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Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
May 7, 2020

1.

The May meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020 remotely via Zoom Conference. Chair Jeffrey VanLooy presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Alberts, Crystal	Hoffmann, Mark	Munski, Doug
Bailey, Tamba-Kuui	Hume, Wendelin	Murphy, Eric
Bateman, Connie	Iiams, Michele	Oancea, Cristina
Bjerke, Elizabeth	Iseminger, Colt	Olson, Devon
Blackburn, Royce	Jendrysik, Mark	Oltz, Tammy
Carlson, Craig	Jeno, Susan	Orvedal, Casey
Clauson, Tyler	Juntunen, Cindy	Pedersen, Daphne
Correll, Scott	Kassow, Benjamin	Petros, Tom
Delhommelle, Jerome	Keengwe, Jared	Pierce, David
DiLorenzo, Thomas	Legerski, Elizabeth	Rundquist, Bradley
Dodge, Michael	Lian, Gracie	Sauer, Michelle
Du, Guodong	Linder, Meloney	Shivers, Jed
Eilts, Caleb	Lindseth, Paul	Shogren, Maridee
Ernst, Julia	Liu, Jun	Sum, Paul
Gable, Christopher	Maine, Whitney	Ternus, Matthew
Gjellstad, Melissa	Matz, Adam	VanLooy, Jeff
Gosnold, William	McGinniss, Mike	Wasylow, Megan
Halcrow, Steven	Meek, Steve	Wild, Brandon
Halgren, Cara	Mihelich, John	Wilson, Nick
Heitkamp, Thomasine	Millspaugh, Richard	Yang, Cai Xia
Henley, Amy	Mochoruk, James	Zhao, Julia

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Dusenbury, Mark	McLean, Riley	Sens, Mary Ann
Gilbertson, Ryan	Mussehl, Anthony	Tande, Brian
Gjerde, Quinten	Neubert, Jeremiah	Tavakolian, Kouhyar
Kaste, Grant	Nonte, Stephen	Thorson, Erika
Khavanin, Mohammad	Robinson, Julie	Walker, Stephanie
Kolodka, Edward	Self, Noah	Wolfgram, Meaghan
Kostrzewski, Diana	Sens, Donald	Wynne, Joshua

4.

Mr. VanLooy made the following announcements and introduced the following guests:

- a. Mr. VanLooy thanked the Senators for their hard work. He wished everyone a good summer and reminded them to stay healthy as there will be more hard work to do.
- b. Mr. VanLooy stated that we will be placing the Spring University Council meeting online very soon.
- c. Mr. VanLooy called attention to fall on-campus instruction. There is a task force meeting to produce guidelines. There will be an announcement on Monday, May 11, 2020, which will be the first in a series of plans.
- d. Mr. VanLooy asked everyone to watch for messages from UND and the SEC during the summer, as changes will likely occur.

- e. Mr. VanLooy stated that your service is still needed. He stated that shared governance will be critical over the next year.
- f. Mr. VanLooy reiterated that the Angel Fund and Food for Thought are available for donations for student support. There has already been numerous requests, but more money is needed to support our students.
- g. Mr. VanLooy introduced Tim Burrows to discuss the HLC 10 Accreditation Plan. Mr. Burrows discussed our affiliation with the Higher Learning Commission and the importance of it. The process for accreditation is a team process including faculty, staff, and students. The next reaffirmation is scheduled for 2023-2024. There will be a request for volunteers from across the university coming from the Provost's office. There is strong support from the administration for support and training of the volunteers.
- h. Mr. VanLooy introduced Michael Dodge to discuss the GERTA+/Alternative General Education Program. Mr. Dodge explained that it is a NDUS policy allowing institutions to make changes to their general education using LEAP learning outcomes versus breath of knowledge. This does not mandate a change, but allows for more flexibility at the local college or university level.

5.

Ms. Legerski provided the following Council of College (CCF) Faculties updates:

- a. CCF has discussed COVID and budget cuts.
- b. There is a committee working on recommendations for returning to campus this fall. They want to ensure that CDC guidelines are being followed in reopening plans for the safety and welfare of all faculty, staff, and students.

6.

Mr. Ternus provided the following updates from Student Senate:

- a. He introduced himself as the new Student Senate President. He is excited about the opportunity and thanked the previous leadership and everyone who worked hard over the past year.
- b. Ms. Lian will work with the system NDUS student organization over the next year.
- c. President Wynne was awarded a student-centered award.

7.

Ms. Maine provided the following updates from Staff Senate:

- a. Staff Senate elections were held and there were 26 write-in nominations for 13 vacancies.
- b. Kevin Stafford was the latest annual UShine winner.
- c. Megan Wasylow is the upcoming Staff Senate President and Brian Schill is the vice president/president elect.
- d. Ms. Maine stated that she will be leaving UND to pursue a new opportunity. She thanked everyone for a great year and stated that it was a pleasure to work with everyone.

8.

Mr. DiLorenzo recognized the leadership of Mr. VanLooy, especially during these very challenging times. He presented Mr. VanLooy with the University Senate Chair gavel plaque for his service.

9.

Quorum was established.

10.

Without objection, the minutes from the University Senate on April 2, 2020 were approved.

11.

Mr. VanLooy called attention to the Summer Online Course Checklist. There was some faculty concerns over this checklist. It was stated that the checklist is a suggestion, not a requirement.

Mr. VanLooy called attention to the University Assessment Plan and reported that it is ready for a vote at this meeting today.

Mr. VanLooy called attention to the AU-ABC Essential Studies Breadth of Knowledge Waiver. The waiver would be granted to Air University (Air Force) who have completed an Associate Degree. It is ready for a vote at this meeting today.

12.

The twenty-minute question period opened at 4:09 p.m.

Mr. Munski inquired what has happened to the Prairie Garden. Mr. DiLorenzo stated that he did not know. Mr. Munski also asked about the class of 1909 student bench. Where has it gone? Mr. VanLooy did not know.

Ms. Gjellstad inquired about the SEC meetings over the summer and whether there are different communication plans for the summer. Mr. VanLooy said the SEC will meet, if not regularly, but as circumstances dictate. Email will probably be the best way to reach people.

Mr. Blackburn asked about cuts to instructional staff and whether there are going to be cuts to administrative staff, or just instructional and support staff. Mr. DiLorenzo stated that all service units are being asked to reduce up to 10%.

Mr. Iseminger asked about the Herald articles and the budget regarding cutting academics, but not athletics. Mr. Munski inquired how is it being funded and what is being done to revitalize facilities. Why are we tearing down buildings without documentation? Mr. VanLooy acknowledged his questions.

Mr. Bailey inquired about returning to campus and the safety of faculty, staff, and students. He stated that it is imperative that UND develop a comprehensive plan to address concerns about COVID-19. This question should be in the forefront of what we are doing. Mr. DiLorenzo stated that EC meets daily to address this issue. There is also a Pandemic Response Team that meets daily. A document has been developed detailing all the items we need to complete that includes a timeline. There will be a teaching option document distributed next week. Meetings with Human Resources have occurred regarding teaching safety. He stated that things are changing daily.

Mr. DiLorenzo thanked the faculty for moving from campus to remote teaching this semester. The vast majority of the comments from students and parents have been very positive. There are several hundred faculty who are working this summer to transition campus to online courses. Please reach out on ways that we can help.

The question period ended at 4:29 p.m.

13.

Without objection, the Scholarly Activities Annual Report was approved and filed.

14.

Without objection, the Online and Distance Education Annual Report was approved and filed.

15.

Without objection, the Budget Committee Annual Report was approved and filed.

16.

Mr. VanLooy called attention to the Degree Candidates for Spring 2020. Ms. Alberts moved to approve. Ms. Gjellstad seconded and the motion carried.

17.

Mr. VanLooy called attention to the University Assessment Plan. Mr. Munski moved to approve. Ms. Zhao seconded and the motion carried.

18.

Mr. VanLooy called attention to the AU-ABC Essential Studies Breadth of Knowledge Waiver. Mr. Munski moved to approve. Mr. Dodge seconded the motion. Ms. Sauer asked about how we can ensure they are getting the same knowledge that we require, especially diversity. A discussion ensued. Ms. Alberts wanted to make sure we were not disserving these students. Ms. Gjellstad clarified it is breath of knowledge that was waived, not special emphasis. The motion carried.

19.

Mr. VanLooy called attention to the April Curriculum Committee report. Mr. Carlson moved to approve. Mr. Millspaugh seconded and the motion carried.

20.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate