Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
February 2, 2017

1.
The February meeting of the University Senate was held at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2017 in Room 113, Education. Chair Dana Harsell presided.

2.
The following members of the Senate were present:

Andert, Blake       Halgren, Cara       Murphy, Eric
Balgamwalla, Sabrina Harsell, Dana       Neubert, Jeremiah
Bateman, Connie      Higgens, James      Neughanian, Sima
Beyer, Brandon       Hong, Doojin        Petsros, Tom
Betting, Laurie      Jendrysik, Mark     Petschen, Chris
Blackburn, Royce     Johnson, Peter      Poochigian, Don
Casler, James        Jeno, Susan         Rand, Kathryn
Correll, Scott       Jorgenson, Terra    Ray, Linda
Dilorenzo, Thomas    Junutnen, Cindy     Schindler, Gary
Du, Guodong          Kalbfleisch, Pamela  Stofferahn, Curt
Dunnigan, Gerri      Kennedy, Mark       Storrs, Debbie
El-Rewini, Hesham    Kenville, Kim       Tang, Clement
Enger, Tracy         Laguette, Soizik     Todhunter, Paul
Faruque, Saleh       Liang, Lewis         Vogeltanz-Holm, Nancy
Fazel-Rezai, Reza    Lindseth, Glenda     Weaver-Hightower, Rebecca
Ferraro, Richard     Lindseth, Paul       Williams, Margaret
Flynn, Amber         McGinniss, Mike      Wood, Robert
Gedafa, Daba         McGimpsey, Grant     Zerr, Jessica
Gjellstad, Melissa   Mikulak, Marcia     Zimmerman, Sonia
Grijalva, James      Miller, Charles
Gupta, Surojit      Munski, Doug

3.
The following members of the Senate were absent:

Barbu, Simona        Hyder, Muneeb       Sens, Donald
Borboa-Peterson, Stacey Lerma, Sam        Souvannasacad, Eric
Brekke, Alice        McGimpsey, Grant    Tanaka, Tomohiro
Christopherson, Anne Nelson, Blair       VanderBush, Ashley
Doze, Van            Nguyen, David        Walch, Tannis
Flynn, Seth          Nickum, Annie        Walker, Stephanie
Gabriel, Holly       Ocken, Jake          Wynne, Joshua
Glidden, Ethan       Ostadhassan, Mehdi   Zhao, Julia
Hanson, Nicholas     Quinn, Andrew
Hill, Shane

4.
The following announcements were made:

a. Mr. Beyer, Student Government President, provided an update on open education resources:
   - $100,000 for Open Educational Resources
   - $75,000 from the Student Senate
   - $25,000 from the Provost’s office
   - The grant site will open very soon
b. Mr. Murphy provided updates from CCF:
- 605.3 makes termination time for tenured faculty from 1 year to 90 days
- There have been conversations to meet at 180 days
- The first reading occurred at SBHE last week
- The CCF made a resolution because one year is best practices
- CCF has completed the sick leave policy. It will move to AAC and forward
- The proposal mirrors UND policy

c. President Kennedy provided an update regarding legislative process:
- He discussed differences among system institutions
- We are the Chief Opportunity Engine was the message President Kennedy provided to the state Senate.
- We are the fourth largest employer in North Dakota
- Our graduates make more money and are taxed more to provide additional dollars for the state
- See President’s web page for the PPT presentation
- The Coulee to Columbia project would address $80 million of deferred maintenance
- UND goes to the House appropriations committee in mid-March
- UND has met with the Governor as well

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

Mr. Neubert asked how we are providing value to the general public. President Kennedy addressed our ad in North Dakota Living. He will also write additional opinion pieces. The President discussed our alumni caucus as well as the work of the alumni association.

Ms. Weaver-Hightower asked about the legacy bank accounts and what can we do as citizens of North Dakota to support higher education. The President acknowledged the fact that we have a rainy day fund that we could use; however, the legislature may feel differently.

Mr. Poochigian asked about the economic measure versus the liberal arts/social science foundation. The President reinforced that the foundation of liberal arts is to prepare people for second and third jobs. Mr. Poochigian asked what would be the implications of reducing the liberal arts, especially with accreditation. President Kennedy stated that we do not plan to take actions that would put accreditation at risk.

Mr. Murphy asked about changing our bank and borrowing structure. The President stated it could be compared to our inability to bond. The Chancellor is beginning to address this issue.

Ms. Mikulak asked if faculty could testify about the structure of a research university or what it takes to run a university. President Kennedy stated that faculty are not always the best messenger to the legislature. Students are a better option.

Ms. Kalbfleisch asked about the perception of higher education and if we are viewed as rich. President Kennedy acknowledged that college graduates make more over the course of a lifetime.

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

6.

Mr. Petros made a request to add a resolution to the business calendar. Mr. Murphy seconded and the motion carried.
7. Mr. Munski moved to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2017, meeting without revision. Mr. Gedafa seconded and the motion carried.

8. Mr. Harsell called attention to the annual report of the Senate Academic Policies and Admissions Committee. Ms. Gjellstad moved to file the report and the motion carried.

9. Mr. Harsell called attention to the Qualified Faculty Requirements Committee report. Ms. Kenville moved to approve the faculty qualification requirements definition. Mr. Munski seconded and the motion carried.

10. Mr. Harsell called attention to the Curriculum Committee report. Mr. Jendrysik moved to approve the report. Mr. Stofferahn seconded and the motion carried.

11. Mr. Harsell called attention the faculty resolution regarding budget issues. Ms. Mikulak moved to approve and it was seconded by Ms. Laguette. A discussion ensued. A friendly amendment was made to add “tenure-track and current” to the first statement. The friendly amendment was accepted and the motion carried.

12. Mr. Munski moved to extend the meeting to 5:45 p.m. without objection. There were no objections.

13. Mr. Harsell called attention to the CCF resolution regarding opposition to the proposed change to the SBHE policy 605.3. Mr. Munski moved and Ms. Jeno seconded to endorse the resolution. The motion carried.

14. Mr. Harsell called attention to a resolution introduced by Mr. Petros. Mr. Higgins moved to approve and Mr. Murphy seconded. A discussion ensued. A friendly amendment was made from Mr. Munski to change “appropriately price our product” to our consumers to “ensure student success.” A friendly amendment by Ms. Vogeltanz-Holm to add the word “it” between making and easier. Both friendly amendments were agreed upon. The discussion continued. A friendly amendment was made to replace you become “Chancellor and the SBHE.” The amendment was agreed upon and the motion carried.

15. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate