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Minutes of the University Senate Meeting  
October 7, 2021

1.

The October meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2021, via Zoom Conference. Chair Cristina Oancea presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Adjekum, Daniel	Jedlicka, Janet	Pedersen, Daphne
Armacost, Andy	Jendrysik, Mark	Peterson, Karen
Bartz, Jeremiah	Jordan, Rachel	Petros, Tom
Cherry Oliver, Emily	Kalbfleisch, Pamela	Redvers, Nicole
Chu, Qianli	Karikari, Isaac	Reedy, Kaelan
Clark, Travis	Kehn, Andre	Rozelle-Stone, Rebecca
Correll, Scott	Kraus, Robert	Rundquist, Brad
Cox, Paula	Laguette, Soizik	Schill, Brian
Dauphinais, Kirsten	Legerski, Elizabeth	Schlenker, Jared
Denny, Dawn	Liang, Lewis	Shivers, Jed
Dorafshan, Sattar	Light, Steven	Spaeth, Andria
Doze, Van	Lim, Howe	VanLooy, Jeffrey
Dutchak, Dawson	Linder, Meloney	Wahl, Faith
Gjellstad, Melissa	Link, Eric	Walker, Stephanie
Halcrow, Steven	Liu, Jun	Weber, Bret
Hammond, Sean	Matz, Adam	Wilson, Nick
Helleloid, Duane	Mihelich, John	Wise, Richard
Hellwig, Beth	Milavetz, Barry	Worley, Deborah
Henley, Amy	Munski, Douglas	Xiao, Feng
Henneman, Emily	Myers, Brad	Zerr, Ryan
Homstad, Stephanie	Newman, Robert	
Hume, Wendelin	Oancea, Cristina	
Iseminger, Colt		

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Borowicz, Taylor	Korsmo, Danielle	Orvedal, Casey
Brandt, Sonja	Kostrzewski, Diana	Perkins, Dexter
Chew, Jack	Lian, Gracie	Reissig, Brad
Hufford, Jordan	Mamaghani, Iraj	Shea, Heather
Johnson, Erika	McGinniss, Michael	Tande, Brian
Juntunen, Cindy	Menard, Dominique	
Kitzes, Adam	Nonte, Stephen	

4.

Ms. Oancea reminded the senate of her goals including commitment to shared government, supporting each other during this ongoing pandemic, and encouraging collaboration for greater initiatives and eco-friendly sustainability. Ms. Oancea would welcome projects including the use of solar energy, food sustainability and the prevention/treatment of depression. Ideally these projects would be all encompassing under a "united UND" goal.

5.

Ms. Oancea introduced UND's Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Eric Link. He was hired following a national search and began his UND appointment on July 1, 2021. A review of his credentials and work history was presented.

Mr. Link thanked Ms. Oancea for her introduction. Mr. Link apologized for missing the first USenate meeting due to a scheduling issue. He introduced himself as Eric and spoke about his wife and family moving to Grand Forks.

6.

Ms. Oancea congratulated the winners of the USenate election last month.  
Senate Vice Chair/Chair Elect - Robert (Bob) Newman  
Faculty Representative on SEC - Deborah Worley  
Faculty Representatives on the C on C - Sandra Moritz, Rhoda Owens  
Staff Representative on SEC - Brian Schill  
Student Representative on SEC - Kaelan Reedy

7.

Ms. Oancea reminded the USenate of the Senate Committees' annual report deadlines:  
Due Sept. 23rd (overdue): Committee on Committees, Compensation, Faculty Instructional Development, and University Assessment  
Due Oct. 21st: Essential Studies, Honorary Degrees, Standing Committee on Faculty Rights

8.

Mr. Shivers provided an update on university bookstore. Mr. Shivers and Ms. Loiland met with Matthew Breaux and Kevin Flanagan regarding the chair survey feedback. There were about 65 courses listed with issues. The bookstore felt they fell short on about 12 courses. More on this topic will be discussed in the next USenate meeting in November 2021.

9.

Mr. Holm provided an update on our UND partnership with Pearson. Our partnership is a strategic plan to increase the UND graduate student population and online student population by 10%. Mr. Holm reviewed the timeline beginning with Request for Proposal process in September 2017. August 2018 marked the launch of our first Pearson-partnered program. We added the RIZE agreement in October 2020 and Pearson Accelerated Pathways and Pathways program. The original four Online Program Management disciplines

were Cyber Security, Accounting, Nursing, and Counseling. Mr. Holm stated that the Cyber Security and Accounting programs have not met their respective enrollment projections. The Nursing program (Nurse practitioner) has exceed expectation; however, the Doctor of Nursing Practice is below projections. The Counseling program is exceeding first year expectations regarding enrollments.

10.

Mr. Millspaugh provided an update from the Council of College Faculties (CCF). Mr. Millspaugh stated that a Blackboard governance committee just got its first faculty member added to the committee. The CCF has some concerns about ND legislation passed recently especially SB 2030. Faculty evaluation of administration has failed to come to fruition on several campuses. The system office is looking at an electronic evaluation system. It was originally intended to be a staff evaluation system only, but the addition of faculty evaluation would be cost neutral and potentially beneficial. The CCF has concerns as there are only two faculty members on the state committee for the electronic evaluation system.

11.

Mr. Schill provided an update from Staff Senate. Mr. Schill is starting the "Seeds for Staff Success" program, which is fundraising to support staff professional development. Mr. Schill thanked the Staff Senate for their work on the State Employee Recognition Week.

12.

Mr. Reedy provided an update from Student Government. Mr. Reedy thanked everyone who reached on experiential learning. Student Government would like a committee on campus safety.

13.

Mr. Link discussed UND's mission. UND hosted Inclusion Across Campus. The School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) created the first department of Indigenous Health. These are just a few of the examples of how we are reaching toward our mission. There are two dean searches - Law and College of Nursing and Professional Discipline. The goal is to have someone in place by July 1, 2022. Mr. Link thanked the enrollment management team for our increase in fall enrollment numbers. Mr. Link also thanked the marketing department. Mr. Link spoke about the Higher Learning Commission reaffirmation process. The HLC executive team members are Tim Burrows, Ryan Zerr, Deb Worley, and Scott Correll. There are also six writing teams - one for each criterion and federal compliance. The Task Force for the Future of Higher Education was commissioned in August of 2020. The report is almost in its final state and will be released to the campus community very soon. The Eye of the Hawk lecture series will begin again soon. The university strategic plan is being reviewed and updated. Mr. Link stated that he is the captain for goal #2.

14.

Quorum was established.

15.

Without objection, the minutes from the September 2, 2021, University Senate meeting were filed.

16.

Ms. Oancea provided three updates from the Senate Executive Committee. A review of the FIDC Whitepaper was acknowledged at SEC. Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Mochoruk were invited to present the history behind the FIDC Whitepaper. Mr. Mochoruk stated that this committee used to help to distribute funds (\$96,000/year) for faculty instructional development. The funding was removed during the 2017-18 budget cycle. Mr. Mochoruk would like to see this funding reinstated so that faculty could have a voice in these decisions.

17.

The 20 minute questions and answers period began at 4:38pm. Mr. Petros asked for a letter from the USenate chair to ePerformance. Mr. Helleloid asked what is the ethical rationale for requiring on-campus classes when the data shows students learn as well online. Mr. Armacost stated that the dean or provost could provide a rationale. Mr. Armacost referred the faculty member back to the dean. Mr. Weber asked what is total online enrollment, the portion attributable to OPMs, and what is being done to support all of the other online programs here at UND. Mr. Holm responded that 600 are part of the OPM out of 2200 online graduate students. Mr. Hammond stated that we need to revise the Student Code of Conduct. Students are using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to answer test questions, but this is not banned by the University. Mr. Hammond allows his student to use various softwares, but they need to cite the sources used. Mr. Iseminger asked about large events and no mask requirement. Why is this happening? Ms. Linder asked what events. Mr. Armacost stated that everyone at Wake Up to UND wore a mask on the way in and in the breakfast line, but then the masks came off to eat. The design choice of the event gave an appearance that masks were not required and Mr. Armacost apologized for that issue. Mr. Shivers stated that we want to do everything possible to stop the spread of viruses. Mr. Iseminger would like this clearly enforced across campus. Ms. Kalbfleish asked about students responding in different color fonts. Ms. Oancea said that faculty could require the font color they want. The question period ended at 5:08pm

Ms. Legerski moved to extend the question period and Mr. Liang seconded. It was amended to include extending the meeting by fifteen minutes. The motion carried.

18.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the Annual Honors Committee Report. Without objection, the report was filed.

19.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the two candidates approved for early graduation. Without objection, the approvals were filed.

20.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the September University Senate Curriculum Committee report. Without objection, the report was filed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Scott Correll, Secretary  
University Senate