

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
September 3, 2015

1.

The September meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2015 in Room 113, Education. Chair Rebecca Weaver-Hightower presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Suzanne	Jendrysik, Mark	Rakow, Lana
Basile, Eric	Johnson, Chase	Rand, Kathryn
Beck, Pamela	Jorgenson, Terra	Ray, Linda
Blanchard, Paige	Kenville, Kim	Reesor, Lori
Bradley, April	Kitzes, Adam	Reissig, Brad
Bridewell, John	Kopp, Matthew	Richards, Thomas
Burgess, Gaye	Kurtz, Sharley	Sage, Melanie
Christopherson, Anne	Laguetta, Soizik	Schindler, Gary
DiCristina, Bruce	Lawrence, David	Semke, William
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Lawrence, Wesley	Sheridan, William
Dockter, Sally	Liang, Lewis	Smith, Bruce
Doze, Van	Lim, Howe	Staples, Cliff
El-Rewini, Hesham	Lindseth, Glenda	Stofferahn, Curt
Ferraro, Richard	Martin, Will	Stone, Lucian
Flint, Jamie	McGinniss, Mike	Storrs, Debbie
Flynn, Amber	Munski, Doug	Sutton, James
Gedafa, Daba	Nelson, Taylor	Swisher, Wayne
Hanson, Collin	Noghanian, Sima	Takahashi, Shuzo
Harsell, Dana	Pettinato, Tammy	VanLooy, Jeffrey
Henderson, Pam	Pupino, Kaaren	Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca
Hunter, Cheryl	Quinn, Andrew	Wood, Robert

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Brekke, Alice	Lang, Jacob	Schroeder, Nate
Brown, Ryan	Lerma, Sam	Sens, Donald
Campbell, Katherine	Milavetz, Barry	Sens, Mary Ann
Fazel-Rezai, Reza	Mosher, Sarah	Tanaka, Tomohiro
Halgren, Cara	Murphy, Eric	Urlacher, Brian
Hill, Robert	Peshut, Conner	Walton, Susan
Ho, I-Hsuan	Porter, Kimberly	Williams, Margaret
Keengwe, Jared	Ring, Tanner	Wynne, Joshua
Kelley, Robert	Roux, Gayle	

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Ms. Weaver-Hightower reported on Senate Executive Committee summer work:

- The University Senate web page was revised. The requested headshots can still be taken if anyone has not yet done so. She showed the features of the new site.
- The Research and Travel sub-committee final report has been finalized. The next steps were shared.
- Ms. Gjellstad and Ms. Weaver-Hightower facilitated new grants from the Alumni Association Foundation that are now being implemented. The first two awards were made to William Caraher and Wendelin Hume. There are more awards that will be announced in the future.
- SEC made recommendations of faculty for the Presidential Search Committee. Six names were sent forward and the Chancellor chose Alena Kubatova and Leon Osborne.
- Hesham El-Rewini, co-chair of the Presidential Search Committee, shared an update. The committee has two students, three staff, and three faculty for a total of eight from UND. There are also two SBHE members, one former SBHE member, and one alumnus and former legislator. There are also two serving in an advisory capacity. The AGB search firm has been hired. The Committee has not met nor have they received the charge from the Chancellor. There will be listening sessions with consultants on September 17. The agenda will come out prior to the meetings. There will be meetings with faculty, staff, deans, VP's, students, and the Alumni Foundation. Mr. El-Rewini then described what he expects to be the process and timeline. The goal is for off-campus interviews the first week of February and campus interviews the third week of February. The hope is for names of the finalists to be forwarded to the Chancellor in March with the selection by mid-March and a start date of July 1, 2016.
- SEC held a New Senator Orientation breakfast meeting. There will be a University Senate Committee Chairs luncheon next week.
- The Legislative Affairs Committee met with Representative Mark Sanford, chair of the North Dakota Legislature Higher Education Committee.
- The Compensation Committee finalized the phased retirement documents and they are on the Provost's website.
- The Student Evaluation of Teaching Implementation Committee (SETIC) report was presented by Mr. Quinn. The Committee is in the process of choosing a vendor, which they hope to have done by November. After the vendor has been chosen, they will reach out to the campus to help develop meaningful questions.
- Mr. Zerr, Essential Studies Director, gave an update on the Essential Studies Committee. He reported that Lori Robison is the Committee chair. The revalidation process has been suspended for the year. There will be a new process developed and notice will come out at a future date.
- The summer work on the Faculty Senate was reported by Ms. Gjellstad. She described the two committees: 1) the Faculty Development Committee, chaired by Ms. Weaver-Hightower; and 2) the Faculty Constitution Committee, chaired by Ms. Gjellstad. The Bylaws are being worked on by the Faculty Development Committee. The rough draft will be coming to Senate, hopefully, by the end of September. Ms. Weaver-Hightower explained the documents that will be shared in September. She announced that, starting in October, the first Thursday will be the regular University Senate meeting and the second Thursday of the month will be used for the Faculty Senate document discussions. There will be two additional meetings each month on the third and fourth Thursdays for discussion of issues, one for Senate discussion and one for campus discussion. The hope is to have a

set agenda for Senate and the two meetings will have the discussions. On September 17, Mr. DiLorenzo will discuss priorities for the year.

