

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
October 6, 2016

1.

The October meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2016 in Room 113, Education. Chair Dana Harsell presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Andert, Blake	Halgren, Cara	Neubert, Jeremiah
Balgamwalla, Sabrina	Harsell, Dana	Nguyen, David
Bateman, Connie	Henderson, Pam	Nickum, Annie
Beyer, Brandon	Hong, Doojin	Petros, Tom
Betting, Laurie	Jendrysik, Mark	Petschen, Chris
Blackburn, Royce	Jeno, Susan	Poochigian, Don
Borboa-Peterson, Stacey	Johnson, Peter	Ray, Linda
Casler, James	Jorgenson, Terra	Storrs, Debbie
Christopherson, Anne	Juntunen, Cindy	Tang, Clement
Correll, Scott	Kalbfleisch, Pamela	Todhunter, Paul
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Kennedy, Mark	Vogeltanz-Holm, Nancy
Du, Guodong	Laguette, Soizik	Walch, Tanis
Dunnigan, Gerri	Lindseth, Glenda	Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca
Faruque, Saleh	Lindseth, Paul	Williams, Margaret
Fazel-Rezai, Reza	McGinniss, Mike	Wood, Robert
Ferraro, Richard	Miller, Charles	Zerr, Jessica
Gabriel, Holly	Munski, Doug	Zhao, Julia
Gedafa, Daba	Murphy, Eric	Zimmerman, Sonia
Grijalva, James	Nelson, Blair	

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The following members of the Senate were absent:

Barbu, Simona	Higgins, James	Quinn, Andrew
Brekke, Alice	Hill, Shane	Rand, Kathryn
Doze, Van	Hyder, Muneeb	Roux, Gayle
El-Rewini, Hesham	Kenville, Kim	Schindler, Gary
Enger, Tracy	Lerma, Sam	Sens, Donald
Flynn, Amber	Liang, Lewis	Souvannasacd, Eric
Flynn, Seth	McGimpsey, Grant	Stofferahn, Curt
Gjellstad, Melissa	Mikulak, Marcia	Tanaka, Tomohiro
Glidden, Ethan	Noghanian, Sima	VanderBush, Ashley
Gupta, Surojit	Ocken, Jake	Walker, Stephanie
Hanson, Nicholas	Ostadhassan, Mehdi	Wynne, Joshua

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. It was announced that there was a change to the Curriculum Report that was attached to the agenda. It involved changing the title of the Division of Sports Medicine to the Department of Sports Medicine.
- b. Rob Stupnisky provided an update on the work of the SETIC committee, which included reviewing the original charge, selecting a tool, and modifying the tool through feedback to come up with a new tool. The new tool is called SELFI (Student Evaluation of Learning and Feedback for Instructors). The evaluation tool is in an electronic form via Explorance Blue. The Committee has a communication plan in

- place via University Senate, CILT and OID fora. There is also a need to communicate to the student community via the student paper. Mr. Harsell opened the floor to questions.
- c. Mary Askim-Lovseth provided an update from the MIRA Space Management Committee. The Committee has an interim policy in place. It is on the VPFO website and will be available for campus feedback for six months. There are three key focus areas, which include office space, classroom scheduling, and research space. There is a feedback link on the site. The basic tenants of this document align with the Campus Master Plan. The Committee has been sharing the information and will continue with the chairs leadership group, a University Senate fora, and training sessions for unit space coordinators.
 - d. Ms. Jenó provided an update from the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. They have gathered a great amount of information such as conference alignment, NCAA divisions, funding, profiles by sport, costs per sport, graduation rates, and academic achievement rates. The Committee passed a motion to explore all conference options and a motion to get scenarios on the number of sports. The next meeting will include a chance for the coaches of each sport affected to discuss their specific program.
 - e. Ms. Betting provided an update on the Strategic Planning Group. Core values have been drafted and strategic initiatives have been identified. There will be a large variety of "world cafes" to involve the campus community. The information gathered will be disseminated for additional comments. Two working groups have been formed: 1) a data group; and 2) an engagement group. Our comparison institutions are the University of South Dakota, the University of Montana, the University of Idaho, and the University of Wyoming. Our aspirational peers are the University of Minnesota- Twin Cities and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
 - f. Ms. Weaver-Hightower announced the inauguration of President Mark Kennedy. She encouraged all to attend and/or come to the reception.
 - g. Ms. Henderson announced that the Staff Senate Denim and Diamonds event will be held on October 28, 2016. All proceeds go to "Seeds for Staff Success."
 - h. Mr. Harsell provided information on the 2016 Open Education Resources (OER) Summit. It is encouraged to integrate OER into classrooms. The initial training has saved students over \$1 million in textbook costs. Grants are available and due on October 15. Please contact Dean Walker about grant possibilities.
 - i. Mr. Harsell provided an update on upcoming forums, whose topics include USAT and SELFI, Strategic Planning Committee, Space Management, Admission and Retention Efforts, a Provost forum, and Diversity and Inclusion.
 - j. Mr. Murphy gave a Council of College Faculties (CCF) update. Faculty sick leave and vacation are being discussed. A subcommittee has been formed to begin to study sick leave policy and practices. The CCF will draft a policy to submit to the system office. Special appointments are being reviewed; currently, they do not have the right to grieve. If a new contract is not offered, there is no grievance allowed. A policy is being drafted. NDUS employees have a system-wide discount for all institutions. It is being investigated why system employees get this benefit, but employees at individual campuses do not. There have also been discussions at four-year institutions to have a J-term or a 4-1-4 calendar.

5.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the minutes of the September 1, 2016, meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. There was a motion of approval by Mr. Munski. Mr. Jendrysik seconded and the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Poochigian read a letter directed to President Kennedy recent racially-charged incidents on campus. He asked the President about his perspective on our cultural diversity initiatives. The President responded.

Mr. Murphy inquired about the Strategic Planning Group's selection of our institutional peers. He wanted to know why we picked institutions that did not have medical and law schools? President Kennedy responded.

David Lawrence was recognized by Ms. Laguette and was allowed to speak. He inquired about the difference between U.S. and global diversity. He talked the appreciation of humanities and social sciences. President Kennedy responded. Ms. Zerr announced that the Essential Studies Committee is hosting an event on diversity on October 18.

Ms. Vogeltanz-Holm voiced concerns about the draft Space Management policy. She also inquired why the Hyslop pool is now charging for using the pool.

The question period closed at 5:20 p.m.

7.

Mr. Murphy motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Mr. Munski seconded and the motion carried.

8.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the annual report of the Senate Honors Committee. Mr. Murphy moved to approve and file the report. The motion carried.

9.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the University Curriculum Committee Report. Mr. Munski moved to approve and Ms. Ray seconded. Discussed ensued. The motion carried.

10.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the ballot for election of a replacement Senate Executive Committee member. The nominees were introduced. Jeremiah Neubert was elected.

11.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the proposed revisions to the Senate University Assessment Committee charge. Mr. Murphy moved to approve and Ms. Christopherson seconded. Discussion ensued. Mr. Murphy moved to withdraw his motion, and it was seconded by Ms. Christopherson. It was decided to wait on any action until more information was received.

12.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate