

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
April 4, 2024

1.

The December meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2024, via Zoom Conference. University Senate Chair Sarah Robinson presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Alberts, Crystal	Hoffmann, Mark	Nelson, Ella
Anderson, Sonya	Homstad, Stephanie	Newman, Robert
Anvari-Clark, Jeffrey	Hoppenrath, Joseph	Novak, Michelle
Azizova, Zarrina	Hove, Hannah	Oancea, Cristina
Bakke, Rebecca	Hume, Wendelin	Petros, Thomas
Beltz, Michael	Iseminger, Colt	Pokornowski, Alex
Bichel, Rebecca	Keengwe, Grace	Reading, Patrick
Bjorg, Renae	Kehn, Andre	Robinson, Sarah
Bjorgaard, Stacy	Kraus, Robert	Rundquist, Brad
Blankenship, Jonathan	Lawson-Body, Assion	Sauer, Michelle
Bowman, Frank	Lim, Yeo Howe	Seddoh, Amebu
Correll, Scott	Liu, Jun	Shogren, Maridee
Cox, Paula	Malloy, Art	Singhal, Sandeep
Dodge, Michael	Marquis, Jared	Smart, Kathy
Doze, Van	Maskaly, Jonathan	Sperle, James
Elderini, Tarek	Masursky, Danielle	Traynor, Paul
Emter, Adelyn	Mayo, Whitney	Urban, Shanna
Ferguson, Connor	Milavetz, Barry	Wintermute, Kaleb
Gjellstad, Melissa	Mongeon-Stewart, Karla	Wozniak, Mike
Grave, Shannon	Mosher, Sarah	
Grijalva, James	Munski, Douglas	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Brynn	Legerski, Elizabeth	Richter, Justin
Armacost, Andy	Linder, Meloney	Saga, Lea
Dahlke, Rachel	Link, Eric	Snyder, Scott
Henley, Amy	Martin, Noelle	Swanson, Brenna
Hunter, Cheryl	Moritz, Sandra	Tande, Brian
Jendrysik, Mark	Nelson, Chris	Tatro, Lauren
Johnson, Amber	Pappas, Brian	Wallace, Alfred
Kempel, Sarah	Price, Samantha	Wynne, Joshua
Kinney, Anna Marie	Rajpathy, Odele	Zerr, Ryan

4.

Quorum was established.

5.

Without objection, the minutes from the University Senate on March 14, 2024, were approved.

6.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the University Curriculum Committee monthly report. Without objection, the report was filed.

7.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the University Senate Library Committee annual report. Without objection, the report was filed.

8.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the GUEST policy updates. Ms. Derenne presented on the changes. This most recent update aligns compliance with the ND SBHE policy. Mr. Dodge move to approve. Ms. Smart seconded. A discussion ensued. Ms. Smart withdrew her second. Ms. Mayo moved to table. Without objection, the proposal was tabled.

9.

Ms. Robinson provided a Senate Executive Committee report. The University Senate minutes are archived at the library in Scholarly Commons. There is a form available where anyone can nominate a speaker for University Commencement.

10.

Ms. Mongeon-Stewart and Mr. Johnson provided an update on the challenges recruiting and retaining Building Service Technicians. Following the pandemic office cleaning and whiteboard cleaning were suspended due to these shortages. Recourses were diverted to focus on front facing areas. There are about twenty-five vacant positions of approximately one hundred positions. There have been many strategies to provide competitive salaries and working conditions enhancements to improve these situations. Other ideas including autonomous equipment are being explored.

11.

Mr. Holm provided an update about CircleIN from questions that arose at the previous meeting.

12.

Mr. Harsell discussed updates from the ad hoc SELFIE committee. There are many charges, and it will take the committee about one to one and one-half years to complete.

13.

Ms. Alberts provided updates from the Council of College Faculties. Please provide feedback about the post-tenure review process. The CCF ballot is out there, please remember to vote.

14.

Mr. Wozniak provided a Staff Senate Update. Next week is a spring breakfast for overnight staff, and a luncheon for daytime staff.

15.

Ms. Nelson updated everyone on Student Government. A de-stress event is scheduled before finals. A coulee clean up event will occur this week. A meeting with city council occurred yesterday. Elections are coming up next week.

16.

Mr. Holm provided an update for Academic Affairs. The HLC site visit occurs on April 22-23. UND Commencement will occur soon. The Provost Office can assist with regalia rental or purchase.

17.

The twenty minute question and answer period began at 4:40 p.m. Ms. Mayo asked about how it reaches out to students. Why does it use a point system to gain participation? Mr. Holm talked about how it uses game theory to increase participation. Mr. Holm says the product allows opt out features. Mr. Marquis about students who are using multiple products. What are the benefits achieved here? Mr. Holm stated that it requires authenticated login and is not required. Mr. Beltz asked if we chose an opt-out model versus an opt-in model. Mr. Holm stated we choose the opt-out model. Ms. Alberts inquired about online versus on-campus classes. Mr. Holm said he would find that data. Mr. Maskaly inquired about a permanent opt-out. Mr. Holm directed the question to a dean decision. Ms. Mayo asked about the financial benefit to invest in student success. Mr. Holm said her could research the answer. The question period ended at 5:00 p.m.

18.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate