

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2021

- I. Call to Order - *meeting called to order by President Salajan at 3:01pm.*
- II. Attendance.

Faculty Senate Members		Substitutions	Present
Molly Secor-Turner, Past President			x
Florin Salajan, President			x
Ali Amiri, Parliamentarian			
Christopher Byrd	AFSNR		x
Tom DeSutter	AFSNR		x
Andrew Green	AFSNR		x
Jeremy Jackson	AFSNR		
Ryan Limb	AFSNR		x
Birgit Pruess	AFSNR		x
David Ripplinger	AFSNR		
Guiping Yan	AFSNR		x
Eric Berg	AFSNR		
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		x
Pam Emanuelson	AHHS		x
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		x
Long Jiang	ENG		
Zhibin Lin	ENG		
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		x
Josef Dorfmeister	SM		x
John Hershberger	SM	Warren Christensen	x
Ken Lepper	SM		x
Mark McCourt	SM		x
Kent Rodgers	SM		x
Abraham Ungar	SM		x
Pinjing Zhao	SM		x

- III. Adoption of the Agenda - *motion to approve by Pieri, seconded by Aly Ahmed. Vote by acclamation, passed unanimously.*
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2021 - *motion to approve by Pieri, seconded by Aldrich-Wolfe. Vote by acclamation, passed unanimously.*
- V. Announcements.
- a. Dean Bresciani, President - *The work of those who pushed against the bill was effective and resulted in the Governor line item vetoing the penalties associated with the amendment to Senate Bill 2030. It seems that everyone is in agreement that the Chancellor or the SBHE will need to request a legal review of the constitutionality*

and legality of the bill from the State's Attorney General. This leaves us in a "poorly defined" situation moving forward.

- b. *Margaret Fitzgerald, Provost - FS Budget Committee and Provost will be hosting two open forums about budget reprioritization this week. Question from Aldrich-Wolfe: Given that vaccine uptake is around 20% and plateaued, especially for 18-22 year-olds, what is the plan for a safe restart in the fall and what options are there for keeping students and faculty safe? Provost Fitzgerald reported we have seen good attendance at vaccine clinics on campus. We will continue to offer the vaccines on campus and over the summer, and provide encouragement and education regarding vaccination. Currently in conversation about allowing faculty to continue to enforce mask mandates in their classrooms. As far as classroom capacity, we will continue to follow state guidelines. Follow-up question from Aldrich-Wolfe regarding lack of statewide mask mandate. President Bresciani: State mask mandates can be an option for faculty in their classrooms.*
- c. *Florin Salajan, Faculty Senate President - Thanked faculty and Senators for work on SB 2030. Thanked President Bresciani for the guidance and work he did for educating the Governor and representatives regarding SB 2030, and thanked Provost Fitzgerald for taking a stance to protect academic freedom. Thanked outgoing Senators for their service to the Faculty Senate. Thanked Dr. Secor-Turner for her service as Past-President and willingness to continue to serve in that capacity next year.*
- d. *Molly Secor-Turner, Faculty Senate Past-President - no announcements.*
- e. *Anastassiya Andrianova, Faculty Senate Acting President-Elect - no announcements.*
- f. *Joshua Schroetter, Staff Senate President - Past-President Latterell as substitute: video of Gunkelman Awards will be available soon.*
- g. *Carl Ludewig, Student Body President - not present.*
- h. *Philip Hunt, Registrar - Reminder that grades are due at noon on May 18th. Commencement this Saturday at 10 and 2. Look for additional information about FERPA training coming up.*
- i. *Amelia Asperin, HSE Senator - Shared information about the Student Voice project. Throughout the year there were listening sessions with students on campus from underrepresented groups. Summary documents will be posted on the Dean of Students website this summer. Encouraged faculty to review them to learn more about student perspectives on issues such as diversity, equity, and inclusion. The*

project will continue next year, and the Dean of Students is looking for another Faculty Senate representative.

VI. Committee and Other Reports.

- a. *Budget Committee report - given by Dr. Miller. Budget Committee discussed the Huron Consulting Report last week and supported formation of two university committees to work on graduate tuition waivers and low enrollment courses. Invited participation in upcoming open forums. College Deans have received individual college-level reports that should be shared with faculty. Huron has not made any recommendations to cut programs, rather provided a mirror for us to reflect on how we should move forward. Provost Fitzgerald added that two Deans are continuing to work on their models. Rodgers asked if the final Huron report will be available to faculty. Dr. Miller stated the intent of the budget committee is to make all documents publicly available.*

VII. Consent Agenda.

- a. *UCC Report - motion to approve Pieri, seconded by Aly Ahmed. Motion by Lepper to remove the UCC report from the consent agenda and move it to new business. Seconded by Rodgers. Vote by electronic poll: 30 yes, 6 no, 3 abstentions. The motion passed and the UCC Report was removed from the Consent Agenda.*

VIII. Special Order

- a. *Election for the Faculty Senate President-Elect*
- b. *Nominations: 1) Dr. Anastassiya Andrianova - Andrianova provided a statement. Vote by electronic poll: 35 yes, 1 no, 3 abstentions. Andrianova elected President-Elect.*

IX. Unfinished Business - none.

X. General Order

- a. *NDSU grading system change proposal - Andrianova motion to refer the proposal to an ad hoc committee to work on the details of the proposal and include the following members: the Registrar, a student representative, a Graduate Council representative, and a member from each College. Seconded by Pieri. Aly Ahmed claimed the proposal is clear and asked we vote on acceptance of the plus/minus*

system and vote separately on the concern related to the percentages. Rodgers reported support for the plus/minus scale is not unanimous. Lepper reported his constituents were confused and opposed. Burt added opposition and concern from an OTL reading group on the book Ungrading, and supported referral to an ad hoc committee for review. Pieri added confusion and opposition. Asperin added she surveyed her department and 42.9% wanted to leave the grading scale alone, 28% support the plus/minus system but not the scale proposed, and 28% support the proposal as written; agreed with several reasons brought up by Burt. Tian added additional concerns. McCourt reported a diversity of opinions from his college but added individual support for the plus/minus system. Zhao added support of referral to the ad hoc committee, and requested the ad hoc committee also consider the addition of A+ option. Andrianova added there is a lack of student perspective and the ad hoc committee would allow for the addition of this, including graduate student perspective. Vote by electronic poll: 32 yes, 6 no, 1 abstention. Motion passed.

XI. New Business.

UCC Report added - motion to approve Pieri, seconded by Larson. Motion by Lepper to remove CSCI 428/628 from the UCC Report, seconded by Yan. Lepper explained the reason why this course needs further revision before approval and requested that it be removed from the UCC report for approval. Vote by electronic poll: 31 yes, 1 no, 7 abstentions. Motion passed. Vote on main motion to approve the UCC report as amended by electronic poll: 35 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention. Motion passed.

- a. *Proposed amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution - motion to approve by Pieri, seconded by Secor-Turner. Pieri motion to add Emeritus Faculty to eligible faculty list, seconded by Rodgers. Hassel asked if we have clear policy language around rights and responsibilities of Emeritus faculty. Could be problematic if this is not the case. Arnold replied that the Faculty Affairs committee has been working on articulating this and will present to Faculty Senate in the fall. Vote by electronic poll: 18 yes, 15 no, 2 abstentions. Motion passed. Vote by electronic poll on main motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution: 29 yes, 3 no, 3 abstentions. Motion passed.*

- b. Proposed amendments to the Faculty Senate Bylaws - *motion to consider the proposed amendments at the next Faculty Senate meeting by Pieri, seconded by McCourt. Vote by electronic poll: 32 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions. Motion passed.*
 - c. Formation of ad-hoc committee for internationalization and global engagement - *motion to approve by Pieri, seconded by Aly Ahmed. Salajan clarified the committee would include three Faculty Senate members, a representative from the Office of International Student and Study Abroad Services, and a Graduate Council representative. McCourt asked for clarification of the work of this group. Salajan responded the committee would make recommendations for a long-term strategy for the university to help internationalize the curriculum. Tanya Kramer from the ISSA added support for the proposal. Vote by electronic poll: 29 yes, 0 no, 4 abstentions. Motion passed.*
- XII. Adjournment - *motion to adjourn by McCourt, seconded by Secor-Turner. Vote by acclamation, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:34pm.*