

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
September 1, 2022

1.

The September meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2022, via Zoom Conference. Past Chair Cristina Oancea opened the meeting, and Chair Bob Newman presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Adjekum, Daniel	Kalbfleisch, Pamela	Rundquist, Brad
Alberts, Crystal	Kehn, Andre	Running Bear, Ursula
Armacost, Andy	Kinney, Anna Marie	Seddoh, Amebu
Azizova, Zarrina	Kraus, Robert	Sheridan, Bill
Clark, Travis	Laguette, Soizik	Shogren, Maridee
Correll, Scott	Lawson-Body, Assion	Singhal, Sandeep
Cox, Paula	Legerski, Elizabeth	Smart, Kathy
de Silva, Renuka	Light, Steve	Spaeth, Andria
Denny, Dawn	Lindseth, Glenda	Sperle, James
Dockter, Sally	Mamaghani, Iraj	Stone, Lucian
Doze, Van	Marquis, Jared	Traynor, Paul
Germolus, Isaiah	Maskaly, Jonathan	Urban, Shanna
Gjellstad, Melissa	Mastrud, Morgan	Wahl, Faith
Gupta, Surojit	Masursky, Danielle	Wallace, Alfred
Hellwig, Beth	Mattingly, Shaina	Weber, Bret
Henley, Amy	Mihelich, John	Wild, Brandon
Homstad, Stephanie	Milavetz, Barry	Wilson, Nick
Jendrysik, Mark	Neuman, Robert	Wise, Richard
Jordan, Rachel	Peterson, Karen	Zerr, Ryan
Juntunen, Cindy	Robinson, Sarah	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Beretta, Luca	Ji, Yun	Pappas, Brian
Berry, Whitney	Johnson, Sierra	Poolman, Collin
Bjorgaard, Stacy	Kuznicki, Malissa	Rudolph, Emma
Cook, Jennifer	Linder, Meloney	Schueneman, Eliza
Drugan, Kjerstin	Link, Eric	Tande, Brian
Gyapong, Jordon	Liu, Jun	Weber, Magdalena
Halcrow, Steven	Mongeon-Stewart,	Wynne, Joshua
Henneman, Emily	Karla	
Iseminger, Colt	Mosher, Sarah	

4.

Mr. Newman introduced himself and overviewed the agenda for the day. Before proceeding with the agenda, he took a moment to reflect on the current news regarding Indigenous cultural items and ancestors being discovered on the UND campus. He referenced the UND Land Use Acknowledgement. He thanked the repatriation team and provided a link to the website. Please review the information on the University Senate website. Mr. Newman discussed shared governance and the support from the Offices of the President and the Provost. Please refer to the Senate Committee manual for ways to get involved at UND.

5.

Mr. Newman commented on the upcoming academic year. Please remember there is a Diversity conference in October. Also, please remember to comment on the VPSA search using the online forms.

6.

Ms. Legerski provided an update from the Council of College Faculties. She stated that the group does not meet during the summer. Please refer to Senate Executive Committee updates for additional information.

7.

Ms. Cox provided a Staff Senate update. The Staff Senate has been quite busy. All open committee memberships have been filled. Ms. Kenny has joined as the third voting representative for the Staff Senate on University Senate. There was a meeting with President Armacost. The State Employee Recognition week will be end of the month of September. Mr. Schill and Ms. Cox met with state education leaders to allow dependents to attend other colleges. More updates to come on this topic.

8.

Ms. Wahl provided a Student Government update. The first Student Senate meeting was last night. It is a very diverse group. The Green Bandana project is an initiative on campus to be a mental resource for students and their peers. Three hundred and forty-six students have been trained. There is an increased effort around sustainability this year. Some events that are being planned - Spring Fling, among others. OERs are very important for the upcoming year. Transportation and parking will also be a focus. A renewed focus on mental health and issues surround it. There will be a reach out to underserved populations to discuss how policies and procedures could be modified to remove barriers.

9.

Mr. Holm provided the Provost updates. Mr. Link could not attend today. We are up in total enrollment this fall, with a strong increase in undergraduate online students as well as transfer students. First-year freshmen enrollment is flat but could be slightly up. Several programs are at capacity. There is still a slowness processing international student visas. There is also a slowing of graduate program enrollment.

10.

Quorum was established

11.

Without objection, the minutes from the University Senate on May 5, 2022, were approved without objection.

12.

Mr. Armacost announced the painfulness of the repatriation process. However, yesterday was when the news was shared. He offered his deepest, and most sincere apologies. He stated the work will continue until complete. There are support systems in place if this has affected anyone - faculty, staff, and students. Ms. Alberts asked that if you have other artifacts or items, please email her at crystal.alberts@und.edu. Please reach out, and please do not touch or move the items or ancestors. Mr. Armacost stated that repatriation is the first order of business. The second is to be understanding to the students who this has affected.

14.

Mr. Mochoruk discussed the Strategic Planning process. Over 50 focus groups were conducted. The SPC website has all the documents to date. The President's Executive Council is very pleased with the results to date. There have been extensive revisions of the core values. They will be released for feedback next week. Ms. Krenelka thanked the seven work groups who worked very hard to get to this point today. There will be many more drafts and feedback cycles during this fall semester. The goal is to have the completed plan to the President in December of this year.

13.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Mr. Newman, SEC Updates
 - Summer graduation candidates were approved.
- b. Mr. Newman, SEC Updates
 - Recommended adding an Open Educational Resource committee as a University Senate standing committee.

c. Mr. Newman, SEC Updates

- Approved the updated language in the Essential Studies GUEST document.

d. Mr. Newman mentioned that the CCF reviewed and accepted a report on Presidential Reviews at their last meeting of the 2021-22 academic year.

e. Mr. Newman discussed that the organization and service guides need to be updated as some are 10-20 years old.

f. Mr. Newman announced that Provost Link will soon launch a search for the next Director of Essential Studies. The successful candidate will be a full-time faculty member.

14.

The twenty-minute question period opened at 4:30pm. Ms. Alberts asked about what we are doing to address the ongoing issues with the bookstore. Mr. Armacost does not have an answer today. He will work with Ms. Loiland. Please send all concerns to Taylor Hanson Wald, taylor.hansonwald@und.edu. Mr. Sheridan asked Mr. Armacost to help us understand more deeply the nature of the pain and sadness that the native people are experiencing right now. Mr. Armacost stated you can see the pain when it is revealed. Please see the press conference for a visual example. Ms. Alberts asked for an Indigenous member to share their experience. Ms. Alberts also stated that the Indigenous peoples are also rightfully upset because these collections and practices are further evidence they are seen as objects to be studied rather than as people. The question period ended at 4:45pm.

15.

Mr. Newman called attention to the changes in the Essential Studies committee GUEST document. Without objection, the changes were accepted and filed.

15.

Mr. Newman called attention to adding the Open Educational Resources committee to a standing senate committee. Mr. Milavetz moved to approve. Mr. Weber seconded the motion. The motion carried.

16.

Mr. Newman called attention to the ballots for Senate Vice Chair/Chair Elect, faculty representative on the Senate Executive Committee, two faculty members on the Committee on Committees, staff representative to the Senate Executive Committee, student representative to the Senate Executive Committee. The election results are as follows:

The final results of the election are as follows:

Senate Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Sarah Robinson

Faculty Representative on SEC - Alena Kubatova
Faculty Representatives on the C on C - Nick Wilson and Ryan Zerr
Staff Representative on SEC - Paula Cox
Student Representative on SEC - Faith Wahl

17.

At 5:01pm, Mr. Milavetz moved to extend the meeting for 5 minutes.
Mr. Adjekum seconded. Without objection, the Senate moved to matters
arising.

18.

There were no matters arising presented.

19.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate