Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
December 1, 2016

1.

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

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Balgamwalla, Sabrina
Barbu, Simona
Bateman, Connie
Beyer, Brandon
Betting, Laurie
Blackburn, Royce
Borboa-Peterson, Stacey
Christopherson, Anne
Correll, Scott
Doze, Van
Du, Guodong
Dunnigan, Gerri
Faruque, Saleh
Fazel-Rezai, Reza
Ferraro, Richard
Gedafa, Daba
Gjellstad, Melissa
Grijalva, James
Gupta, Surojit
Harsell, Dana
Henderson, Pam
Hong, Doojin
Jendrysik, Mark
Jeno, Susan
Johnson, Peter
Juntunen, Cindy
Kalbfleisch, Pamela
Lagouette, Soizik
Liang, Lewis
Lindseth, Glenda
Lindseth, Paul
McGinniss, Mike
Mikulak, Marcia
Miller, Charles
Munski, Doug
Murphy, Eric
Nelson, Blair
Neubert, Jeremiah
Noghanian, Sima
Petrovs, Tom
Petschen, Chris
Poonchigian, Don
Quinn, Andrew
Rand, Kathryn
Ray, Linda
Schindler, Gary
Sens, Donald
Stofferahn, Curt
Todhunter, Paul
Vogeltanz-Holm, Nancy
Walch, Tanis
Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca
Wood, Robert
Zerr, Jessica
Zhao, Julia

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Andert, Blake
Brekke, Alice
Casler, James
DiLorenzo, Thomas
El-Rewini, Hesham
Enger, Tracy
Flynn, Amber
Flynn, Seth
Gabriel, Holly
Glidden, Ethan
Halgren, Cara
Hanson, Nicholas
Higgins, James
Hill, Shane
Hyder, Muneeb
Jorgenson, Terra
Kennedy, Mark
Kenville, Kim
Lerma, Sam
McGimpsey, Grant
Nguyen, David
Nickum, Annie
Ocken, Jake
Ostadhassan, Mehdi

4.

The following announcements were made:

a. Lori Swinney, CILT Director, provided an update on the NDUS Blackboard Initiative:
   - UND will transition from the local server to a cloud server during summer 2017
   - Forums will be held during spring 2017 semester
   - There will be more up time, less down time, speed will good, it will be secure and private
   - Voice will again be a feature that is included
b. Ms. Weaver-Hightower provided an update on the UND Diversity Teach-in:
   - Will be held on December 2, 2016, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
   - Topics will include diversity and racism on college campuses

c. Mr. Harsell provided an update on SETIC 3.0/SELFII:
   - Will recommend policy and best practices for SELFII
   - Invited feedback

d. Mr. Murphy provided updates from the Council of College Faculties:
   - HB 1003 asked NDUS to look at inconsistencies across institutions regarding faculty sick leave
   - There has been a system wide committee formed to address sick leave
   - There is no agreement between institutions across the system

5.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the minutes of the November 3, 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 4:25 p.m.

Mr. Petros asked if Adobe Connect and Tegrity would be retained. Ms. Swinney responded that we will continue all current software even though voice is added to Blackboard.

Mr. Neubert asked a question regarding when students see the grade after it is entered into Campus Connection. Mr. Correll responded that students do not see the grades until after the actual grade due date (Typically, Noon on Tuesday following finals week).

Ms. Vogeltanz-Holm asked about the possibility of administrator evaluations and if someone was working on it? Ms. Betting announced that the committee has met and the president is evaluating a proposal from the SPEA committee and a consultant for executive evaluations including a 360 evaluation. It should start next semester and roll out throughout next fall. Ms. Hunter stated that the SPEA committee has not yet been informed about recommendations that the consultant is making to the president. Ms. Vogeltanz-Holm asked if University Senate will get to comment on the proposal. A question was asked if the Senate will be able to have input and feedback to the results of evaluations.

Mr. Murphy asked about recruitment efforts for next fall and what is being done to bring in more students. Ms. Betting stated that enrollment management is under the Provost’s Office and that the Strategic Enrollment Management committee has come back together to use best practices. Ms. Betting also stated that the President supports more funding for marketing and recruiting.

Mr. Petros asked if the Senate and faculty will have input into how the cuts will be handled. Mr. Harsell stated it is his responsibility to communicate that request. Mr. Blackburn asked if current and future curricular cuts follow NDUS policy. Mr. Murphy explained the program suspension and program termination requirements by the SBHE. He additionally stated that there has been a request to get on the SBHE agenda regarding programs ending and budget cuts. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Murphy made a motion without objection to extend the question period by 10 minutes.
Mr. Blackburn suggested that suspending admissions is a way to terminate programs without following the curricular process. Discussion ensued. Ms. Gjellstad asked if the Senate survey results will be followed up on. Mr. Harsell has asked that the Provost and others begin to respond.

The question period ended at 4:55 p.m.

7.

Mr. Harsell called attention to the candidates for degrees in December 2016. Mr. Gedafa moved to approve the graduates. Ms. Henderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8.

Mr. Harsell called attention the Curriculum Committee report. Mr. Quinn moved to approve the report. Mr. Neubert seconded and the motion carried.

9.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate