more information coming.

- b. Tim Pasch reported on a draft Joint Technology Committee proposal. He gave background for the proposal and the need for this committee. He requested feedback as he works on refining the draft. His goal is a formal venue with longevity for conversation and action on these matters. He indicated that the senators can expect follow-up in the spring.
- c. Ms. Weaver-Hightower reported on possible childcare during the many Thursday meetings. She asked that those interested please contact her.
- d. An introduction and update on Predictive Analytics Reporting (PAR) was provided by Ms. Anderson. UND has implemented PAR and is beginning to use the information for student interventions to impact performance and retention. There will be updated information from PAR this fall with data on students through spring 2015.
- e. Mr. Hill provided an update on the Dean of Graduate Studies search. He read a prepared statement from Debbie Storrs and Gwen Halaas, the search committee co-chairs. The chairs have held preliminary meetings about what is needed in the next dean. There will be a search firm to assist in recruiting the pool. There will be additional cross-campus discussions. The goal is to hire with a start date of July 1, 2015.
- f. There will be additional listening sessions for the Presidential search on October 6 and 7.
- g. There will be an additional Budget 101 session on October 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lecture Bowl.
- h. The Promotion, Tenure and Evaluation working group is currently looking at benchmarks and developing a communication plan.
- i. A MIRA budget model update was provided; currently, the group is meeting and working on training. The primary units will receive model statements when final decisions have been made.
- j. Ms. Weaver-Hightower indicated that the report requested at Senate last spring from the Provost on consulting expenses is expected to be posted on his website in the near future.
- k. The three Ombuds candidates are coming to campus for interviews. The schedule is posted and attendance is encouraged.
- l. Ms. Weaver-Hightower distributed index cards to the senators requesting suggestions on what they want to talk about this year. The suggestions will be compiled, along with items that have already been submitted. She will share the results in meetings to come.
- m. The additional Thursday meetings will be used, initially, to discuss faculty senate and documents.
- n. Ms. Weaver-Hightower provided an update on the status of the Ad Hoc Committee on Travel and Research. She requested the senators email ideas to incentivize and fund research and increase collaboration. The emails should be sent to Mr. Harsell. The new Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Grant McGimpsey, was introduced. There will be more information provided at future meetings.
- o. Marcia Mikulak, Senate Library Committee chair, indicated that the Committee is working on how to communicate thoughts on the Library. She requested senators email her ideas.
- p. The documents for the new Faculty Senate were sent out to all senators. Ms. Weaver-Hightower, Mr. Kopp, Ms. Kurtz and Jim Grijalva, as faculty Senate committee members, presented background on the process to this point. There are three documents that will be discussed and will need approval. Mr. Grijalva shared background on the constitution and the new governance structure. The new structure will have three independent legislative bodies: staff, students and faculty. There is a desire to have the constitution approved by the University Council before President Kelley retires. Ms. Weaver-Hightower indicated that the goal is to have fora in October with a vote in November and December.

Questions were taken and addressed. The draft constitution is posted on the Senate website and the next two documents will be posted soon.

- q. Ms. Weaver-Hightower had the senators gather together by college. She requested that they develop a plan for how they will communicate with their college constituents about the governance documents. After discussion, some ideas were shared.

5.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower called attention to the minutes of the September 3, 2015 meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. There was a motion of approval by Mr. Stofferahn and a second by Mr. Quinn. The minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 5:06 p.m.

1. Mr. Jendrysik asked about the size of the UND budget to determine what the \$5 million gap meant. There was no one at the meeting to address his question. Discussion ensued.
2. Ms. Rakow asked about filling the Honors Director position. Kathy Sukalski indicated that there is a plan for a search with the goal to fill it by July 1, 2016. Sally Pyle will stay in that position through June 30, 2016.
3. Ms. Hunter asked if the constitution document that was distributed will be what the Senate will vote on. Additional questions were raised and discussion ensued.

The question period closed at 5:21 p.m.

7.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower called attention to the annual reports from the Senate Committee on Committees, the Senate Conflict of Interest/Scientific Misconduct Committee and the Senate Honors Committee. Mr. Stofferahn moved to approve and file all three annual reports. Ms. Rakow seconded and the motion was approved.

8.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower called attention to the University Curriculum Committee report. She pointed out items needing Senate approval. There was a motion to approve by Mr. Quinn, a second by Ms. Christopherson, and the motion was approved.

9.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower called attention to the proposed revisions to the Online and Distance Education Committee. There was a motion to accept by Mr. Quinn with a second by Mr. Gedafa. A question was raised on a section not consistent with Senate process. Ms. Hunter moved, and Mr. Murphy seconded, to send the proposal back to the committee. Mr. Quinn withdrew his motion. Discussion ensued.

10.

Mr. Murphy moved to extend the meeting by ten minutes. There was a second by Mr. Harsell and a unanimous voice vote approval.

11.

An additional question was raised on the revisions to the Online and Distance Education Committee regarding the number of members. Ms. Hunter's motion was approved. The proposed committee changes will be sent back to the committee.

12.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson, Secretary  
University Senate