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Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
October 3, 2019

1.

The October meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2019 in Room 113, Education. Chair Jeffrey VanLooy presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Bailey, Tamba-Kuui	Iseminger, Colt	Mochoruk, James
Bateman, Connie	Jendrysik, Mark	Munski, Doug
Bjerke, Elizabeth	Jeno, Susan	Oancea, Cristina
Blackburn, Royce	Juntunen, Cindy	Oltz, Tammy
Carlson, Craig	Kassow, Benjamin	Orvedal, Casey
Clauson, Tyler	Keengwe, Jared	Pedersen, Daphne
Correll, Scott	Khavanin, Mohammad	Pierce, David
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Kolodka, Edward	Rundquist, Bradley
Dodge, Michael	Legerski, Elizabeth	Sauer, Michelle
Eilts, Caleb	Linder, Meloney	Shivers, Jed
Gable, Christopher	Lindseth, Paul	Sum, Paul
Gosnold, William	Liu, Jun	Tavakolian, Kouhyar
Halcrow, Steven	Maine, Whitney	VanLooy, Jeff
Halgren, Cara	McGinniss, Mike	Wilson, Nick
Hoffmann, Mark	Meek, Steve	Wynne, Joshua
Hume, Wendelin	Mihelich, John	Yang, Cai Xia
Iiams, Michele	Millspaugh, Richard	Zhao, Julia

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Alberts, Crystal	Lian, Gracie	Sens, Donald
Delhommelle, Jerome	Matz, Adam	Sens, Mary Ann
Du, Guodong	McLean, Riley	Shogren, Maridee
Dusenbury, Mark	Murphy, Eric	Tande, Brian
Ernst, Julia	Mussehl, Anthony	Ternus, Matthew
Gilbertson, Ryan	Neubert, Jeremiah	Thorson, Erika
Gjellstad, Melissa	Nonte, Stephen	Walker, Stephanie
Gjerde, Quinten	Olson, Devon	Wasylow, Megan
Heitkamp, Thomasine	Petros, Tom	Wild, Brandon
Henley, Amy	Robinson, Julie	Wolfgram, Meaghan
Kostrzewski, Diana	Self, Noah	

4.

Mr. VanLooy introduced President Wynne, who reported that he has learned more about higher education during his three and one-half months as Interim President. He stated that the higher education environment is changing. Students want their education on their terms. He understands that the MIRA model can be confusing, but the model helps us predict the actual cost of education. Mr. Shivers, Vice President for Finance & Operations, is working to make the model more understandable. Our brand of providing a great education at an affordable cost is spreading. President Wynne stated that he firmly believes that discussion and debate are the best qualities in a university.

5.

Mr. VanLooy called attention to changes to the graduate student health insurance. He called on Chris Nelson, Associate Graduate Dean to answer questions. Domestic students cannot use the university insurance.

Mr. VanLooy called attention to the following Senate committee annual reports that are due: Essential Studies, Honorary Degrees, and Faculty Rights. He also requested that Senate Committees report to him regarding who their chairs are.

6.

Mr. VanLooy introduced Ms. Linder, Vice President for Marketing and Communication. She reported on how we are using a two-pronged approach to advance marketing and recruitment. On the communication side, we are using tools such as the *UND Discovery* newsletter which promotes faculty expertise. On the recruiting side, we are using digital marketing, which targets such groups as high school seniors and two-year college graduates. We are also promoting graduate studies.

7.

Ms. Legerski gave a Council of College Faculties update. They are discussing policies at length. One is the free speech bill which is required by state law. She reported that UND already has a free speech policy. The second is NDUS policy 308.3 regarding political activity. Lisa Johnson from NDUS is requesting feedback on this policy. The third policy is the NDUS policy 511, criminal history background check for students. UND Admissions requests that new students answer questions regarding their criminal history. Mr. DiLorenzo clarified that it is a self-report, not an official criminal background check on each prospective student.

8.

Ms. Maine provided an update on Staff Senate. The 31 Days of Glory raffle opened this week. All proceeds go toward staff professional development. She thanked everyone for supporting State Employee Recognition Week.

9.

Mr. Orvedal provided an update from Student Senate. They passed a resolution to officially thank the Nistler's for their gift to the College of Business & Public Administration. Student Senate also passed a resolution to thank those supporting Open Educational Resources.

10.

Mr. DiLorenzo encouraged Senators to attend the "Her Vote Counts" exhibit at the Empire Theater October 3 through November 21.

11.

Quorum was established.

12.

Without objection, the minutes from the September 5, 2019 University Senate meeting were approved.

13.

Mr. VanLooy reported on the State Board of Higher Education Research Committee. He is the UND representative on the Committee. So far, the Committee has been discussing what each university does regarding research. The next meeting will be to refine the Committee charges

Mr. VanLooy stated that it is important to update Digital Measures so that it is reflected at the state level. This will help to advance Goal 5 of the Strategic Plan.

Mr. VanLooy gave an update on the Senate Budget Committee and its role as we strive for Carnegie R1 ranking.

14.

Mr. VanLooy called attention to the Faculty Instructional Development Committee annual report; without objection, the report was accepted and filed.

15.

The 20-minute question period opened at 4:24 p.m.

Mr. Bailey reported seeing a recent increase in the use of the old logo and mascot on clothing which, according to research, is blatant racism, with many unintentional consequences. Ms. Linder stated that the logo is part of our Legacy Line, which is limited. Mr. Bailey stated that the issue is racism. Mr. Blackburn asked if it is common for logos to be managed by athletic departments. Ms. Linder stated yes.

Mr. Keengwe asked, as a minority faculty, why he has not been asked to help with recruitment. Ms. Linder responded that if he is interested he should reach out to his dean to volunteer.

The question period ended at 4:32 p.m.

16.

Mr. VanLooy called attention to the University Curriculum Committee annual report. Mr. Jendrysik moved to approve, Mr. Munski seconded and the motion carried.

17.

Mr. VanLooy called attention to the proposed changes to the Essential Studies Policy Manual. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mochoruk moved to table, the motion was seconded and carried.

18.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate