

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
January 12, 2017

1.

The January meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2017 in Room 113, Education. Chair Dana Harsell presided.

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The following members of the Senate were present:

Andert, Blake	Halgren, Cara	Murphy, Eric
Balgamwalla, Sabrina	Hanson, Nicholas	Nguyen, David
Beyer, Brandon	Harsell, Dana	Nickum, Annie
Betting, Laurie	Henderson, Pam	Noghanian, Sima
Blackburn, Royce	Hong, Doojin	Petros, Tom
Borboa-Peterson, Stacey	Jendrysik, Mark	Poochigian, Don
Brekke, Alice	Jeno, Susan	Quinn, Andrew
Casler, James	Johnson, Peter	Rand, Kathryn
Christopherson, Anne	Jorgenson, Terra	Stofferahn, Curt
Correll, Scott	Kalbfleisch, Pamela	Tanaka, Tomohiro
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Kennedy, Mark	Todhunter, Paul
Du, Guodong	Kenville, Kim	Vogeltanz-Holm, Nancy
Dunnigan, Gerri	Laguetta, Soizik	Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca
Fazel-Rezai, Reza	Liang, Lewis	Wood, Robert
Ferraro, Richard	Lindseth, Glenda	Zerr, Jessica
Flynn, Amber	McGimpsey, Grant	Zhao, Julia
Gjellstad, Melissa	McGinniss, Mike	Zimmerman, Sonia
Grijalva, James	Mikulak, Marcia	
Gupta, Surojit	Munski, Doug	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Barbu, Simona	Hyder, Muneeb	Schindler, Gary
Bateman, Connie	Juntunen, Cindy	Sens, Donald
Doze, Van	Lerma, Sam	Souvannasacd, Eric
El-Rewini, Hesham	Lindseth, Paul	Storrs, Debbie
Enger, Tracy	Miller, Charles	Tang, Clement
Faruque, Saleh	Nelson, Blair	VanderBush, Ashley
Flynn, Seth	Neubert, Jeremiah	Walch, Tanis
Gabriel, Holly	Ocken, Jake	Walker, Stephanie
Gedafa, Daba	Ostadhassan, Mehdi	Williams, Margaret
Glidden, Ethan	Petschen, Chris	Wynne, Joshua
Higgins, James	Ray, Linda	
Hill, Shane	Roux, Gayle	

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Alice Brekke, Vice President for Finance and Operations, provided an update on the state of the 17-19 budget:
 - o UND submitted a 90% of general fund level.
 - o UND was notified of an 85% of general fund level.
 - o Enrollment for FY17 is slightly down, resulting in less tuition.
 - o Actual appropriation will be known in late April 2017.

- o Plan for 4%, 8%, and 12% reduction levels. MIRA and the Support Unit Allocation Committee must be integrated for budget reduction process.
 - o Budget discussions will continue through spring.
 - o April will bring finalization to budget scenarios.
 - o SBHE will issue guidelines for annual budget in early May.
 - o All items will need to be considered for budget planning.
 - o Tools that will be used to work through the budget reduction include voluntary separation and voluntary furlough.
- b. Eric Murphy provided updates from the Council of College Faculties (CCF):
- o CCF brought forth a resolution to reverse the suspension of the BM in Music Therapy. The resolution passed 13-0.
 - o CCF voted to not have accrual for faculty sick leave. The proposal going forward will be similar to the current UND policy. If long-term sick leave is necessary, the proposal is six months at 100% pay. The next steps will be to add parental and maternity leave.
 - o There is a proposal to reduce the faculty termination policy to 90 days from the current one-year notification policy.

5.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the minutes of the December 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.

A special question period was opened at 4:15 p.m. for the budget update.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower asked what mechanism would be used for faculty input and getting the message out to campus. Ms. Brekke stated that she shared the same information with the Staff Senate and will utilize website postings. She offered to speak to other groups as well. Mr. DiLorenzo stated that he has provided guidance for Deans and direct reports. They should engage their reports and areas as well.

Mr. Petros asked if we already reduced 10%, then are we doing an additional 15%. Ms. Brekke stated this is a 15% reduction to the base budget from 15-17. The reductions under President Schafer were a budget shortfall and a tuition gap, not a permanent base reduction. Mr. Jendrysik asked if all institutions are being reduced 15%. Ms. Brekke stated yes. Mr. Stofferahn asked if this 85% is the lapse from this biennium. Ms. Brekke stated that our data requests do not support that statement.

Mr. Poochigian asked if there is a criterion for making these significant cuts. Mr. DiLorenzo stated that we can make adjustments in various ways. He further stated that we can analyze low enrollment courses and fewer sections. He also said we can centralize services and not replace natural attrition. Mr. Kennedy stated that there will be differences among the colleges. Teaching, research, and other funding sources will be examined.

Ms. Vogeltanz-Holm asked if Ms. Brekke's budget presentation pertained to the Medical School. It was stated that the Medical School has a vice president that reports to the president of the university. Mr. Kennedy said that the Medical School is also receiving the same budget reduction.

Mr. Murphy asked hypothetically if we were at 80% budget, are we prepared for that scenario? Ms. Brekke stated that there could be other opportunities for revenue generation including tuition increases. Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Kennedy

about research dollars and their impact on budget decisions. Mr. Kennedy noted that he is looking at four measures: two in teaching and two in research. Research dollars will be compared with publications and creative works.

Mr. Murphy asked about moving to becoming an R1 institution and the current inability of research to happen well in the new Medical School. Mr. Kennedy replied that it was duly noted.

Mr. Petros asked Ms. Brekke about the system office and cuts. Ms. Brekke stated they are subject to use the same reduction percent.

Mr. Blackburn stated that the criteria is more of a business model. Mr. Kennedy stated that other variables must be considered. He is looking at teaching and research.

Ms. Kenville asked about the reduction of federal grant dollars and its effects on the ability to get grants. Mr. Kennedy responded that it is a comparison to other departments who are also affected by lower federal dollars.

Ms. Nickum asked about research support in the Medical School library. Mr. Kennedy stated that we must protect research support.

The special question period ended at 5:10 p.m.

7.

Mr. Munski moved to extend the meeting to 5:45 p.m. Mr. Quinn seconded and the motion carried.

8.

The question period opened at 5:20 p.m. Mr. Quinn asked Mr. Murphy about the 90-day notice for faculty terminations. Mr. Murphy stated his opposition to the policy and that he was providing notice about the process. The question period ended at 5:22 p.m.

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10.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the Curriculum Committee report. Ms. Noghianian moved to approve the report. Mr. Blackburn seconded and the motion carried.

11.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the Qualified Faculty Requirements report. Mr. Munski moved to file the report. Mr. Murphy seconded and a discussion ensued. A vote could not occur due to lack of quorum remaining.

12.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate