**Graduate Student Focus Group**

**Friday, May 6, 2022**

**12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Via Zoom**

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| **Question** | **Discussion** |
| **1. Why did you choose to attend UND** | * Location, live in Grand Forks * Program brought them to UND * Advisor here at UND * Going somewhere different than UG school |
| **2. How do you describe UND to your family, friends, and neighbors?** | * College open to everyone and their needs * Size (smaller) * Great place for cross-disciplinary work * Struggling to find it’s identity, with trying to promote a small liberal college 1:1 ratio in classroom, while also trying to be Harvard in research * Staff/faculty are stretched thin (some just publish/research and not teach) * Teaching staff (a lot is being asked of them) financial constraints |
| **3. Who does UND serve, and do you believe we are currently meeting these needs?** | * Regionally located students * Students, alumni, faculty, staff |
| **3a. Who do you believe it should be serving and what do you think needs to change for this to happen?** | * Online community-having faculty better equipped to teach distance learning |
| **4a. What might the university do better to help you, or your student organization succeed?** | * Better engagement and community for online students * Rolling admissions, Pearson * Help online students feel like they are connected * Customize your program from your background and make it what you will use in the future * Construction prioritization * Share more information on funding and allocation * Communicate more on programs/departments * More options for classes and options for faculty within classes * Keep messaging consistent and accurate |
| **5. What have been your best experiences at UND?** | * Education * Creating relationships across departments and in their department * Graduate groups by departments * Connection with faculty |
| **7. What would be your vision for UND’s future?** | * Cultivating the diversity that exists more. * More interaction between faculty and student organizations, more investment * Finish construction projects |
| **7a. Do you have any “big dreams” for the institution?** | * Hire enough faculty to allow the good teaching faculty teach and the good researchers research * More financial support for students |