- University Senate is going digital. Clickers will be used for Senate voting starting with the October meeting.
- There will be Budget 102 sessions coming up this fall; additionally, there will be another Budget 101 session in September.
- Employee recognition week is September 14-18. Ms. Flynn indicated that there will be events that week to recognize faculty and staff.
- The Ombuds search has been resumed. The applicant review will begin September 1.
- The Promotion, Tenure & Evaluation working group is hard at work. They met last spring and made preliminary recommendations. The group will meet through the upcoming year and look at big picture items. There will be an announcement from the group next week.
- Ms. Weaver-Hightower announced two new colleagues: Library Dean, Stephanie Walker; and Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Grant McGimpsey.
- Dave Chakraborty, Associate Vice President for Facilities, spoke about parking and the parking report. He indicated they are making changes and determining a path forward. He described the work by Vice President Brekke on organization changes. He then shared a list of issues. The process is to first tackle the short-term issues and then tackle the long-term issues. He shared the changes that have been implemented and answered questions.
- Mr. Chakraborty also announced that Facilities Administration is starting master planning for the campus space. Lori Betting and an architect will come to the next University Senate meeting on October 1 and share more information.
- Mr. Jendrysik reported that the Council on College Faculties met and discussed policies on tuition for dependents, evaluation of deans, and non-tenure track faculty rights. They are in the process of gathering information.
- Ms. Weaver-Hightower announced that the Parliamentarian for this year is Curt Stofferahn.

5.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower called attention to the minutes of the May 7, 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. Gedafa. The minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:55 p.m.

Ms. Burgess asked what will happen between President Kelley's retirement and the start of the new president in July. Mr. El-Rewini indicated that the Chancellor will decide. Ms. Rakow requested that SEC inquire of the Chancellor on process and his plans. Ms. Weaver-Hightower indicated she would do so.

The question period closed at 4:57 p.m.

7.

Ms. Weaver Hightower called attention to the annual report from the Senate Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. Mr. Stofferahn moved to accept and file the report. There was a second by Ms. Kurtz and the motion was approved. Mr. Harsell moved to accept and file the Senate Legislative Affairs Committee annual report. There was a second by Ms. Henderson and the motion was approved. Ms. Bradley moved to accept and file the Senate Online and Distance Education Committee annual report. There was a second by Mr. Sheridan and the motion was approved.

8.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower indicated that she will conduct the Senate orientation as votes are counted. She described the functions of the Senate, all the work accomplished, and the job of the Senators. She gave an assignment to the Senators to provide her with information for her conversation with the Chancellor. The feedback should be provided through the feedback button on the Senate web page, including ideas from constituents of what Senate should work on.

9.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower indicated that she requested each nominee say a few words when their nomination is announced. First was the nominee for Vice/Chair-Elect, Dana Harsell. There were no nominations from the floor. Mr. Munski moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. There was a second by Mr. Quinn and the motion was approved.

10.

The nominees for faculty representatives to the Senate Executive Committee were Daba Gedafa, Cheryl Hunter and Soizik Laguette. There were no nominations from the floor. The Senators were directed to vote for two. Daba Gedafa was elected to a one-year term and Cheryl Hunter was elected to a two-year term.

11.

There were four nominees for the Committee on Committees: Andrew Quinn, Richard Ferraro, Reza Fazel-Rezai and Van Doze. There were no nominations from the floor. The Senators were directed to vote for two. Richard Ferraro and Van Doze were elected.

12.

Mr. Stofferahn moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Staff representative, Sharley Kurtz and Student representative, Matt Kopp. There was a second by Mr. Quinn and the motion was approved.

13.

Changes to the Senate Legislative Affairs Committee were presented. Mr. Munski moved approval. There was a second by Mr. Gedafa and the motion was approved.

14.

Changes to the Senate Compensation Committee were presented. Mr. Jendrysik moved approval. There was a second by Mr. Munski and the changes were approved.

15.

Changes to the Senate Library Committee were presented. Ms. Bradley moved approval. There was a second by Mr. Jendrysik. Mr. Martin made a friendly amendment that the charge of the Library Committee use the title of Dean of Libraries and Information Resources throughout. The friendly amendment was accepted and the motion was approved.

16.

Ms. Mikulak asked about the recent event at the fraternity house. Mr. Munski suggested that this is an ongoing investigation and should not be discussed. She indicated that her intent is that all are aware of the incident and that discussions occur on the matter.

17.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Suzanne Anderson, Secretary
University Senate