

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
December 2, 2021

1.

The December meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2021, via Zoom Conference. Chair Cristina Oancea presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Adjekum, Daniel	Jedlicka, Janet	Myers, Brad
Bartz, Jeremiah	Jendrysik, Mark	Newman, Robert
Brandt, Sonja	Johnson, Erika	Nonte, Stephen
Cherry Oliver, Emily	Jordan, Rachel	Oancea, Cristina
Chu, Qianli	Kalbfleisch, Pamela	Pedersen, Daphne
Clark, Travis	Karikari, Isaac	Peterson, Karen
Correll, Scott	Kehn, Andre	Petros, Tom
Cox, Paula	Kitzes, Adam	Redvers, Nicole
Dauphinais, Kirsten	Laguetta, Soizik	Reedy, Kaelan
Denny, Dawn	Legerski, Liz	Reissig, Brad
Dorafshan, Sattar	Liang, Lewis	Schill, Brian
Doze, Van	Light, Steven	Schlenker, Jared
Dutchak, Dawson	Lim, Howe	Shivers, Jed
Gjellstad, Melissa	Linder, Meloney	Wahl, Faith
Halcrow, Steven	Link, Eric	Walker, Stephanie
Helleloid, Duane	Liu, Jun	Weber, Bret
Hellwig, Beth	Mamaghani, Iraj	Wise, Richard
Henley, Amy	Matz, Adam	Worley, Deborah
Henneman, Emily	McGinniss, Michael	Xiao, Feng
Homstad, Stephanie	Mihelich, John	
Hume, Wendelin	Milavetz, Barry	
Iseminger, Colt	Munski, Douglas	

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Armacost, Andy	Kostrzewski, Diana	Rundquist, Brad
Borowicz, Taylor	Kraus, Robert	Shea, Heather
Chew, Jack	Lian, Gracie	Spaeth, Andria
Hammond, Sean	Menard, Dominique	Tande, Brian
Hufford, Jordan	Orvedal, Casey	VanLooy, Jeffrey
Juntunen, Cindy	Perkins, Dexter	Wilson, Nick
Korsmo, Danielle	Rozelle-Stone, Rebecca	Zerr, Ryan

4.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the UND Bookstore survey open until December 15, 2021.

5.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the new landing page on Blackboard available January 4, 2022.

6.

Ms. Oancea stated there is no University Senate meeting in January 2022. The next meeting of University Senate will occur on February 3, 2022.

7.

Ms. Oancea reminded the University Senate of the Senate Committees' annual report deadlines:

Due Sept. 23rd (overdue): Compensation

Due Oct. 21st (overdue): Essential Studies, Honorary Degrees, Standing Committee on Faculty Rights

Due Nov. 18th (overdue): Legislative Affairs, Library Committee

Due Jan. 20th: Academic Policies and Admissions Committee

Due Feb. 17th: Administrative Procedures, Intellectual Property, Student Academic Standards

8.

The discussion on the future path of UND procurement was postponed until the February 2022 meeting.

9.

Mr. Millspaugh provided an update from the Council of College Faculties. There are some minor bylaw changes that will be occurring very soon. Past officers are very valuable to stay on as ex-officio members to aid new leadership. There is a faculty committee being formed to discuss administrator evaluation.

10.

Mr. Schill provided an update from Staff Senate. The 31 Days of Glory fundraiser just concluded and drawing will begin very soon. The staff mentoring program is being reengaged. There is also discussion about a staff volunteering program.

11.

Mr. Reedy provided a Student Government update. The Campus Safety Committee charter will be on the business agenda.

12.

Mr. Link talked about the funding from the state legislature - \$50 million to fund Merrifield/Twamley, \$10 million for Space Education and Research, \$5 million for the airport apron project, and \$2.1 million to purchase hyperbaric oxygen therapy equipment.

The Merrifield-Twamley renovation project will consume our lives for the next few years. Once Nistler Hall opens, the Merrifield residents will move to Gamble Hall. The administrative offices in Twamley will also have to move. Some moves are permanent, and some will be temporary. The floorplan for Merrifield-Twamley is in draft form. No final plans are set. The Office of Provost is the assigned owner to this project.

Please welcome Karina Knutson who joined academic affairs. She was a former employee at the Wellness Center.

There are 38% of the annual assessment reports that have not been submitted. This is a requirement of our HLC reaffirmation. Please turn them in as soon as possible.

There are two active dean searches - the School of Law and the School of Nursing.

The next executive leadership position to be hired is the leadership within the School of Graduate Studies.

There was a town hall today on the Covid-19 vaccine mandate.

There is good news on the enrollment front. Our fall 2022 admission applications are up 14% for new freshmen. Transfers are up 42%. And, graduate students are up 21%. Some spring registration areas are lagging.

Thank you everyone for the great work this semester.

13.

Quorum was established.

14.

Without objection, the minutes from November 4, 2021, University Senate meeting were filed.

15.

Ms. Oancea reported from the Senate Executive Committee in November. The SEC approved the November Curriculum Committee report. There are two Academic Policies and Admission Committee policy changes on the business calendar. There is a Faculty Handbook Sick Leave Policy update on the business calendar. The December 2021 graduation candidate list needs to be approved. Finally, the Student Senate has brought forward the request for a Campus Safety Committee.

16.

The 20 minute question and answer period began at 4:02. Mr. Jendrysik asked how much money is needed to be raised for the Merrifield-Twamley renovation and what will happen to Gamble Hall. Mr. Link stated we need to raise \$29M for the project. Mr. Link stated that Gamble would probably be demolished. Mr. Petros asked at what level with the School of Graduate Studies administration would be. Mr. Link stated that he will share after the job description is finalized. Ms. Legerski asked about the results of SB2030 legal interpretation. Mr. Link stated that the guidance from the attorney general office is not intended to restrict academic freedom and freedom of speech. Furthermore, there were no findings from a survey that we have internships in conflict with SB2030. We are in full compliance and can receive challenge grant funding. Ms. Oliver asked about student permission numbers. Mr. Correll detailed the difference between permission numbers and student specific permissions in Campus Connection. Student specific permissions allow for increased tracking and follow-up on overrides. It also reduces the need for students to enter a permission number. Mr. Kehn asked about the plan for Columbia Hall. Mr. Link stated he will defer to Mr. Shivers. Mr. Shivers stated that once we get all the renovations completed, Columbia should be decommissioned unless picked up by an outside entity. Mr. Milavetz asked if this is both parts of Columbia Hall. Mr. Shivers stated that we need to work with SMHS on how the research could be accommodated. The question period ended at 4:20pm.

17.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the annual report of the Faculty Handbook committee. Without objection, it was filed.

18.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the December 2021 University Senate Curriculum Report. Without objection, it was filed.

19.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the Student Specific Permission policy. Mr. Jendrysik moved to approve. Ms. Gjellstad seconded. Without discussion, the motion carried.

20.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the Non-Degree Admission Policy. Mr. Munske moved to approved. Mr. Milavetz seconded. The motion carried.

21.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the Faculty Handbook Sick Leave Policy update.

Mr. Milavetz moved to approved. Mr. Munske seconded. A discussion ensued. The motion carried.

22.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the Campus Safety Committee charter. Mr. Liang moved to approved. Mr. Newman seconded. The motion carried.

23.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the December 2021 Graduation Candidate List. Mr. Munske moved to approved. Mr. Liang seconded. The motion carried.

24.

Mr. Liang asked about the MWF classes. The committee is still working on it and gathering feedback.

Ms. Gjellstad asked about the implementation date for the new 24 non-degree credit hour policy. It will be Fall 2021, but current students can continue to 24 credits.

Mr. Petros asked about the document for MWF classes. It will be sent to all department chairs.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38pm.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate