Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
September 1, 2016

1.

The September meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2016 in Room 113, Education. Past Chair Rebecca Weaver-Hightower opened the meeting and Chair Dana Harsell presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Andert, Blake	Gjellstad, Melissa	Neubert, Jeremiah
Balgamwalla, Sabrina	Grijalva, James	Nguyen, David
Barbu, Simona	Gupta, Surojit	Nickum, Annie
Basile, Eric	Halgren, Cara	Noghanian, Sima
Bateman, Connie	Harsell, Dana	Ostadhassan, Mehdi
Beyer, Brandon	Henderson, Pam	Petros, Tom
Betting, Laurie	Hill, Shane	Quinn, Andrew
Blackburn, Royce	Hong, Doojin	Ray, Linda
Borboa-Peterson,Stacey	Jendrysik, Mark	Schindler, Gary
Casler, James	Jeno, Susan	Storrs, Debbie
Christopherson, Anne	Johnson, Peter	Tang, Clement
Correll, Scott	Juntunen, Cindy	Todhunter, Paul
Doze, Van	Kalbfleisch, Pamela	Vogeltanz-Holm, Nancy
Du, Guodong	Kenville, Kim	Walch, Tanis
Dunnigan, Gerri	Laguette, Soizik	Walker, Stephanie
Enger, Tracy	Lindseth, Glenda	Weaver-Hightower,Becky
Faruque, Saleh	Lindseth, Paul	Williams, Margaret
Fazel-Rezai, Reza	McGinniss, Mike	Wood, Robert
Ferraro, Richard	Miller, Charles	Zerr, Jessica
Flynn, Amber	Munski, Doug	Zhao, Julia
Gabriel, Holly	Nelson, Blair	Zimmerman, Sonia

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Brekke, Alice	Jorgenson, Terra	Rand, Kathryn
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Kennedy, Mark	Roux, Gayle
El-Rewini, Hesham	Lerma, Sam	Sens, Donald
Flynn, Seth	McGimpsey, Grant	Souvannasacd, Eric
Gedafa, Daba	Mikulak, Marcia	Stofferahn, Curt
Glidden, Ethan	Murphy, Eric	Tanaka, Tomohiro
Hanson, Nicholas	Ocken, Jake	VanderBush, Ashley
Higgins, James	Petschen, Chris	Wynne, Joshua
Hyder, Muneeb	Poochigian, Don	

4.

The following announcements were made:

- Regrets were given that President Kennedy was not able to attend.

- Scott Correll, new University Registrar, was introduced.
- Thanks were given to Lori Hofland.
- Pamela Kalbfleisch was introduced as the Parliamentarian
- The Senate Intercollegiate Athletics Committee has been tasked with advising the President on the Intercollegiate Athletics Program.
- The formation of a Strategic Planning Committee has been announced. The guiding principles are to have UND as the Chief Engine of Opportunity for North Dakota and the people of North Dakota and to have UND as the Premier Flagship Institution of higher learning for North Dakota and the Northern Plains. The first meeting was August 25, 2016. There is a new web presence at http://und.edu/strategic-planning with detailed information. An upcoming meeting on September 7, 2016, will discuss core values, metrics, and discussion of additional areas of excellence.
- Essential Studies Director, Ryan Zerr, made the following announcements:
  - the Essential Studies Committee will be finalizing course goals and spending time revalidating programs and departments.
  - The Capstone Showcase process will continue this year.
  - WICHE has created the Interstate Passport and the Essential Studies Committee endorsed UND's participation.
- Pam Henderson reported on the State Employee Recognition Week activities. Taco in a Bag will be served at a luncheon on Tuesday, September 13 at the Union. Pie and ice cream will be served on Thursday, September 15 at Carnegie in the afternoon.
- A report was given on summer work of the Senate Executive Committee:
  - Approved graduation list for summer and one special graduation request.
  - Special Appointment and Contingent Faculty Rights (SACFR)
  - Ad Hoc Committee for the Study of Practices for the Evaluation of Administration was supported by President Shafer as well as President Kennedy.
  - Drafted senator job descriptions including language for faculty, college, staff, student and ex-officio caucuses. It will be an agenda item at a later meeting.

5.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the minutes of the May 5, 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 4:36 p.m.

Mr. Petros asked about the Strategic Planning Committee having access to budget resources to complete their charge. Mr. Harsell stated that the Committee will have full access to resources that are needed to complete the work. Ms. Betting stated that there will be ongoing review to see the metrics as well as to honor the financial realities; furthermore, this process will compliment MIRA.

Ms. Vogeltanz-Holm asked how the Strategic Planning Committee aligns with the University Senate and how it will be involved in this process. Mr. Harsell stated that faculty and staff will be invited to a forum of strategic planning input led by Ms. Weaver-Hightower.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower asked how the Athletics budget was balanced. Ms. Kenville stated that they have asked for the budgets to review at the next Senate Intercollegiate Athletics meeting.

Ms. Ray inquired about the old medical school building and the master plan. Dean Storrs stated that no final decisions have been made. There are some possibilities of moving some Arts & Sciences programs into the building as well as the Arts & Sciences dean's office.

Ms. Vogeltanz-Holm asked about the delay in a final decision regarding the building. Ms. Storrs was uncertain, but stated that clinics can have a difficult time sharing space. Also, the timing in the master plan is uncertain as to academic year and the amount of money available to remodel.

The question period closed at 4:49 p.m.

7.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the annual report from the Senate Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. A motion was made by Ms. Weaver-Hightower to approve and file the report. The motion was seconded and approved.

8.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the following slate of nominees for officers:

a. Vice Chair/Chair elect nominee Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm
b. Faculty Representative on the Senate Executive Committee nominee Eric Basile
c. Faculty Representatives on the Senate Committee on Committees nominees Daba Gedafa and Robert Wood
d. Student Representative on the Senate Executive Committee nominee Brandon Beyer
e. Staff Representative on the Senate Executive Committee nominee Pam Henderson.

Mr. Jendrysik moved to approve the slate of candidates. Ms. Gjellstad seconded and the motion carried.

9.

The Collaborative Governance Group has proposed that the Senate Executive Committee make changes to the University Senate Standing Rules that would alter the agenda order to include doing business first and then proceeding to updates, announcements, and questions at the end of the meeting since a quorum is not needed for those items. Mr. Harsell opened the floor for comment and discussion ensued.

10.

It was reported that a job description has been drafted to increase senator outreach with those they represent, including the 24 standing committees within the Senate. Mr. Harsell opened the floor to comment and discussion ensued.

11.

Mr. Harsell reported that the Senate Executive Committee has proposed a new start time for University Senate. The meeting would start at 3:30 p.m. versus the standard 4:00 p.m. start time. Mr. Harsell opened the floor for comment and discussion ensued.

12.

Mr. Harsell introduced the need to create ad hoc committees to examine the following: 1) Senate Standing Rules; 2) Senate Bylaws; 3) Senator job descriptions; and 4) a vote of no confidence procedure. Mr. Munski moved to direct the Senate Executive Committee to create these ad hoc committees and seek volunteers to serve on the committees. Ms. Hightower-Weaver seconded and the motion carried.

13.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate