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.

2. 
The following members of the Senate were present:

Alberts, Crystal Iseminger, Colt Minnotte, Michael Schlenker, Jared  
Armacost, 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 Millsbaugh, Richard Rundquist, Bradley Wynne, Joshua  
Halgren, Cara Murphy, Eric Saligumba, Amanda Yang, Wei  
Henley, Amy Park, Chan Stupnisky, Robert
4.

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 Following feedback received, TTaDA is putting efforts to cleanup outdated/unused YuJa content on hold (see email attached).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.

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, Angle 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\textsuperscript{st} year and 2% 2\textsuperscript{nd} year.

SB 2003 – main NDUS appropriates bill
SB 2030 – Challenge matching grant program
HB 1503 – Campus free speech policy
HB 1323 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\textsuperscript{th}. 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 and 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 staring April 6\textsuperscript{th} 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 3rd 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.

Matters Arising

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Marci Mack, Acting Secretary
University Senate