

Minutes of the University Council Meeting
April 30, 2014

Ryan Zerr, Chair of University Senate, called the meeting of the University Council to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union.

Mr. Zerr welcomed those in attendance and explained the University Council's role in connection with University Senate. He then introduced President Kelley.

President Kelley thanked Mr. Zerr for his leadership this year as chair of University Senate. He reported that the University community had recently lost faculty member, Joel Jonientz, and students, Matt Heisler and Kyle Kassman. There was a moment of silence to remember them and their families.

President Kelley reported that we have completed an extensive comprehensive self-study accreditation process. The HLC accreditation site visit was very successful and the HLC team member comments were positive. They praised the University community's understanding of the institution's mission, the institution's strong value and affordability quotient for students, our stable budget allocation process, our recognized need for a budget re-design and peer review, and our faculty and staff's dedication to student growth and development. The President thanked Joan Hawthorne, Patrick O'Neill and Donna Pearson for their hard work to make the site visit successful.

The President then introduced Vice President for Finance and Operations, Alice Brekke. Ms. Brekke provided a budget update, stating that departments and colleges are currently working on their annual budgets. She reported that salary increases are targeted at an overall 3% increase, but not necessarily 3% for each employee. Ms. Brekke reported that the NDUS system is coordinating the development of the 2015-17 operating budget. Discussion is occurring between the presidents and the Chancellor for funding consideration. Ms. Brekke then introduced Provost Tom DiLorenzo for an academic update.

Mr. DiLorenzo started by thanking Mr. Zerr for his leadership and acknowledged all those who were promoted this year. He reported that the search for a new College of Business & Public Administration dean has resulted in three candidates coming to campus by the end of the spring semester. Mr. DiLorenzo also reported that the search for a new College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines dean is moving along nicely. He then introduced Vice President for Student Affairs, Lori Reesor, for an update on current student affairs initiatives.

Ms. Reesor reported that the One Stop Student Services office will have a soft opening in June. Josh Lindenberg has been hired as the One Stop director, and he is currently in the process of hiring staff members. The One Stop office will be located in the current Credit Union space at the Memorial Union, with the goal of opening with full service in August. Communication with One Stop Student Services will be provided by email, phone chat and in person. Financial aid, registration, billing and parking are all issues that will be addressed. Ms. Reesor then turned it over to Provost DiLorenzo for additional One Stop information.

Mr. DiLorenzo reported on statistics from another institution that has been operating a similar One Stop service for two years. He gave the following statistics: they averaged 44,187 encounters per year. Each counselor averaged 57 encounters per day and only 4% of those encounters were referred elsewhere. Walk-ins accounted for 63% of encounters, 24% were via telephone, and 13% by email. Mr. DiLorenzo then turned it over to Ms. Reesor again.

Ms. Reesor reported on the Wilkerson Dining Hall renovation. She stated that the renovation is being funded through housing and dining revenues. The dining hall will remain in its current location. There will be an increase in food service production, efficiency, quality, and healthy food opportunities. The Wilkerson renovation is committed to academics. It is designed to be student friendly with spaces for study, socializing, gathering, and performances. Ms. Reesor thanked the Building Committee and stated that the project will be started this summer for a fall, 2016 completion.

Kathryn Rand, Dean of the School of Law, reported on the Law School renovation. She first thanked the campus and community for their support regarding the renovation and expressed appreciation for funding from the state. The renovation project is on track to begin construction at the end of this academic year for completion in fall, 2015. On May 12, the Law School move will start to other locations on campus, and construction starts May 19. Relocation information can be found on the Law School website.

Randy Eken, Associate Dean of Administration and Finance at the School of Medicine, reported on the new Medical School project. He expressed his gratefulness to the citizens and legislature for support of the Health Care Work Force Initiative and the construction of the new building. The installation of the pilings should be done by May 15, which is two weeks ahead of schedule. Mr. Eken explained the layout and organization of the new building. There will be room for 800-plus students and 350-plus faculty and staff. The project has a \$122,450,000 budget, with an additional \$1.3 million being requested from NDUS Contingency Pool funds. A formal groundbreaking ceremony will be held this summer and the target for completion is July 2016. The project is currently on time and on budget.

President Kelley indicated that UND invests a great deal in the quality of education provided to our students. A great deal of emphasis is on quality and it takes a great number of us to provide that quality. He thanked those in attendance for making UND an exceptional institution. President Kelley reported that Santhosh Seelan has been chosen as a new Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor and that honorary degrees will be conferred on Mike Jacobs and Father William Sherman. He stated that we have a great deal to be thankful for and that UND is in good shape.

Mr. Zerr gave an update on University Senate actions during the year. He first thanked those who served as senators and on Senate committees, particularly the committee chairs. He also thanked Lori Hofland and Suzanne Anderson for their continued support of University Senate. Mr. Zerr thanked Curt Stofferahn, who graciously served a second year as past chair of Senate in the absence of Jim Mochoruk who has been on leave. He thanked Melissa Gjellstad, Vice Chair-Chair Elect of Senate for all her hard work during this past year. Mr. Zerr also thanked President

Kelley, Alice Brekke, Tom DiLorenzo, Lori Reesor and Susan Walton for their willingness to help resolve issues that arose during the year.

Mr. Zerr's Senate update included the following Senate actions: Senate committee description revisions, Tenure and Promotion policy changes, an expanded University Council member definition, approval of honorary degree nominations, and revisions to the Conflict of Interest policy. Other issues dealt with by Senate included: a CCF resolution on open resources, moving the Senate meeting space to Education 113, moving Senate elections online, the creation of an ad hoc committee on shared governance and a proposal for enhancing shared governance, the creation of an ad hoc USAT committee, and a proposal for a faculty senate. Mr. Zerr thanked Kathy Smart, Jeff Sun, Margaret Healy, Sharley Kurtz and Linda Ray for developing this proposal, which can be found on the University Senate website. A forum to begin discussion on this topic will be held on May 12.

Mr. Zerr acknowledged the death of Joel Jonientz and stated that he was a very respected and valued colleague. Mr. Zerr then opened the meeting for comments or questions. There was a comment that any vote for a Faculty Senate should involve the entire University Council, not just University Senate. Mr. Zerr agreed and stated that that kind of input is what is needed at the forum on May 12.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Lori Hofland for Suzanne Anderson, Secretary
University Council