

University Council

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- Vested by Article II of the UND Constitution
 - “The University Legislature shall consist of the Council and its Senate. The faculty’s legislative powers shall reside in the Council and its University Senate”
- Membership:
 - The President; the Vice Presidents; Associate Vice Presidents who concurrently hold faculty rank; the Registrar, the Director of Libraries, all deans, all department chairpersons, all of the benefited faculty of any rank, including lecturer, instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor; program directors, coordinators, assistant and associate deans who concurrently hold faculty rank; professional librarians, and such other academic personnel and administrative officers as the Council may designate.



Quorum and Proceedings

- Transaction of Business requires 25 percent of the Council membership
 - 183 of the current 732 members
- Regular University Council Meetings are co-chaired by chairperson of the University Senate and the President of the University
- The Registrar is ex officio secretary.



University Senate

- Shared Governance is University Governance
- University Senate Consists of:
 - 54 Faculty elected from the Council
 - 18 ex-officio members
 - 3 Staff Senate representatives
 - 14 Student Government representatives
- 23 Standing USenate Committees
 - Over 300 faculty involved engaged in Usenate and Governance



Standing Committees

- Academic Policies and Admissions Committee
- Administrative Procedures Committee
- Budget Committee
- Committee on Committees
- Compensation Committee
- Conflict of Interest/Scientific Misconduct Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Essential Studies Committee
- Executive Committee
- Faculty Handbook Committee
- Faculty Instructional Development Committee
- Honorary Degrees Committee
- Honors Program Committee
- Intellectual Property Committee
- Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
- Legislative Affairs Committee
- Library Committee
- Online & Distance Education Committee
- Scholarly Activities Committee
- Special Review Committee Pool
- Standing Committee on Faculty Rights
- Student Academic Standards Committee
- University Assessment Committee



Highlights of Committee Work

Academic Policies and Procedures Committee

- Academic Policies and Procedures Committee
 - Examining policies to double count major and minor credits
 - Examining Double Major / Dual Degree Policies
 - Streamlining Grade Change Procedures
 - Examining Number of Credits Required to Graduate



Highlights of Committee Work Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

- Engaged in intensive Fall review of number of sports, current and projected budgets, conference / league affiliation, Title IX, Facilities, and revenue generation.
- Academic Integrity and Student Athlete Well-being
- Governance and Compliance
- Fiscal Integrity
- Equality and Diversity
- Fan Experience/Behavior & Facilities



Highlights of Committee Work Senate Budget Committee

- Began weekly meetings to coincide with a university-wide budget reduction process
- Sought to increase communications
 - Responded to questions asked through the USenate feedback form
- Crafted recommendations for requests to recruit tenure track faculty
- Made recommendations to the libraries
 - “Exploration of Sustainable Budget Models of UND Libraries”



Highlights of Committee Work Essential Studies Committee

- Met 16 times
- Reviewed and validated new courses seeking ES designation
- Handled 24 Student petitions
 - Approved 18
- Approved a handbook of ES policies
- Updated ES goal language
- Instituted new revalidation process for Breadth of Knowledge courses



Ad Hoc Committees

- SETIC / SELFI
- Study of Procedures for Administrative Evaluation (SPEA)
- Qualified Faculty Requirements
- Special Appointment and Contingent Faculty Rights (SACFR)



USenate Involvement in Larger Campus Initiatives

Committee Involvement

- Space Management
- Promotion Evaluation and Tenure
- Code of Student Life Revision
- Strategic Planning
- President Inauguration Planning
- Open Education Resources
- Provided testimony to SBHE on the dangers of eroding tenure protections
- Represented on Chester Fritz Auditorium Working Group

Senate Dialogue

- Regular reporting from essential studies director
- Gathered input for proposed Center of Teaching Excellence
- NDUS Blackboard Initiative
- Strategic Enrollment Management and Marketing Updates
- VPFO Alice Brekke Budget Timeline



Worked with VPAA on Regular Provost Updates / Fora

- Budget
- Strategic Enrollment Management
- Student Success with Blackboard
- Online Degree and Certificate Programs
- Master Plan
- Branding Survey
- Strategic Planning
 - (Discovery, Teaching and Learning, Engagement)



Staff Senate

- Pam Shea, President
- Amber Flynn, Incoming President



Student Government

Outgoing

- Brandon Byer, President
- Blake Andert, Vice President

Incoming

- Cole Bachmeier, President
- Erik Hanson, Vice President



Questions?

