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  
Anderson, Sonya  
Anvari-Clark, Jeffrey  
Azizova, Zarrina  
Bakke, Rebecca  
Beltz, Michael  
Bichel, Rebecca  
Bjorg, Renae  
Bjorgaard, Stacy  
Blankenship, Jonathan  
Bowman, Frank  
Correll, Scott  
Cox, Paula  
Doze, Van  
Elderini, Tarek  
Emter, Adelyn  
Ferguson, Connor  
Gjellstad, Melissa  
Grave, Shannon  
Grijalva, James  

Hoffmann, Mark  
Homstad, Stephanie  
Hoppenrath, Joseph  
Hove, Hannah  
Hume, Wendelin  
Iseminger, Colt  
Keengwe, Grace  
Kehn, Andre  
Kraus, Robert  
Lawson-Body, Assion  
Lim, Yeo Howe  
Liu, Jun  
Malloy, Art  
Marquis, Jared  
Maskaly, Jonathan  
Masursky, Danielle  
Mayo, Whitney  
Milavetz, Barry  
Mongeon-Stewart, Karla  
Mosher, Sarah  
Munski, Douglas  

Nelson, Ella  
Newman, Robert  
Novak, Michelle  
Oancea, Cristina  
Petros, Thomas  
Pokornowski, Alex  
Reading, Patrick  
Robinson, Sarah  
Rundquist, Brad  
Sauer, Michelle  
Seddo, Amebu  
Shogren, Maridee  
Singhal, Sandeep  
Smart, Kathy  
Sperle, James  
Traynor, Paul  
Urban, Shanna  
Wintermute, Kaleb  
Wozniak, Mike

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Anderson, Brynn  
Armacost, Andy  
Dahlke, Rachel  
Henley, Amy  
Hunter, Cheryl  
Jendrysik, Mark  
Johnson, Amber  
Kempel, Sarah  
Kinney, Anna Marie  

Legerski, Elizabeth  
Linder, Meloney  
Link, Eric  
Martin, Noelle  
Moritz, Sandra  
Nelson, Chris  
Pappas, Brian  
Price, Samantha  
Rajpathy, Odele  

Richter, Justin  
Saga, Lea  
Snyder, Scott  
Swanson, Brenna  
Tande, Brian  
Tatro, Lauren  
Wallace, Alfred  
Wynne, Joshua  
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. Resources 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 SELF1 committee. There are many charges, and it will take the committee about one to one and one-half years to complete.
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.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate