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Minutes of the University Senate Meeting
November 4, 2021

1.

The October meeting of the University Senate was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2021, via Zoom Conference. Chair Cristina Oancea presided.

2.

The following members of the Senate were present:

Adjekum, Daniel	Iseminger, Colt	Oancea, Cristina
Armacost, Andy	Jendrysik, Mark	Pedersen, Daphne
Bartz, Jeremiah	Jordan, Rachel	Petros, Tom
Brandt, Sonja	Karikari, Isaac	Redvers, Nicole
Cherry Oliver, Emily	Kehn, Andre	Reedy, Kaelan
Chu, Qianli	Kitzes, Adam	Reissig, Brad
Clark, Travis	Kraus, Robert	Rozelle -Stone, Rebecca
Correll, Scott	Laguetta, Soizik	Rundquist, Brad
Cox, Paula	Legerski, Liz	Schill, Brian
Dauphinais, Kirsten	Liang, Lewis	Schlenker, Jared
Denny, Dawn	Light, Steven	Shivers, Jed
Dorafshan, Sattar	Lim, Howe	VanLooy, Jeffrey
Doze, Van	Linder, Meloney	Wahl, Faith
Dutchak, Dawson	Link, Eric	Walker, Stephanie
Gjellstad, Melissa	Mamaghani, Iraj	Wise, Richard
Halcrow, Steven	Matz, Adam	Worley, Deborah
Hammond, Sean	McGinniss, Michael	Zerr, Ryan
Helleloid, Duane	Mihelich, John	
Hellwig, Beth	Milavetz, Barry	
Homstad, Stephanie	Newman, Robert	
Hume, Wendelin		

3.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

Borowicz, Taylor	Korsmo, Danielle	Perkins, Dexter
Chew, Jack	Kostrzewski, Diana	Peterson, Karen
Henley, Amy	Lian, Gracie	Shea, Heather
Henneman, Emily	Liu, Jun	Spaeth, Andria
Hufford, Jordan	Menard, Dominique	Tande, Brian
Jedlicka, Janet	Munski, Douglas	Weber, Bret
Johnson, Erika	Myers, Brad	Wilson, Nick
Juntunen, Cindy	Nonte, Stephen	Xiao, Feng
Kalbfleisch, Pamela	Orvedal, Casey	

4.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the upcoming Town Halls on Monday, November 8, 2021 to answer COVID-19 questions the UND community may have.

5.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the University Council on November 15, 2021, at 3:00pm.

6.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the "31 Days of Glory" staff professional development fundraiser is ongoing until November 17, 2021, or until 600 tickets are sold.

7.

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

8.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the Standard Start Times. Feedback is requested from all senators and their constituents.

9.

Mr. Shivers, Mr. Breaux, and Mr. Flanagan discussed bookstore concerns including fall 2021 results, plans for the spring 2022 semester, and store support. The fall 2021 term had 64 course concerns, but many were supply chain issues. Sales are up, but costs have fallen for each book. The UND bookstore gets sources from 227 different vendors. Only 55% of courses has chosen spring books. The orders were due October 15, 2021. Please continue to reach out to Kevin Flanagan and Kyra Gill as necessary. A new course materials manager will be announced soon.

10.

Ms. Mongeon-Stewart called attention to the CARES/HEERF funds. UND has gotten funds from CARES (Coronavirus Relief Fund), HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund), FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration), ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021), and miscellaneous federal funds for specific work.

11.

Ms. Shea, Ms. Novak, and Ms. Andrews were on hand to discuss UND's annual United Way campaign. There has been a shift in what and how the United Way works with the community. There is a new focus on homelessness.

12.

The was not an update regarding the Council of College Faculties.

13.

Mr. Schill brought updates from the Staff Senate. The Staff Senate is working a tuition waiver based on HB 1820.

14.

Mr. Reedy brought updates from Student Government. They are producing a charter on campus safety. The Student Government is also supporting experiential learning. They are using a product called Ripon.

15.

Mr. Link called attention to some good news. We received \$2 million to award aviation scholarships. We received a donation to get an endowed chair for transitional medicine. As noted in a university-wide communication, UND is determining if our federal dollars require mandatory COVID vaccinations. Our current strategic plan ends in 2022. UND is beginning its new planning for a new one. The special legislative session begins next Monday. We may secure funding for a Merrifield and Twamley update.

16.

Quorum was established.

17.

Without objection, the minutes from the October 7, 2021, University Senate meeting were filed.

18.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the updated proposal of the development of a standing University Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Ms. Oancea also called attention to the development of a joint resolution with student government to support healthcare research.

19.

The 20 minute question and answer period began at 4:34pm. Ms. Laguette talked about the TTaDA new Blackboard answering system. Why is the change over three weeks during the winter break? There does not seem to be enough time to train on the changes. Mr. Wilson will provide a short survey with the larger group. The question period ended at 4:39pm.

20.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the Faculty Instructional Development Committee Report. Without objection, the report was filed.

21.

Ms. Oancea called attention to the University Senate Committees on Committees Fall 2021 Report. Without objection, the report was filed.

22.

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

23.

Ms. Legerski moved to approved the development of a standing University Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Mr. VanLooy seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Scott Correll, Secretary
University Senate