

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
February 2, 2017

1.

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

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Andert, Blake	Halgren, Cara	Murphy, Eric
Balgamwalla, Sabrina	Harsell, Dana	Neubert, Jeremiah
Bateman, Connie	Henderson, Pam	Noghanian, Sima
Beyer, Brandon	Higgins, James	Petros, Tom
Betting, Laurie	Hong, Doojin	Petschen, Chris
Blackburn, Royce	Jendrysik, Mark	Poochigian, Don
Casler, James	Jeno, Susan	Rand, Kathryn
Correll, Scott	Johnson, Peter	Ray, Linda
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Jorgenson, Terra	Schindler, Gary
Du, Guodong	Juntunen, Cindy	Stofferahn, Curt
Dunnigan, Gerri	Kalbfleisch, Pamela	Storrs, Debbie
El-Rewini, Hesham	Kennedy, Mark	Tang, Clement
Enger, Tracy	Kenville, Kim	Todhunter, Paul
Faruque, Saleh	Laguette, Soizik	Vogeltanz-Holm, Nancy
Fazel-Rezai, Reza	Liang, Lewis	Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca
Ferraro, Richard	Lindseth, Glenda	Williams, Margaret
Flynn, Amber	Lindseth, Paul	Wood, Robert
Gedafa, Daba	McGinniss, Mike	Zerr, Jessica
Gjellstad, Melissa	Mikulak, Marcia	Zimmerman, Sonia
Grijalva, James	Miller, Charles	
Gupta, Surojit	Munski, Doug	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Barbu, Simona	Hyder, Muneeb	Sens, Donald
Borboa-Peterson, Stacey	Lerma, Sam	Souvannasacd, Eric
Brekke, Alice	McGimpsey, Grant	Tanaka, Tomohiro
Christopherson, Anne	Nelson, Blair	VanderBush, Ashley
Doze, Van	Nguyen, David	Walch, Tanis
Flynn, Seth	Nickum, Annie	Walker, Stephanie
Gabriel, Holly	Ocken, Jake	Wynne, Joshua
Glidden, Ethan	Ostadhassan, Mehdi	Zhao, Julia
Hanson, Nicholas	Quinn, Andrew	
Hill, Shane	Roux, Gayle	

4.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Mr. Beyer, Student Government President, provided an update on open education resources:
  - \$100,000 for Open Educational Resources
  - \$75,000 from the Student Senate
  - \$25,000 from the Provost's office
  - The grant site will open very soon

- b. Mr. Murphy provided updates from CCF:
  - 605.3 makes termination time for tenured faculty from 1 year to 90 days
  - There have been conversations to meet at 180 days
  - The first reading occurred at SBHE last week
  - The CCF made a resolution because one year is best practices
  - CCF has completed the sick leave policy. It will move to AAC and forward
  - The proposal mirrors UND policy
  
- c. President Kennedy provided an update regarding legislative process:
  - He discussed differences among system institutions
  - We are the Chief Opportunity Engine was the message President Kennedy provided to the state Senate.
  - We are the fourth largest employer in North Dakota
  - Our graduates make more money and are taxed more to provide additional dollars for the state
  - See President's web page for the PPT presentation
  - The Coulee to Columbia project would address \$80 million of deferred maintenance
  - UND goes to the House appropriations committee in mid-March
  - UND has met with the Governor as well

5.

The question period opened at 4:40 p.m.

Mr. Neubert asked how we are providing value to the general public. President Kennedy addressed our ad in North Dakota Living. He will also write additional opinion pieces. The President discussed our alumni caucus as well as the work of the alumni association.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower asked about the legacy bank accounts and what can we do as citizens of North Dakota to support higher education. The President acknowledged the fact that we have a rainy day fund that we could use; however, the legislature may feel differently.

Mr. Poochigian asked about the economic measure versus the liberal arts/social science foundation. The President reinforced that the foundation of liberal arts is to prepare people for second and third jobs. Mr. Poochigian asked what would be the implications of reducing the liberal arts, especially with accreditation. President Kennedy stated that we do not plan to take actions that would put accreditation at risk.

Mr. Murphy asked about changing our bank and borrowing structure. The President stated it could be compared to our inability to bond. The Chancellor is beginning to address this issue.

Ms. Mikulak asked if faculty could testify about the structure of a research university or what it takes to run a university. President Kennedy stated that faculty are not always the best messenger to the legislature. Students are a better option.

Ms. Kalbfleisch asked about the perception of higher education and if we are viewed as rich. President Kennedy acknowledged that college graduates make more over the course of a lifetime.

The question period ended at 5:00 p.m.

6.

Mr. Petros made a request to add a resolution to the business calendar. Mr. Murphy seconded and the motion carried.

7.

Mr. Munski moved to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2017, meeting without revision. Mr. Gedafa seconded and the motion carried.

8.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the annual report of the Senate Academic Policies and Admissions Committee. Ms. Gjellstad moved to file the report and the motion carried.

9.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the Qualified Faculty Requirements Committee report. Ms. Kenville moved to approve the faculty qualification requirements definition. Mr. Munski seconded and the motion carried.

10.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the Curriculum Committee report. Mr. Jendrysik moved to approve the report. Mr. Stofferahn seconded and the motion carried.

11.

Mr. Harsell called attention the faculty resolution regarding budget issues. Ms. Mikulak moved to approve and it was seconded by Ms. Laguette. A discussion ensued. A friendly amendment was made to add "tenure-track and current" to the first statement. The friendly amendment was accepted and the motion carried.

12.

Mr. Munski moved to extend the meeting to 5:45 p.m. without objection. There were no objections.

13.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the CCF resolution regarding opposition to the proposed change to the SBHE policy 605.3. Mr. Munski moved and Ms. Jeno seconded to endorse the resolution. The motion carried.

14.

Mr. Harsell called attention to a resolution introduced by Mr. Petros. Mr. Higgins moved to approve and Mr. Murphy seconded. A discussion ensued. A friendly amendment was made from Mr. Munski to change "appropriately price our product" to our consumers to "ensure student success." A friendly amendment by Ms. Vogeltanz-Holm to add the word "it" between making and easier. Both friendly amendments were agreed upon. The discussion continued. A friendly amendment was made to replace you become "Chancellor and the SBHE." The amendment was agreed upon and the motion carried.

15.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary  
University Senate