

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
April 1, 2021

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The April meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021, via Zoom Conference.

Chair Liz Legerski called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

Started with procedural communications and the link that you should receive for panelists (voting members of Senate). Wants to make sure that those people who are voting members, should be voting. Try to use the yes/no feature in the Participants panel.

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**The following members of the Senate were present:**

Alberts, Crystal	Iseminger, Colt	Minnotte, Michael	Schlenker, Jared
Armocost, Andrew	Jendrysik, Mark	Munski, Doug	Shivers, Jed
Barkdull, Carenlee	Juntunen, Cindy	Myers, Brad	Spaeth, Andria
Cherry, Emily	Kassow, Benjamin	Newman, Robert	Storrs, Debbie
Chu, Qianli	Kehn, Andre	Ng, Lilly	Tang, Clement
Correll, Scott	Kenville, Kim	Nilles, Matthew	Ternus, Matthew
Denny, Dawn	Lease, Jered	Oancea, Cristina	VanLooy, Jeff
Dodge, Michael	Legerski, Elizabeth	Olson, Devon	Wasylow, Megan
Dusenbury, Mark	Light, Steve	Pedersen, Daphne	Wise, Richard
Feehery, Davis	Lim, Howe	Peterson, Karen	Xiao, Feng
Halcrow, Steven	Linder, Meloney	Rand, Kathryn	Yousif, Zeineb
Hand, Laura	Matz, Adam	Robinson, Sarah	Zerr, Ryan
Hume, Wendelin	McGinniss, Michael	Sauer, Michelle	Zhao, Julia
Iiams, Michele	Mihelich, John	Schill, Brian	

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**The following members of the Senate were absent:**

Bertsch, Breanna	Kostrzewski, Diana	Perkins, Dexter	Tande, Brian
Cory, Claire	Kraus, Robert	Plowman, Austin	Wahl, Faith
Cowdrey, Hunter	Liang, Lewis	Reedy, Kaelan	Walker, Stephanie
Doze, Van	Liu, Jun	Reissig, Brad	Wilson, Nick
Foster, Nathan	Millspaugh, Richard	Rundquist, Bradley	Wynne, Joshua
Halgren, Cara	Murphy, Eric	Saligumba, Amanda	Yang, Wei
Henley, Amy	Park, Chan	Stupnisky, Robert	

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1. Liz called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm. She made the following announcement and opening remarks with events to note:

Senate Calendar:

Announcements/Chair Opening remarks

Upcoming events to take note of:

1. Spring University Council meeting, Tuesday, April 27, 3-4:30pm
2. Staff Senate is accepting nominations for Staff Senate members through April 6 – please encourage your staff to become a Staff Senate Senator (see announcement attached).
3. Following feedback received, TTaDA is putting efforts to cleanup outdated/unused YuJa content on hold (see email attached).
4. UIT is in the process of developing technology standards for our learning spaces, using the services of a consultant, to help standardize technology across the university. They are looking for about 10 faculty to participate in a session on April 21 (1-2 hours) to gather feedback on learning spaces and technology requirements. If you are interested in participating, or would like to recommend faculty to participate, please let Liz Legerski know ASAP [elizabeth.legerski@und.edu](mailto:elizabeth.legerski@und.edu).
5. Elections for USenate at-large members and College/School representatives will happen in early April – please keep an eye out for nomination and election ballots.

ii. Reminder re committee annual report deadlines

1. Due April 23: Budget Committee, Online & Distance Education, and Scholarly Activities
2. Overdue: COI/Scientific Misconduct

Announcements/Chair Opening Remarks

New Item – education Task Force Update, Angel Fund and Food for Thought Fund (Jeff VanLooy)  
Jeff just gave an update on the Education Task Force, Angel fund and Food for Thought.

Dr. Munski made a challenge to all members to donate to the Angel fund.

iii. Legislative session updates (Peter Johnson) Peter put out the same challenge as Dr Munski regarding donating to the angel fund. Peter talked about raises for state employees:

1.5% for 1<sup>st</sup> year and 2% 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

SB 2003 – main NDUS appropriates bill

SB 2030 – Challenge matching grant program

HB 1503 – Campus free speech policy

HB1323 prohibits mask requirements – He said he was not sure where this stands.

Student voting – to provide students that request it, the UND address so they can prove they can vote in ND. The apron for the airport funding was discussed. Also funding for updates to Merrifield/Twamley was brought up and has not been talked about it. UND wants \$5 million dollars to get the project started.

Jed Shivers stated that with Zoom, we have immediate updates as to what is going on in the Legislature that we would not have had before as we did not have Zoom.

Federal dollars that we have received, the legislature is working on it as they need to know how the federal dollars can be spent prior to allocating the funds to the Universities. Legislature has reserved time for fall 2021 to meet to look at redistricting/funding from the federal government.

iv. Council of College Faculties update (Tom Petros) Not much for updates. The next meeting will be this coming Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Direct resolution against academic freedoms and that is the major thing that happened at the last meeting.

v. Staff Senate update (Megan Wasylow) Staff Senate will be hosting an event on April 13 being presented by Barry Brody.

vi. Student Government update (Matthew Ternus) Government is winding down. Elections coming up in 2 weeks. Meeting with local city council and mayor and a conversation regarding how they can collaborate on issues.

The student DEI committee will be presenting their findings in late April. Student Government will be funding de-stress kits.

vii. Provost updates (Debbie Storrs) Thanks Jeff VanLooy for the Angel Fund and want everyone to know about the allocation 2.268 Million \$ to students in need. Students can still apply for funds. Students will be eligible for J&J starting April 6<sup>th</sup> on campus.

b. Establish Quorum (Marci Mack, for Secretary Correll)

We have quorum.

c. Review and approval of March 4, 2021 minutes.

Are there any changes to the minutes? With no changes, the minutes can be filed without objection.

d. Senate Executive Committee report (Chair Legerski)

i. Approved placement of new Syllabus Policy as the second subsection under Section III Teaching Policies & Procedures in Faculty Handbook.

ii. Reviewed proposed updates to the Family Leave Policy in the Faculty Handbook. Will be sent to Faculty Handbook committee for review.

iii. Passed resolutions opposing SB 2030 and supporting research on health insurance in ND (being considered in Staff Senate and by Student Government)

iv. Approved the following: FHC Final Exam policy and UCC vote to include Director of Assessment & Accreditation as non-voting member of committee.

e. Question period (20 minutes) started at 4:04.

Mark Jendrysik– asked questions regarding the federal dollars that we have received. Jed stated that the HERFF 2 dollars they are working on how to allocate the money. 15.9 million 3<sup>rd</sup> allocation for money from the Federal government. A portion of that has to go to students. Jed discussed the money and how to be spend and new money coming in.

Daphne Pedersen – A&S talking about the computer lab in Gillette hall. She heard that there is an audit on campus regarding computers for departments and was wondering how the audit would affect computer lab usage for students. Madhavi replied to Daphne’s comment. They will be looking at the data for 2019 and 2020.

Question period ended at 4:11 pm.

**Consent Calendar:**

a. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Annual Report (see attached)

b. Committee on Committees Annual Report (see attached)

c. Curriculum Committee voted to approve adding the Director of Assessment and Accreditation as a non-voting member to the committee. SEC also approved.

The reports were filed without opposition/objection.

**Business Calendar:**

a. Runoff election for second seat on Online & Distance Education Committee

A tie for the second seat so Liz created a poll for the vote between Stephanie Homstad (NUR) and Rhoda Owens (NUR). Rhoda Owens was voted for the second seat.

- b. Essential Studies Assessment Proposal withdrawn by committee (see attached)

The proposal was withdraw by the committee. Michael Dodge withdrew his motion.

- c. SEC resolution in opposition to SB 2030

Davis Feehery made a motion and second from Daphne Pederson to approve the resolution in opposition to SB 2030. There was no discussion. The motion carries.

- d. Faculty Handbook Committee Final Exam policy proposal (see attached)

Mark Jendrysik Made a motion to approve the final exam policy. Benjamin Kassow seconded the motion. Colt Iseminger had a question about missing the final. If I have this in my syllabus, will that supersede the policy. Yes it will. Discussion regarding finals not during the final week, so that students know and can make plans. Emily Cherry commented for those faculty in the Arts is not an exam, but a performance, etc. Final amendment to make a change to 3. For example, departments can forgo this in writing every semester based on their culture. Debbie Storrs suggesting depending on pedagogy of the department, the dept. chair and faculty could develop an appropriate process.

This should be sent back to the committee to makes some adjustment. Ryan Zerr made a motion to send back to committee. Julia Zhao seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- e. Essential Studies Policy Manual updates (see attached)  
Some updates were title, procedures, etc. housekeeping

Michael Dodge made a motion to approve the updates. Julia Zhao seconded the motion. The motion carries.

- f. Guidelines for Essential Studies Transfer updates (see attached) Also some updates to these transfer policies. They are housekeeping updates.

Dr. Munski made a motion to approve the updates. Kim Kenville seconded the motion. The motion carries.

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The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Marci Mack, Acting Secretary  
University Senate