

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
December 5, 2024

1.

The November meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2024, via Zoom Conference. Chair Zarrina Azizova presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Adjekum, Daniel	Hoffmann, Mark	Oancea, Cristina
Alberts, Crystal	Homstad, Stephanie	O'Brien, Kevin
Alghazo, Runna	Hove, Hannah	Pedersen, Daphne
Anderson, Sonya	Hume, Wendelin	Petros, Thomas
Azizova, Zarrina	Iiams, Michele	Pokornowski, Alex
Bakke, Rebecca	Ji, Yun	Reading, Patrick
Bjorg, Renae	Kinney, Anna	Rundquist, Bradley
Bost-Sandberg, Lisa	Kraus, Robert	Saga-Leiser, Lea
Chelmo, Hallie	Kubatova, Alena	Sauer, Michelle
Cherry Oliver, Emily	Legerski, Elizabeth	Schweitzer, Kimberly
Clark, Travis	Liang, Lewis	Shogren, Maridee
Correll, Scott	Lim, Yeo Howe	Smart, Kathy
Dasse, Kimberly	Linder, Meloney	Steen, Carla
Ferguson, Connor	Link, Eric	Sum, Paul
Gill, James	Matz, Adam	Swanson, Brenna
Gjellstad, Melissa	Mayo, Whitney	Tang, Clement
Goldsberry, Daralyn	McGinniss, Michael	Westall, Sara
Grabanski, Julie	Millspaugh, Richard	Wild, Brandon
Grave, Shannon	Mongeon Stewart, Karla	Wilson, Amanda
Gregg, Cindy	Munski, Douglas	Wozniak, Mike
Harsell, Dana	Newman, Robert	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Armacost, Andrew	Martin, Kaleb	Rajpathy, Odele
Bichel, Rebecca	Montigne, Justin	Smith, Jobi
Brown, Logan	Moritz, Sandra	Snyder, Scott
Glaser, Carson	Moyer, Dalton	Steidl, Ellen
Henley, Amy	Nelson, Chris	Tande, Brian
Jenkins, Marjorie	Nelson-Boutros, Lilien	Tatro, Lauren
Langerud, Heather	Orvis, Maya	Wallace, Alfred
LaPlant, Chloe	Pappas, Brian	Wallace, Brandon
Lawson-Body, Assion	Partington, Ellie	Witte, Shelbie
Malloy, Art		

4.

Ms. Azizova called the meeting to order and provided opening remarks.

5.

Quorum was established

6.

The minutes from the University Senate on November 7, 2024, were approved and filed.

7.

Without objection, the 2023-24 University Senate Curriculum Committee monthly report was filed.

8.

Without objection, the Essential Studies Program Review report was filed.

9.

Without objection, the Faculty Handbook Committee annual report was filed.

10.

Without objection, the December 2024 Graduation Candidate list was filed.

11.

Ms. Azizova provided a report from the Senate Executive Committee. The Post-Tenure Review Policy Proposal, first draft is available. It was presented by Ms. Robinson. Please provide feedback to Ms. Robinson or Ms. Kubatova via email. There is also a first draft of a proposal to develop a faculty affairs committee as a standing committee of University Senate.

12.

Ms. Alberts provided updates from the Council of College Faculties. CCF continues to review tenure and academic freedom policies. There is a special meeting on December 10, 2024, to discuss. Post-tenure review continues to be discussed. There will be a special meeting of CCF on January 14, 2025, to review the legislative bills.

13.

Ms. Kinney provided updates from the Staff Senate. Tubs of Love donations end tomorrow. Thirty-one Day of Glory winners are being drawn daily. Jeans Give Back donations are given out quarterly.

14.

Mr. Ferguson provided updates from Student Government. There was an allocation for student distress kits. There is an initiative for a grab-and-

go station in the Engineering complex. An upcoming meeting for student fee allocation will be held next week.

15.

Mr. Link provided updates from the Office of the Provost. Semester grades are due on December 24, 2024, at 12:00 Noon. There is an Essential Studies program review available for perusal and feedback. Finalists have been invited for the position of Director of Essential Studies. Dean Brian Tande has accepted a new position as the President of South Dakota School of Mines. There will be an interim dean named for the College of Engineering of Mines. A national search will be launched after the holiday break. Merrifield Hall will be ready for move-in on December 23, 2025. Winter commencement will be held on Friday, December 20, 2024. Please join us at the event. Spring enrollment numbers look good. Some highlights from the SBHE meeting today include Policy 469 that grants authority for institutions to offer dual-credit courses. NDSU has asked permission to offer dual credit in Cass County, North Dakota. UND retains the right to offer courses that are specific only to us.

16.

Mr. Wilson, Mr. Weber, and Ms. Linder provided an overview of UND's legislative priorities for the 2025 session. Mr. Weber discussed the Legislative Affairs committee and its purpose. Mr. Wilson detailed the membership of the Legislative Affairs committee. Ms. Linder shared the Legislative Priorities website and detailed the contents of each session. It can be found at <https://und.edu/about/president/legislative/index.html>. Ms. Linder reminded everyone of the difference between acting as a private citizen or as a representative of the university.

17.

The twenty-minute question and answer period opened at 4:26 p.m. Ms. Gjellstad asked about any potential overlap between a Faculty Affairs Committee and the Committee for Promotion and Tenure. Ms. Azizova responded with the differences. A follow up question on the differences between other faculty committees. Ms. Legerski had a similar question. Ms. Mayo inquired about the difference between the committee and the faculty affairs office. Ms. Azizova stated that this committee would increase the quality of shared governance. Ms. Legerski asked about policy 469 and if UND is interested in the dual-credit market. Mr. Link stated that the position is that the research universities should be on the same playing field. Ms. Pedersen asked about the Post-Tenure Review proposed policy. Is the onus on the department? Do the department policies have to be consistent with a larger entity? Ms. Robinson stated that the intent was to allow for discipline specific differences. Ms. Gjellstad asked the provost to comment on the Bismarck State College intent to offer 90 credit hour bachelor's degrees. Mr. Link stated that all the Presidents and VPAA have been surveyed by the system to offer comments on offering 90 credit bachelor's degrees. The question-and-answer period ended at 4:53 p.m. with no additional questions.

18.

Mr. Newman moved to extend the QA period by 10 minutes. Ms. Gjellstad seconded the motion. The motion carried.

19.

There were no matters arising presented.

20.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary  
University Senate