

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
September 2, 2021

1.

The September meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021, via Zoom Conference. Past Chair Liz Legerski opened the meeting and Chair Cristina Oancea presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Armacost, Andy	Jordan, Rachel	Pedersen, Daphne
Brandt, Sonja	Juntunen, Cindy	Petros, Tom
Cherry Oliver, Emily	Kalbfleisch, Pamela	Redvers, Nicole
Chu, Qianli	Karikari, Isaac	Reedy, Kaelan
Clark, Travis	Kehn, Andre	Reissig, Brad
Correll, Scott	Kraus, Robert	Rozelle-Stone, Rebecca
Cox, Paula	Laguetta, Soizik	Rundquist, Brad
Dauphinais, Kirsten	Legerski, Liz	Schill, Brian
Dorafshan, Sattar	Liang, Lewis	Schlenker, Jared
Doze, Van	Light, Steven	Shea, Heather
Dutchak, Dawson	Lim, Howe	Shivers, Jed
Gjellstad, Melissa	Liu, Jun	Spaeth, Andria
Hammond, Sean	Mamaghani, Iraj	VanLooy, Jeffrey
Helleloid, Duane	Matz, Adam	Wahl, Faith
Henley, Amy	McGinniss, Michael	Walker, Stephanie
Henneman, Emily	Milavetz, Barry	Wilson, Nick
Homstad, Stephanie	Munski, Douglas	Wise, Richard
Hume, Wendelin	Myers, Brad	Worley, Deborah
Iseminger, Colt	Newman, Robert	Xiao, Feng
Jedlicka, Janet	Nonte, Stephen	Zerr, Ryan
Jendrysik, Mark	Oancea, Cristina	
Johnson, Erika		

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Adjekum, Daniel	Kitzes, Adam	Mihelich, John
Borowicz, Taylor	Korsmo, Danielle	Orvedal, Casey
Chew, Jack	Kostrzewski, Diana	Perkins, Dexter
Denny, Dawn	Lian, Gracie	Peterson, Karen
Halcrow, Steven	Linder, Meloney	Sheridan, William
Halgren, Cara	Link, Eric	Tande, Brian
Hufford, Jordan	Menard, Dominique	Weber, Bret

4.

Ms. Oancea thanked everyone for voting for her. Ms. Oancea introduced herself and introduced President Armacost. President Armacost welcomed everyone back on campus. President Armacost discuss the vibrancy on campus, the opening of the Memorial Union, and the continued construction. He also discussed his guiding principles for continued growth. Following the welcome, Ms. Oancea covered the University Senate rules and procedures as well as parliamentary procedure.

5.

Ms. Oancea made comments on the coming year - continuing commitment to shared governance, supporting each other through the ongoing pandemic, and encouraging collaboration for greater initiatives and eco-friendly sustainability.

6.

Mr. Millspaugh provided an update from the Council of College Faculties. The CCF has not met since the last senate meeting. They will meet next week. There are some concerns about free speech bill as well as the challenge bill.

7.

Mr. Schill updated the Senate on the status of Staff Senate. Mr. Schill discussed the health resolution. The health resolution did not pass by majority. The state staff senate is exploring tuition waivers across the NDUS system. Mr. Schill stated that staff senate is looking at restarting the staff development program. Mr. Schill said the staff senate is looking to create an Angel fund.

8.

Mr. Reedy updated the Senate on the status of Student Senate. Mr. Reedy stated that student government is working on lots of issues, but they are focusing on experiential learning and increasing high impact practices.

9.

Mr. Holm provided the Provost updates. Mr. Link could not attend today. Mr. Link has met with the Senate Executive Committee. Mr. Link is a proponent and very much into shared governance stated Mr. Holm. Mr. Holm stated Mr. Link will take feedback from anyone on campus.

10.

Quorum was established

11.

Without objection, the minutes from the University Senate on May 6, 2021, were approved without objection.

12.

The following announcements were made:

- a. Ms. Oancea, SEC Updates
 - Summer graduation candidates were approved.
- b. Ms. Oancea, SEC Updates
 - Approved changes to faculty handbook related to HB 1503.
- c. Ms. Oancea, SEC Updates
 - Approved COI in Research Interim Policy.
- d. Ms. Oancea, SEC Updates
 - Approved English 110/130 transfer agreement with NDSU.

13.

The twenty minute question period opened at 4:00pm. Mr. Jendrysik ask why the fighting hawk statue was removed. President Armacost stated that is was removed to preserve the statue. The statue will be reinstalled inside the Memorial Union. Mr. Iseminger asked why the bookstore was having issues again. Ms. Oancea will look into it. Mr. Shivers stated that he was unaware of these issues. Mr. Shivers will follow up. Mr. Brandt stated that more students are using the bookstore to purchase their books. Mr. Hammond asked why the bookstore only orders 60% of the class capacity. Mr. Shivers stated that this may be a practice of Follett. Mr. Munski stated that 60% is a national standard as some students do not buy books and some students purchase from other sources.

14.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the Faculty Handbook updates. Without objection, the updates were accepted and filed.

15.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the ENGL 110/130 transfer agreement with NDSU. Without objection, the agreement was accepted and filed.

16.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the University Curriculum Committee Report. Without objection, the report was accepted and filed.

17.

Ms. Oancea 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:

Ms. Gjellstad moved to allow Ms. Legerski to work on the ballot in Qualtrics and send out with a 24-hour response time and Ms. Walker seconded. The motion carried with 98% of the vote.

The final results of the election are as follows:

Senate Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Robert (Bob) Newman
Faculty Representative on SEC - Deborah Worley
Faculty Representatives on the C on C - Sandra Moritz, Rhonda Owens
Staff Representative on SEC - Brian Schill
Student Representative on SEC - Kaelan Reedy

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate