

Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
March 4, 2021

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The February meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021, via Zoom Conference.

Chair Liz Legerski called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

Started with procedural communications and the link that you should receive for panelists (voting members of Senate). Wants to make sure that those people who are voting members, should be voting. Try to use the yes/no feature in the Participants panel.

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The following members of the Senate were present:

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| Crystal Alberts | Colt Iseminger | Douglas Munki | Brian Schill |
| Carenlee Barkdull | Mark Jendrysik | Robert Newman | Jared Schlenker |
| Emily Cherry | Cindy Juntunen | Lilly Ng | Jed Shivers |
| Qianli Chu | Andre Kehn | Cristina Oancea | Andria Spaeth |
| Scott Correll | Kim Kenville | Devon Olson | Debbie Storrs |
| Dawn Denny | Mohammad Khavanin | Chan Park | Clement Tang |
| Michael Dodge | Elizabeth Legerski | Daphne Pedersen | Jeffrey VanLooy |
| Van Doze | Lewis Liang | Dexter Perkins | Stephanie Walker |
| Davis Feehery | Steve Light | Karen Peterson | Nick Wilson |
| Isaiah Germolus | Howe Lim | Kathryn Rand | Richard Wise |
| Steven Halcrow | Robert Kraus | Brad Reissig | Feng Xiao |
| Cara Halgren | Adam Matz | Sarah Robinson | Wei Yang |
| Laura Hand | John Mihelich | Brad Rundquist | Zeineb Yousif |
| Wendelin Hume | Richard Millspaugh | Amanda Saligumba | Ryan Zerr |
| Michele Iiams | Michael Minnotte | Michelle Sauer | Julia Zhao |

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The following members of the Senate were absent:

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| Andrew Armacost | Benjamin Kassow | Eric Murphy | Robert Stupnisky |
| Brenna Bertsch | Diana Kostrzewski | Bradley Myers | Brian Tande |
| Claire Cory | Jered Lease | Matthew Nilles | Matthew Ternus |
| Hunter Cowdrey | Meloney Linder | Austin Plowman | Faith Wahl |
| Mark Dusenbury | Jun Liu | Kaelan Reedy | Megan Wasylow |
| Nathan Foster | Mike McGinniss | Don Sens | Joshua Wynne |

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1. Liz called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm and made the following announcement and opening remarks and events to note:

Senate Calendar:
Announcements/Chair Opening remarks

1. Upcoming events to take note of:
 - a. Faculty/Staff Town Hall scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, noon.
 - b. Eye of the Hawk Lecture “Tressie McMillan Cottom on the Future of Education”, Thursday, March 11, 2021 5:30 – 6:30 pm CST register at https://und.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cmMwHrEiS1aIXE93Ux
 - a. Spring University Council meeting, Tuesday, April 27, 3-4:30pm
 - b. Use of Novelution web-based platforms for Sponsored Research proposal and IRB protocols is required starting July 1, 2021
 - c. Starfish Midterm Progress Survey will close on 3/7/21 at 11:59 pm.
 - d. Please complete the NDUS Strategic Planning Survey sent Monday
 - e. CCF is seeking faculty will to be nominated to service on the NDUS Retirement Plan Oversight Committee
 - f. Writer Conference, March 24-26 Free
 - g. Next Senate meeting will be April 1, 2021
2. Reminder committee annual report deadlines
 - a. Due March 18: Committee on Committees, COI/Scientific Misconduct, Curriculum, Intercollegiate Athletics
 - b. Overdue Intellectual Property committee
3. Student Recruitment activities – Jennifer Aamodt
Jen gave a brief overview of her position and the recruitment process not just during the pandemic but on a regular basis. Slide presentation on: University Admissions – Recruiting during a Pandemic: **(we could get Jens slide show if you want them in the minutes.)**
4. ES Assessment proposal – Brooke Solberg, Karyn Plumm
Brooke who is the current chair of committee gave a quick overview of ES. Seeking out artifacts from current capstone courses and sending to the value institution for assessment and then we get the data back from them. There are limitations with this process. Hoping the proposal will help them with the assessment. Any questions: all individual courses will feed the results of the ES proposal. Each course would be evaluated for validation/revalidation. Daphne Pedersen – point of clarification – both programmatic and course assessment. Which is it that this proposal seeks? Moving from course by course to add to Task Stream. Brooke – going to get different snap shots with the new proposal you will get other courses other than the capstone to meet the needs of the ES. As a dept. if you want to look at all of our es courses/or one course/capstone as what is being measured. As long as the outcome relates to the ES goal. 2nd piece – in Task Stream you put an added program outcome.

Tim Burrows - The selected ES goal will be entered into TaskStream like any other outcome. The data from the ES courses would be used to assess the outcome.

What is TaskStream – software system for assessment reporting? It is new.

Crystal Alberts – 1 – may be programmatic outcomes that are added that are being asked for by administration rather than faculty outcomes. Lots of questions from Crystal – Tim states it is HLC driven as we need to provide evidence we are meeting the goals. With TaskStream we can run reports, etc. to gather the information/data needed. At the end of the day, UND must do this. TaskStream is the tool to collect the data that we are already collecting for ES evaluation.

5. Legislative session updates – Chair Legerski

SB2003 – main NDUS appropriations bill, passed in the Senate and on to the House. Looking optimistic.

SB 2030 – challenge matching program bill. This bill has gotten lots of attention recently. Two Amendments to this bill – 1: would allow University of Mary and University of Jamestown to get funding. 2: would restrict funding if an institution pairs with any abortion related items or if they don't prioritize normal childbirth. This may be a threat to academic integrity/freedom.

HB1503 - campus free speech policy – requires a campus to adopt a campus free speech policy and each campus had their own policy. The policy included some questionable statements.

HB1323 - prohibits mask requirements – this could impact our institutions.

Michele Sauer from English asked a question about the letter that NDSU drafted and was wondering if UND was going to join in with NDSU on their letter?

6. Council of College Faculties update (Tom Petros) – Tom sent his report to Liz to share. The committee met on February 9 – the policy changes, but since the bills have been passed, lots of discussion on what CCF can/should do. It will be on the CCF agenda for their next meeting and they will make a statement on behalf of all the faculty across the state.

7. Staff Senate Update (Megan Wasylow) - no report. Staff Senate is working on nominations for the committee. Due April 16th (or 6th).

8. Student Government update (Matthew Ternus) - Dawson will be presenting for Matt as he is in Bismarck. Student Government has passed the Health and Wellness bill. 1 - Expanding tampon program, Association of Residence Halls has partnered to put one in Wilkerson, 2 – students are helping to fund the City of GF Bike Share, allocating them money 3 – student government is providing some distress kits, voucher to Archives, etc. to get through end of semester. Created an Ad Hoc for DEI to work to promote the goals for this committee. They have created a Cookies and Complaints committee where students can voice their concerns. Election packets are out for Student Government positions and they are due April 14th.

9. Provost updates (Debbie Storrs) – Quick update. The President approved a proposal out of Academic Affairs on how to allocate the student portion of the Cares 2.0. \$ 8.9 million dollars and a % of that must go to students. This spring they will be allocating \$1.8 million to students who are Pell eligible they will get \$1100 around 1300 students will get the cash. With the rest of the money, students can complete the application for this financial need. Allocate \$75000 for summer, \$2.4 million in the fall of 2021. Hoping all of you are watching the Task Force of higher education webinars.

10. Establish Quorum (Marci Mack, for Secretary Correll)
We have quorum.

11. Review and approval of February 4, 2021 minutes.

Are there any changes to the minutes? With no changes, the minutes can be filed without objection.

12. Senate Executive Committee report (chair Legerski)

- a. The Faculty Handbook Committee has recommended that we place the newly approved Syllabus Policy as the second subsection under Section III Teaching Policies & Procedures. Can this be approved by SEC?
- b. Review 3 proposed updates to the Family Leave Policy in the Faculty Handbook, made recommendation to Provost
- c. Heard about plans to centralized printing and changes to mail distribution/package delivery. We will be setting up a future presentation for Senate.
- d. Discussed interest in electric car charges on campus and Online and Distance Education Committee work.
- e.

SEC held an emergency meeting to respond to these bills. Decided that working through CCF would be the best way to go to send a united front and no individual institution for retribution. Asked CCF to make a statement regarding the bills.

13. Question period (20 Minutes) 4:36 pm

Mark Jendrysik wants to thank Jen for her presentation. We have lots of students coming to campus for the first time – is there any plan for activities/orientations that have not been on campus for a long time? Make sure we make a big to do to open up the campus for fall 2021.

Cara Halgren responded to Mark. They have been working on the plan. How to open up the fall 2021 semester – Lots of new changes to see all of the changes that are happening. We welcome any feedback you may have regarding the plan for fall 2021.

Michelle Sauer question about ES proposal. She feels it prohibits the campus wide discussion. How does it foster a sense of community/shared vision?

Karyn stated that it is a faculty committee and they encourage the members to work with their faculty/departments to talk about the process and what is going on.

Dr. Munski asked if it was appropriate to made a motion to ES for further discussion per what is needed as there has been a horrendous communication between the ES committee members from A&S and feels there should be more discussion/comment/town hall meeting.

Bob Newman – echo what Dr Munski said. He says that he has never heard anything about this until it was discussed at Senate. He would support an idea of a broader conversation regarding the ES Proposal.

Dr. Munski what difference will one month make – can you answer this question. As the motion that was pulled last meeting that we wait till April. Karyn and Tim don't think that a month will make a difference but we need to make some decisions so it can be implemented. We are missing deadlines to show on going improvement for our accreditation.

Daphne Pederson – A&S had a question for the committee. If you have some sort of report that can be shared to include alternatives and why this proposal was chosen as compared to the other choices. Brooke said they only had 1 proposal and the committee did not feel the need to pursue other options. Dexter asked why we need this proposal and why it is a good idea.

Crystal Alberts – since we are asking to delay the decision – while we are being thoughtful of solving the assessment issue – why do we not wait more than 1 month. What about the old model of doing it? Can we not use it as a stop gap measure until we can come up with the right answer for this issue.

Karyn Plumm said they were looking for option that would make less work for the faculty? That is one of the reasons they chose the proposal they did.

Mark Jendrysik moved to add 20 minutes to the Question period. Dr. Munski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Question period closed at 4:59 pm.

Consent Calendar:

- a. Administrative Procedures Committee Annual Report
- b. Student Academic Standard Committee Annual Report

The reports were filed without opposition/objection.

Business Calendar:

- a. Spring University Senate Committees Election – Liz talked about the link to vote for the elections. The email would have come from Jeff VanLooy. We have extended the vote till March 11 at the end of the day to vote.
- b. Essential Studies Assessment Proposal

This motion was made at the last meeting. Michael Dodge made a motion to approve the Essential Studies Assessment Proposal. Julia Zhao seconded the motion.

Then the motion was made by Dr Munski to postpone to next meeting. Crystal Alberts seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Jeff VanLooy made a motion to postpone the motion for further discussion. Michelle Sauer seconded the motion.

Jeff amended to postpone temporarily until next meeting. Michele seconded the amendment to the motion. The motion carries.

Kathryn Rand made a motion to send the proposal back to the committee to consider the questions raised today. Dr. Munski seconded the motion. A friendly amendment by Crystal to get additional proposal or get other option to way against the option what was chosen.

Ask committee to return to the issue based on concerns and consider whether there are other options and make response back to Senate regarding the comments that were raised at today's meeting. The motion carried.

Kathryn Rand asked is the point to get more discussion in Senate, or to send back to Committee to consider what has been discussed.

- c. February Curriculum Committee Report
Jeff VanLooy made a motion to approve our February Curriculum Report. Colt Iseminger seconded the motion. The motion carries.
- d. Essential Studies Revalidations and Validations 2020-21
Dr Munki made a motion to approve the Essential Studies Revalidation and Validations 2020-21 Report. Julia Zhao seconded the motion. The motion carries.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Marci Mack, Acting Secretary
University Senate