

Minutes of the University Council Meeting  
November 22, 2011

Curtis Stofferahn, Chair of University Senate, called the meeting of the University Council to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Lecture Bowl of the Memorial Union.

Mr. Stofferahn introduced President Kelley for the State of the University address titled, Exceptional UND.

Mr. Kelley indicated that his remarks would be a chance to review where we have been, a snapshot of where we are today, and where we are going forward.

The plan going forward is called Exceptional UND. Mr. Kelley first reminded everyone of UND's core mission: teaching and learning; research and creative knowledge; and engaging communities. The progress for UND is judged against this core mission. UND was founded on the liberal arts and we must remember that founding principle.

UND has a responsibility to contribute to the common good. Students, athletes, the athletic department, and Staff Senate provided help to Minot with their flood recovery. UND contributes to building a better North Dakota through educating the workforce – our students are well educated, think scientifically, evaluate data, and make wise decisions. Essential Studies is the foundation of the curriculum which then diversifies into the major. Students are well prepared and staying in North Dakota. Our students are finding jobs and are ready for prime time.

Mr. Kelley indicated that his handout, "The State of the University," shows where we currently are. The fall 2011 enrollment is at an all-time high of 14,697 and is distributed across all colleges and levels. Our students come from many different states. Mr. Kelley called attention to the new student numbers as well.

The degrees awarded for the past year are 2,622. The conversation going forward with the legislature is on how we graduate and retain our students. Outcomes or performance funding models will be used, so we will need to consider how we achieve the goals and improvements.

This year, the ACT composite for new undergraduates was 23.4. We will need to address a performance matrix. The average undergraduate GPA is 3.26. The age of 97% of our undergraduates is 18-19. We retained 77% of the first year to second year students. In the future, we need to retain 85-90%. Graduate enrollment has increased about 5%. We have a vibrant and growing graduate school.

There have been changes in business for UND. There have been reorganizations for Lori Reesor, Vice President for Student Affairs. Residence Halls are now reporting to Ms. Reesor and several of her areas will be in the new Alumni Center. There will be a welcome facility on the first floor and Enrollment and Admissions will be located on the first floor. There have been changes for the School of Law and the Physical Plant.

The EERC has had new successes in applied engineering areas. Students in Mortar Board raised \$35,000 for turkey dinners for area families. Mr. Kelley recognized Student Body President Kylie Oversen for her assistance in the legislative process during the special session. The flying teams continue to win awards. He also recognized the achievements of students in the cheer and spirit teams, the steel pan band, Varsity Bards, Greek organizations, Night Life, and other student organizations. He said we cannot thank the students enough. Mr. Kelley also recognized that UND students won awards at the recent American Indian Health Research Conference.

Approximately 400 student athletes have contributed over 7,000 hours of community service, e.g., hockey players read to students at the Public Library, men's basketball players assisted in flood relief. Student athletes graduate at 72%, with the general Division I rate at 62%, football championship schools at 63% and the UND general student body 51%. The average GPA for student athletes is 3.12 with the highest in women's swimming and diving at 3.5 and lowest in men's swimming and diving at about 2.0

Mr. Kelley called attention to faculty accomplishments. Several biology faculty were named National Academies Education fellows. The Medical School brought in 150 scientists to look at an integrated approach to research. Scott Korom's research is working toward cleansing of water. Glenn Olsen has published a text book. Chemistry faculty have received a NSF career award in science.

Research has increased 188% in the last ten years. UND is now 143 in the top 200 national research institutions. Research has over a billion dollar impact in North Dakota and over 100 million dollar economic impact in the community.

Regarding the budget, UND revenue for 2011 is \$378 million. Of that amount, 23% is from state appropriation and 29% tuition and fees. Half of the operating revenue is students and the legislative appropriation. UND must control the tuition and fees and keep them affordable. Twenty-two percent of the revenue is from Federal grants and contracts. Challenges are expected sustaining this amount with the current economy.

The Spirit of North Dakota campaign for the endowment goal is \$300 million. Currently, we are at approximately \$240 million. We spend the interest and expect \$13 million for student and faculty support, which is about 4%.

Regarding expenses, salaries and wages are 69% of the expenses and operating is 17%. The total for those two areas is 86% of our expenses.

Mr. Kelley then spoke about capital projects. First he spoke of the new Education and Human Development building. Mr. Kelley indicated that the new IT building will be located on the Western part of campus. Additionally, there is a study of space for the School of Medicine and Health Sciences as part of the request for an expansion. Mr. Kelley called attention to the joint MPH program with UND and NDSU. He indicated there will be more partnerships with NDSU on both research and educational programs.

Mr. Kelley referred to several images behind him that illustrated the five priorities for UND: enhanced learning, gathering spaces, collaboration, increased presence in the community and increased quality of life for students, faculty and staff. In regard to enhanced learning, he called attention to specialized accreditation for about 70 UND programs including the recent and pending accreditations. Mr. Kelley spoke of the high pass rate for licensures, including a 100% pass rate for five programs. He then showed a video that illustrated the teaching in the pilot first year seminar courses. Regarding gathering, he spoke of a learning commons and the new Gorecki Alumni Center. He indicated that the new Gorecki Alumni Center will showcase collections and history of UND.

Regarding collaboration, Mr. Kelley mentioned new research centers such as neuroscience with biology, chemistry and Engineering. There are also collaborations with digital humanities, UAS, and STEM education. Progress on UND's presence in the community is illustrated by collaboration with the City Council and the Mayor's office. He indicated that the search for the new Vice President for University and Public Relations is under way. The Art and Design department is working with the Empire Arts Center. There are lofts downtown for creative writing. There is collaboration between Choice Wellness and the Tennis Center. The School of Medicine and Health Sciences collaborates with the four centers in Grand Forks, Fargo, Minot and Bismarck. UAS is working in collaboration with the Air Force Base.

Mr. Kelley indicated that he cannot say how proud he is of the student athletes and the Athletic Department. Last week, UND earned two conference championships. The NCAA Peer Review visit went very well when we were reviewed for academic integrity, compliance with rules, athletic well being, and gender, diversity and equity. Athletics has increased their efficiency, productivity and integrity. UND's presence in the Western half of the US has been expanded. Mr. Kelley then spoke of several top student athletes over the past few years: Joshua LaBlanc, conference scholar athlete; Brandon Hellevang, National All Star Scholar athlete; Cassie Hanson, NCAA top award; Chay Genoway, Conference scholar athlete; Ty Boyle, VP Biden advance team. Mr. Kelley spoke of the new hockey conference in which UND played an integral founding role.

The enhanced quality of life for faculty and staff is illustrated by the music and art programs, philosophy and religion expanding awareness, the unsung heroes around campus, the astronomy observatory for the community, and continuing education lifelong learning instruction. The new College of Education and Human Development building is providing increased gathering space for the campus and community.

In conclusion, Mr. Kelley spoke of some challenges. First, he indicated is the challenge of the uncertain Federal budget. UND has lost the ear marks and now must work through agencies. Although student enrollment is about the way it should be, we must now work to sustain the numbers and increase quality. There are concerns for revenues and investments across the university. There are concerns for the global economy and the consequences which follow. The legislature is a great opportunity. They understand that UND does good work and the challenges are mostly financial. The nickname and logo remains a challenge. The Legislation 2370 was passed which repealed HB 1046 requiring the use of the nickname and logo. UND will substantially retire the nickname and logo by the end of the calendar year. The process has

begun and the nickname and logo should be substantially retired with a only a few elements remaining. We have some contractual obligations that will remain into the spring. Some equipment and uniforms will await arrival. There are some conference issues but they are moving ahead. UND will address the healing issues and the environmental and social concerns. There will be no new name and logo until 2015. Until then we will use UND flame logo, interlocking ND and North Dakota.

Mr. Kelly is confident about UND. There is an exceptional administrative team. The priorities are in place. UND is a creative entrepreneurial group. We have a great University. We are building an exceptional university. He looks forward to being the President for UND.

Mr. Stofferahn then updated the Council on the activity of the University Senate. He called attention to a handout and highlighted the status report. Representing the University Senate on the UND tobacco Free Campus Task Group is James Porter from PPT. Tom Petros will chair an ad-hoc Student Evaluation of Teaching Review Committee. This is a twelve member committee including faculty, a student, and representatives from OID and IR with a charge from SEC. The Faculty Seed Money Research Grant Committee has been selected with the Associate VP for Research organizing the committee. Kathy Smart is the Senate representative. Senator Bridewell is preparing a description of faculty governance for new faculty orientation and the Alice Clark Mentoring program. The Senate Continuing Education Committee had a revised charge. The Senate passed a resolution supporting President Kelley's call to repeal the NDCC Statute 15-10-46. The activities in progress are drafting an ad hoc committee to develop policies for new federal regulations for data management and retention, new bylaw for the IAC committee, and development of a flow chart for 605 and 612 grievances. Additionally SEC is working with Kristine Paranica regarding mediation as part of the grievance process and looking into possible ombudsman duties. Finally, SEC has begun the process of updating and reformatting the Faculty Handbook.

Mr. Stofferahn thanked the faculty and staff for their participation in the committees and the Senate.

Mr. Stofferahn asked the audience if there were any questions or other matters arising.

There were no questions or matters arising.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05