Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
November 3, 2016

1.
The November meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, November 3 2016 in Room 113, Education. Chair Dana Harsell presided.

2.
The following members of the Senate were present:

- Andert, Blake
- Balgamwala, Sabrina
- Barbu, Simona
- Bateman, Connie
- Beyer, Brandon
- Betting, Laurie
- Blackburn, Royce
- Borboa-Peterson, Stacey
- Brekke, Alice
- Casler, James
- Christopherson, Anne
- Dilorenzo, Thomas
- Doze, Van
- Du, Guodong
- Dunnigan, Gerri
- Fazel-Rezai, Reza
- Ferraro, Richard
- Flynn, Amber
- Gabriel, Holly
- Gedafa, Daba
- Gjellstad, Melissa
- Grijalva, James
- Harsell, Dana
- Higgins, James
- Hong, Doojin
- Jendrysik, Mark
- Jeno, Susan
- Johnson, Peter
- Jorgenson, Terra
- Juntunen, Cindy
- Kalbfleisch, Pamela
- Kennedy, Mark
- Liang, Lewis
- Lindseth, Glenda
- Lindseth, Paul
- Miller, Charles
- Munski, Doug
- Murphy, Eric
- Neubert, Jeremiah
- Noghanian, Sima
- Petschen, Chris
- Poochigian, Don
- Rand, Kathryn
- Schindler, Gary
- Sens, Donald
- Stofferahn, Curt
- Todhunter, Paul
- Vogeltanz-Holm, Nancy
- Walker, Stephanie
- Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca
- Williams, Margaret
- Wood, Robert
- Zerr, Jessica
- Zhao, Julia
- Zimmerman, Sonia

3.
The following members of the Senate were absent:

- Correll, Scott
- El-Rewini, Hesham
- Enger, Tracy
- Faruque, Saleh
- Flynn, Seth
- Glidden, Ethan
- Gupta, Surojit
- Halgren, Cara
- Hanson, Nicholas
- Henderson, Pam
- Hill, Shane
- Hyder, Muneeb
- Kenville, Kim
- Laguette, Soizik
- Lerma, Sam
- McGimpsey, Grant
- McGinniss, Mike
- Mikulak, Marcia
- Nelson, Blair
- Nguyen, David
- Nickum, Annie
- Ocken, Jake
- Ostadhassan, Mehdi
- Quinn, Andrew
- Ray, Linda
- Roux, Gayle
- Souvannasacd, Eric
- Storrs, Debbie
- Tanaka, Tomohiro
- Tang, Clement
- VanderBush, Ashley
- Walch, Tanis
- Wynne, Joshua

4.
The following announcements were made:

a. Upcoming University Senate fora are planned:
   - Update on Initiatives, November 7, 3:30 p.m., Lecture Bowl, Memorial Union
   - 2nd forum to discuss new center idea – November 15, 3:00 p.m., Room 113, Education
   - Update, November 17, 3:30 p.m., Room 7, Education

b. Ryan Zerr, Essential Studies Director, provided the following outcomes from the program review recommendations:
   - A refined list of program/course goals was identified.
- Potential changes could be made to some special emphasis requirements, i.e., advanced communication and diversity.
- The revalidation process has resumed.
- A Capstone Showcase is planned for December 8 in the Ballroom at the Union.
- The Interstate Passport, a multi-institution articulation agreement was formed.
- Mr. Zerr reported that the following are coming soon: an Essential Studies (ES) newsletter on the web; and an ES course list tool for choosing classes/advising.
- Mr. Zerr also requested the senators’ help regarding ES Assessment Week. Two ES program assessment performance tasks need to be developed, a scoring session of performance tasks from last year will be held on December 12 from 9:00 – 1:00, and recruitment of ES Capstone students is needed to complete performance tasks. Please contact Mr. Zerr if you can help with any of the above.

c. Mr. Murphy provided a report on the work of the Council of College Faculties:
- A change to the sick leave policy is proposed, with a unified policy due by December 15.
- Proposed academic calendar changes regarding a J-term or 4/1/4 term calendar are in the discussion stage.
- A proposed change to the policy regarding the dismissal of tenured faculty during financial exigency has been suggested, with a change from 12 months to 6 months for the lead time.
- A special appointment grievance opportunity is proposed and, hopefully, a policy will be formed sometime this year.

d. Mr. Murphy reported on the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee’s work regarding their recommendation to the President to retain all athletic teams.

5.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the minutes of the October 6, 2016, meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. There was a motion of approval by Mr. Munski. Mr. Jendrysik seconded and the minutes were approved as distributed.

6.

The question period was opened at 4:40 p.m.

Mr. Petros asked how much it costs UND to rent the Ralph Engelstad and Alerus Center arenas for our athletic events. Mr. Murphy replied, citing information from the President’s and the Vice President for Finance & Operations offices.

Mr. Vogeltanz-Holm questioned why football was taken off the table during the deliberations on which athletic teams should be discontinued. President Kennedy replied, stating that subsidizing the sport is in return for the recognition the team brings to the school and recruitment of students.

The question period closed at 5:00 p.m.

7.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the annual report of the Senate University Assessment Committee. It was moved to approve and file the report. Mr. Poochigian seconded and the motion carried.
8. Mr. Harsell called attention the SETIC 2.0 report. It was moved to approve and file the report. Mr. Murphy seconded and the motion carried.

9. Mr. Harsell called attention to the SPEA Report. Mr. Gedafa moved to approve and file the report. Ms. Weaver-Hightower seconded and the motion carried.

10. Mr. Harsell called attention to the University Curriculum Committee report. It was moved to approve the report. Mr. Munski seconded and the motion carried.

11. Shari Nelson, Chair, University Assessment Committee, presented a proposed revision to the University Assessment Committee membership which would add the Essential Studies Director as a voting, concurrent, ex-officio member. Mr. Murphy motioned to approve this change and Ms. Gjellstad seconded. Discussion ensued. Friendly amendments were offered to make two changes to the University Assessment Committee charge; first, to change a reference to “faculty senate” to “University Senate,” and second, to clean up the language regarding the Vice President for Academic Affairs/designee. Mr. Murphy and Ms. Gjellstad accepted the friendly amendments. The motion carried.

12. Mr. Harsell called attention to the proposed SELFI SETIC 3.0 charge. Mr. Stofferahm moved to approve the charge. Ms. Weaver-Hightower seconded and the motion carried.

13. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Lori Hofland for Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate