

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
May 6, 2021

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The May meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021, via Zoom Conference.

Chair Liz Legerski called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm and welcomed everyone to the final Senate meeting of the year.

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The following members of the Senate were present:

Alberts, Crystal	liams, Michele	Minnotte, Michael	Schlenker, Jared
Armacost, Andrew	Iseminger, Colt	Munski, Doug	Shivers, Jed
Barkdull, Carenlee	Jendrysik, Mark	Myers, Brad	Spaeth, Andria
Cherry, Emily	Juntunen, Cindy	Newman, Robert	Stupnisky, Robert
Chu, Qianli	Kassow, Benjamin	Nilles, Matthew	Tang, Clement
Correll, Scott	Kehn, Andre	Oancea, Cristina	VanLooy, Jeff
Denny, Dawn	Kenville, Kim	Olson, Devon	Wahl, Faith
Dodge, Michael	Lease, Jered	Park, Chan	Wasylow, Megan
Doze, Van	Legerski, Elizabeth	Pedersen, Daphne	Wilson, Nick
Feehery, Davis	Liang, Lewis	Rand, Kathryn	Wise, Richard
Halcrow, Steven	Lim, Howe	Reissig, Brad	Xiao, Feng
Halgren, Cara	Linder, Meloney	Robinson, Sarah	Yang, Wei
Hand, Laura	Matz, Adam	Rundquist, Bradley	Yousif, Zeineb
Henley, Amy	McGinniss, Michael	Sauer, Michelle	Zerr, Ryan
Hume, Wendelin	Millspaugh, Richard	Schill, Brian	Zhao, Julia

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The following members of the Senate were absent:

Bertsch, Breanna	Kraus, Robert	Perkins, Dexter	Tande, Brian
Cory, Claire	Light, Steve	Peterson, Karen	Ternus, Matthew
Cowdrey, Hunter	Liu, Jun	Plowman, Austin	Walker, Stephanie
Dusenbury, Mark	Mihelich, John	Reedy, Kaelan	Wynne, Joshua
Foster, Nathan	Murphy, Eric	Saligumba, Amanda	
Kostrzewski, Diana	Ng, Lilly	Storrs, Debbie	

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1. Liz called the meeting to order and made the following announcement and opening remarks and events to note:

Senate Calendar:

Announcements/Chair Opening remarks

- i. Upcoming events to take note of: Special Announcement from President Armacost.

1. All Senate committees should choose a Chair for the next academic year before the semester ends. Please report who the Chair will be to Liz Legerski(elizabeth.legerski@und.edu) Please reach out to newly elected members as well.
2. J&J vaccine available to all students, faculty and staff tomorrow at Student Health.
3. TTaDA sent out a survey invitation on Monday related to teaching during the pandemic.
4. Next Senate Meeting will be September 2, Senate Exec will meet over the summer

President Armacost thanked Liz Legerski for chairing University Senate this year. He also made remarks on how helpful she is and how proud he is of her working this challenging year. He presented Liz with a plaque.

- ii. Reminder of annual committee report deadlines.

1. Due in September 23: Committee on Committees, Compensation, Faculty Instructional Development, Honors Program, University Assessment
- 2.

- iii. Any New Legislative session updates – Liz gave briefs updates on the following bills:
 - a. SB 2003 – main NDUS appropriations bill
 - b. HB 1323 – prohibits a state or local elected official, the state, or a political subdivision of the state to mandate a mask mandate, but allows schools to make their own mask policies
 - c. HB 1503 - campus free speech policy was passed and signed by Governor
 - d. SB 2030 – challenge matching grant was passed and is on the Governor's desk

iv. Council of College Faculties update (Tom Petros) - the last CCF meeting dealt with the SB 2030 bill. That is about all there is to say in addition to what Liz reported on their meeting.

v. Staff Senate update (Megan Wasylow/Brian Schill) – we had Coffee with Kathy, Wednesday, May 12 and it is the last meeting of the year. The gavel for the new staff senate president will be passed next Wednesday at their meeting. They have 48 of 50 spots filled that were elected to Staff Senate. Brian added that Staff Senate is working on a tuition waiver state wide task force and the dependent tuition waiver. Liz thanked Megan for her time as Staff Senate.

vi. Student Government update (Matthew Ternus/Kaelan Reedy) – Dawson Dutchak – newly sworn in Vice President. Not a very busy April, and they have some slots open to fill for the fall.

vii. Provost updates (Debbie Storrs) – Jeff Holm gave an update. Let everyone know that she has enjoyed working with the University Senate and the Senate Executive Committee. She wants everyone

to know that they have done a great job during the pandemic and making things work for students. Working with Deans to make sure that the raises for this year and next year are being followed. Liz wants to thank Provost Storrs for her leadership and help throughout this year.

b. Establish Quorum (Marci Mack, for Secretary Correll)

We have quorum.

- c. Review and approval of April 1, 2021 minutes.
Are there any changes to the minutes?

With no changes, the minutes can be filed without objection.

d. Senate Executive Committee report (Chair Legerski)

- i. Approved May Graduation Candidates and ND General Education Council Constitution Changes
- ii. Discussed Faculty Handbook policy on Final Exams; Approved Faculty Handbook policy updates on External Reviews and Parental Leave.
- iii. Approved updates to several Senate Committee Charges (Online & Distance Ed, Library, and Scholarly Activities); Discussed need for and process for developing a standing committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- iv. Items postponed for May SEC meeting: Research Drive Adjustment to MIRA model, Research COI interim policy, FID White Paper on shared governance, Healthcare study resolution
- v. Review of Goals for the year:
 1. Reigniting a commitment to shared governance
 2. Supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts
 3. Supporting each other through the pandemic, so we may thrive into the future.Liz has met with the DEI Task Force and they agreed to put together a proposal to develop this committee under the University Senate umbrella.

Thanks to the task force on higher education and their recommendations for the future of academics at the University of North Dakota.

c. Question period (20 minutes) started at 3:58pm

Carenlee Barkdull was interested in follow-up to conversations from previous years about a report back to this body on the PEARSON model and our return on investment. Jeff is not aware of this request from the Senate, but he is sure that if a request to Jed Shivers and Deb Storrs was made, they would put together a report. He gave a brief summary of the current PEARSON programs at UND and how their enrollment/program growth is progressing.

Jed Shivers responded to Carenlee's question. We are looking into these questions/finances now and we would be willing to put the information together and we will give an update at the September meeting.

Mark Jendrysik – 2 questions:

Bookstore contract and what is the current status of our contract.

Had a question to what is going on all of the plexiglass that we have across campus and maybe we need to do something creative to use it.

Jed responded to the Bookstore question – we have signed a contract with them for another couple of years. Jed would like to hear some written feedback from faculty/staff who are having issues with Follett so he can address the issues with them.

Crystal Alberts – could you please explain what the Research Drive Adjustment to the MIRA model mean? The committee looked at how some colleges use their research dollars and it was decided that one college will lose some money and other colleges will receive more money.

Question period ended at 4:09 pm.

Consent Calendar:

- a. Budget Committee annual Report (see attached)
- b. Online and Distance Education Committee annual report (see attached)
- c. Online and Distance Education updates to committee charge (see attached)
- d. Senate Scholarly Activities annual report (see attached)
- e. Senate Scholarly Activities updates to committee charge (see attached)
- f. Library Committee updates to committee charge (see attached)
- g. ND General Education Council Constitution updates (see attached)

Dr. Munski made a motion to accept the changes made to the committee charges. Andre Kahn seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Business Calendar:

May 2021 Graduation Candidates (see attached)

Mark Jendrysik made a motion to accept the graduation candidates for spring 2021. Dr. Munski made a motion to second the motion. The motion carries.

Curriculum Committee April Report (see attached)

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Cristina Oancea made a motion to accept the curriculum committee April and May reports. Julia Zhao made a motion to second the motion. The motion carries.

d. Faculty Handbook Committee Final Exam policy proposal (see attached, plus email from committee chair)

Cristina Oancea made a motion to accept the changes to the final exam policy. Julia Zhao seconded the motion.

Michelle Sauer asked a question regarding item #2. Dustin McNally addressed her question. Crystal Alberts asked a question for departments that never have final exams, our chair would have several notifications that the instructor is making a change to their final date for their paper/exam. Discussion ensued. Jeff stated that they are trying to make all departments happy and with the numbers involved, they have done the best that they can, even with unique cases involved. Bradley Myers asked a question regarding the due date and how you could make it later than the due date, if needed. Emily Cherry Oliver stated that no policy is perfect and she feels that letting your Chair know one time, she is fine with this.

The motion carries.

e. Faculty Handbook Committee External Reviewers policy clarification (see attached)

Dr. Munski made a motion to accept the changes to the external reviewer's policy updates with the amendment. Julia Zhao made a motion to second the motion.

Bradley Myers asked a question regarding the policy. Will it be annually, ever 3 years or at the end of the contract for those non-tenured track faculty? This is only for tenure and promotion. It is an easy fix but important fix. Cindy stated that the first sentence under D, that is who it is relevant to.

It is in the section on tenure/promotion of the handbook. Brad eliminate the 3rd sentence to amend to add other faculty seeking promotion. Crystal Alberts asked for clarification on who this is targeting. Cristina said non-tenured track doing research moving towards promotion. Crystal – add friendly amendment, add other non-tenure track faculty who are seeking promotion and have a research requirement.

Crystal made motion to accept the friendly amendment. Cristina seconded the motion. Amendment carries.

Cindy just as a note, if you go to the faculty handbook, this section is only in the promotion and tenure section, not the annual evaluation portion.

Mark Jendrysik would like to move to extend meeting for 15 minutes. Crystal Alberts seconded the motion. The motion carries.

f. Faculty Handbook Committee Parental Leave Policy updates (see attached)

Dr. Munski made a motion to accept the updates to the parental leave policy. Mark Jendrysik seconded the motion.

Bradley Myers – will the six weeks start with the delivery or can it be before then if you are on bed rest. Dustin stated that they are only adjusting the language to be more inclusive. Amy Henley to add additional language with the date or placement not just the date of birth. Placement has already been added to the updated policy. Nick Wilson question regarding FMLA and who is eligible and when it would start. Dustin this is just addressing the parental leave policy and has nothing to do with FMLA. Liz stated that is policy was reviewed by the VPAA and legal office.

The motion carries.

Matters Arising

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Marci Mack, Acting Secretary
University Senate