

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2021

I. Call to Order—*meeting called to order by President Salajan at 3:02pm.*

II. Attendance

Faculty Senate Members		Substitutions	Present
Molly Secor-Turner, Past President			x
Florin Salajan, President			x
Ali Amiri, Parliamentarian			x
Christopher Byrd	AFSNR		x
Tom DeSutter	AFSNR		x
Andrew Green	AFSNR		x
Jeremy Jackson	AFSNR		x
Ryan Limb	AFSNR		x
Birgit Pruess	AFSNR		x
David Ripplinger	AFSNR		x
Guiping Yan	AFSNR		x
Eric Berg	AFSNR		x
Qi Zhang	AFSNR		x
Bakr Aly Ahmed	AHHS		x
Anastassiya Andrianova, Acting President Elect	AHHS		x
Lisa Arnold	AHHS		x
Sean Burt	AHHS		x
John Creese	AHHS	Ellen Rubenstein	x
Pam Emanuelson	AHHS		
Kristen Fellows	AHHS		x
Holly Hassel	AHHS		x
Dan Pemstein	AHHS		x
Onnolee Nordstrom	BUS		x
Fred Riggins	BUS		x

Ruilin Tian	BUS		x
Eric Asa	ENG		
Long Jiang	ENG		x
Zhibin Lin	ENG		x
Majura Selekwa	ENG	Robert Pieri	x
Changhui Yan	ENG		x
Shannon Harriger	HP		x
Mary Larson	HP		x
Sharon Nelson	HP		x
Stephen O'Rourke	HP		x
Sara Thompson	HP		x
Amelia Asperin	HSE		x
Katie Lyman	HSE		x
Kimberly Overton	HSE		x
Tom Carlson	HSE		x
Laura Aldrich-Wolfe	SM	Erin Gillam	x
Josef Dorfmeister	SM		x
John Hershberger	SM		
Ken Lepper	SM	Lydia Tackett	x
Mark McCourt	SM		x
Kent Rodgers	SM		x
Abraham Ungar	SM		x
Pinjing Zhao	SM		x

III. Adoption of the Agenda—*motion to adopt by Proxy Sen. Pieri, seconded by Sen. Lyman. Vote by acclamation, passed unanimously.*

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2021—*motion to approve by Proxy Sen. Pieri, seconded by Proxy Sen. Gillam. Vote by acclamation, passed unanimously.*

V. Announcements

1. Dean Bresciani, President - *anticipating that the rollout of vaccines will include students and faculty soon. Sen. Andrianova asked how many students will get vaccinated by fall and if those numbers could be made known. Will faculty have a choice to continue teaching remotely in the fall if vaccination rates remain low?*

President Bresciani responded that it is uncertain if we can find these numbers out and will rely on public health experts to make decisions.

2. Margaret Fitzgerald, Provost - *no announcements.*
3. Florin Salajan, Faculty Senate President - *encouraged unified response to the incident that happened on campus this morning.*
4. Molly Secor-Turner, Faculty Senate Past-President - *provided a brief update on Senate Bill 2030, which was referred to the House Appropriations Committee.*
5. Anastassiya Andrianova, Faculty Senate Acting President-Elect - *expressed concern about events this morning. Also, Thrifty White Pharmacy is now allowing people to sign up for class 1C vaccinations, including faculty.*
6. Maggie Latterell, Staff Senate President - *Staff recognition award nominations are open until March 15th; the presentation of awards will take place at the June 2nd Staff Senate Meeting. More information:*

https://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate/staff_recognition_award/#:~:text=NDSU%20Staff%20Recognition%20Awards&text=Each%20recipient%20will%20receive%20a,benefit%20to%20the%20University%20community.

The Gunkleman Award nominations are open for faculty, staff, and students until March 29th. Presentation of awards will be on May 7th at 3pm. More information:

https://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate/committees/gunkelman_award/

7. Kylee Arndt, Student Body Vice-President - *reminded faculty to put out course materials early for students. Grants from Student Government are still available for campus projects.*
8. Philip Hunt, Registrar - *no announcements.*

VI. Committee and other reports

1. Budget Committee Report - *no report. The committee meets on March 9, 2021.*

VII. Consent Agenda - *motion to approve by Proxy Sen. Pieri, seconded by Sen. Lyman. Vote by electronic poll: 43 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions. Consent agenda is approved.*

1. UCC Report
2. Policy 156.1
3. Policy 509

VIII. Unfinished Business

1. None

IX. General Order

1. Amendment of Article IV, Section 5 of Faculty Senate Bylaws - *motion to approve by Sen. Secor-Turner, seconded by Sen. Lyman. Sen. Arnold asked to clarify Section 1B related to representation from CSWF. Why is that person recommended by the Executive Committee? President Salajan explained that committee members are representatives from their colleges and that the CSWF is an additional member not representing a college and is asked by FSEC to serve on the committee. Vote by electronic poll: 41 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions. Motion approved by a 2/3 majority vote.*

X. New Business

1. Faculty Senate Resolution on ND Senate Bill 2030 Amendment - *motion to approve by Proxy Sen. Pieri, seconded by Sen. Andrianova. Sen. Lyman provided an overview of the collaborative effort with FSEC, Provost Fitzgerald, and Dr. Boyer. Sen. Lyman motioned to amend the language regarding the HLC accreditation, seconded by Sen. Jackson. The HLC has not taken a stance on this issue. President Salajan offered the following revision from his email conversations with Dr. Boyer: "Whereas legislative overreach via that proposed educational and research restrictions may jeopardize professional program accreditations, now, be it..." Sen. Lyman suggested taking all the accreditation language out of the resolution so as not to dilute the focus on academic freedom and the First Amendment. Dr. Boyer recommended removing institutional accreditation if accreditation is not the focus. Provost Fitzgerald expressed concern with implying the HLC will remove accreditation since HLC has expressed it will not interfere with our accreditation. Proxy Sen. Pieri suggested using language that addresses professional programs. Called the question on amendment; vote by electronic poll: 43 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention. Motion passed.*

Sen. Rodgers expressed constituent concern about the use of the word "liberal" in the resolution because it is a trigger for many legislators, and recommended removing the word "liberal" in the third whereas. Sen. Secor-Turner suggested adding "liberal arts" rather than "liberal." Sen. Burt suggested using quotation marks around the borrowed language of the Merrill Land-Grant Acts. Sen. Pemstein suggested a compromise of adding "arts" in brackets inside the quotation. Motion to add arts in brackets and the use of quotations by Sen. Secor-Turner, seconded by Sen. Pemstein. Sen. McCourt expressed opposition. Sen. Andrianova supported the amendment.

Sen. Rodgers also expressed support. Called the question on amendment; vote by electronic poll: 34 yes, 3 no, 5 abstentions. Amendment approved.

Sen. Andrianova asked if we should include information about the impact of the amendment on students, as previously discussed in FSEC. Asked for Student Government to provide an update. Student Senate President Matthew Friedmann responded that Student Government is working on a resolution and is ready to testify and present that perspective to the state legislature. Sen. Lyman suggested that since Student Government has it covered, we do not include any additional language pertaining to student impact. Main motion to approve the amended resolution called to question. Vote by electronic poll: 40 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention. Motion to approve the resolution as amended passed. Sen. Pruess reported that NDUS will be opposing SB2030 per her conversation with VC Lisa Johnson.

2. Proposed Amendments to the Council of College Faculties Constitution and Bylaws - *motion to approve by Proxy Sen. Pieri, seconded by Sen. Ahmed. Vote by electronic poll: 37 yes, 0 no, 4 abstentions. Motion approved.*
 3. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the North Dakota General Education Council - *motion to approve by Proxy Sen. Pieri, seconded by Sen. Arnold. Vote by electronic poll: 38 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions.*
 4. Policy 152.2 - *move to approve by Sen. Green, seconded by Proxy Sen. Pieri. Motion to amend the policy by Sen. Larson: move the last two sentences ahead of the changes in blue to section 2. Seconded by Sen. Ungar. Vote on the amendment by electronic poll: 22 yes, 9 no, 8 abstentions. Amendment approved. Called the question on the main motion to approve the amended policy, vote by electronic poll: 35 yes, 0 no, 5 abstentions. Policy approved.*
 5. Policy 158.1 - *motion to postpone to the next meeting by Sen. Larson, seconded by Limb. Vote by acclamation, passed unanimously.*
- XI. Adjournment - *motion to adjourn by Proxy Sen. Pieri, seconded by Sen. Ahmed. Vote by acclamation, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:36pm.*