

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
December 7, 2023

1.

The December meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023, via Zoom Conference. University Senate Chair Sarah Robinson presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Anderson, Sonya	Hove, Hannah	Moritz, Sandra
Anvari-Clark, Jeffrey	Hume, Wendelin	Munski, Douglas
Azizova, Zarrina	Iseminger, Colt	Newman, Robert
Bakke, Rebecca	Johnson, Amber	Novak, Michelle
Beltz, Michael	Kehn, Andre	Oancea, Cristina
Bjorg , Renae	Kinney, Anna Marie	Pokornowski, Alex
Blankenship, Jonathan	Kraus, Robert	Reading, Patrick
Bowman, Frank	Legerski, Elizabeth	Rundquist, Brad
Correll, Scott	Lim, Yeo Howe	Sauer, Michelle
Dahlke, Rachel	Link, Eric	Shogren, Maridee
Dodge, Michael	Liu, Jun	Smart, Kathy
Doze, Van	Malloy, Art	Swanson, Brenna
Elderini, Tarek	Marquis, Jared	Urban, Shanna
Emter, Adelyn	Masursky, Danielle	Wozniak, Mike
Gjellstad, Melissa	Mayo, Whitney	Zerr, Ryan
Grave, Shannon	Milavetz, Barry	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Alberts, Crystal	Mihelich, John
Anderson, Brynn	Mongeon-Stewart, Karla
Armacost, Andy	Mosher, Sarah
Bichel, Rebecca	Nelson, Ella
Bjorgaard, Stacy	Nelson, Chris
Cox, Paula	Pappas, Brian
Ferguson, Connor	Petros, Thomas
Grijalva, James	Price, Samantha
Henley, Amy	Rajpathy, Odele
Hoffmann, Mark	Saga, Lea
Homstad, Stephanie	Seddoh, Amebu
Hoppenrath, Joseph	Singhal, Sandeep
Hunter, Cheryl	Sperle, James
Jendrysik, Mark	Tande, Brian
Keengwe, Grace	Tatro, Lauren
Kempel, Sarah	Traynor, Paul
Lawson-Body, Assion	Wallace , Alfred
Linder, Meloney	Wintermute, Kaleb
Martin, Noelle	Wynne, Joshua
Maskaly, Jonathan	

4.

Quorum was established.

5.

Without objection, the minutes from the University Senate on October 5, 2023, were approved.

6.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the University Assessment Committee Annual report. With objection, the report was filed.

7.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the University Senate Curriculum Committee monthly report. With objection, the report was filed.

8.

Ms. Robinson called attention to the December Graduation list. Mr. Trainer moved to approved. Mr. Munski seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9.

Ms. Robinson announced to please submit your committee review if you have not done so yet. Ms. Robinson also discussed a follow up to a question about student accessibility. It was taken to the DEI committee for discussion. The committee is exploring adding accessibility to its title and charge.

10.

Mr. Schellpfeffer announced the site visit for the HLC review will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The assurance argument is a 35,000 word document that covers the five criterion of accreditation. It will be available to the campus community in early January. There will be open forums in January for the campus community members to attend and provide feedback. A student survey will be launched in early 2024 to the student community as required by HLC guidelines.

11.

Ms. Peterson provided updates from the Council of College Faculties. The CCF sent a letter to the SBHE about the restructuring occurring at DSU. CCF has been asked to provide feedback to the ad hoc post tenure review committee.

12.

Mr. Wozniak provided a Staff Senate update. Events have been going very well. The State Staff Senate brought to attention weather closure guidelines and they would prefer it to be similar across the system. The consensus is that a campus employee should not be required to work during a closure and that remote employees would use their local conditions to determine working.

13.

Mr. Moedl provided updates from Student Government. Student Government has allocated money to the career closet for professional clothes. Monies were also allocated to self-defense a stress kits. There is discussion about traveling trophy for football. Discussion is also occurring regarding blue light replacements and possible call boxes to the underground tunnels.

14.

Mr. Link provided updates from Academic Affairs. Enrollment for the spring semester is remarkably good. Karyn Plumm and her team have done great work with retention and orienting new transfer students. Randi Tanglen and her team provided an updated new faculty orientation, ongoing workshops, and a mid-career faculty learning community. Varsity Esports program is housed in the garden level of Swanson. Mr. Link encourages you to visit their site. Mary Kirby is the new honors program director. Phil Goldblum is the new deputy CIO. Scott Snyder is the new Vice President for Research and Economic Development. The CEHD dean search is ongoing with finalists coming to campus in January. The search for the Essential Studies director did not result in a hire. There will be a program review for the essential studies program. Merrifield Hall renovation is ongoing with windows being installed this week. Our 300 laboratories have been inspected over the past week. There will be a consultant who will study UND parking on campus coming this spring.

15.

The twenty minute question and answer period opened at 4:24 p.m. Mr. Newman commented that the faculty are concerned about the future of the essential studies program. Mr. Link invited feedback and looks forward to reading the letter. Ms. Legerski had a question about the SELFIE remaining open during the final exam period. Mr. Link stated he just heard about any concerns today. Please send him an email. Mr. Kehn stated that he emailed Matt Berosik to close the Psychology department early. Mr. Sauer inquired if the start times would return to the top of hour. Also asked was that activities could begin with class start times. Mr. Correll reminded everyone that this procedure was voted on and approved during the 2022-2023 University Senate season. Ms. Mayo inquired about signage for the coolie regarding ice safety. Mr. Link will reach out to the Office of Safety. The question period ended at 4:41 p.m.

16.

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary  
University Senate