

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 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	Robert Hearne	x
Ryan Limb	AFSNR		x
Birgit Pruess	AFSNR		x
David Ripplinger	AFSNR		
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		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 Jian	ENG		x
Zhibin Lin	ENG		x

Majura Selekwa	ENG		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 Overson	HSE		x
Tom Carlson	HSE		x
Laura Aldrich-Wolfe	SM		x
Josef Dorfmeister	SM		x
John Hershberger	SM		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 Sen. Aly Ahmed, second by Sen. Emanuelson. Vote by acclamation; passed unanimously.*

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2020. - *Motion to approve by Sen. Secor-Turner, second by Sen. Larson. Vote by acclamation; passed unanimously.*

V. Announcements.

1. Dean Bresciani, President - *Reports being busy with legislative session. All of the sessions are now videocast, so all of us can listen to the entirety of any hearing. This means that someone from NDSU can listen to all hearings to become aware of any issues that may affect NDSU and/or UND. However, this is very time consuming, and the current system limits who can speak; looking into ways for campus representatives to participate in the hearings. NDSU main appropriations hearings are Wednesday of next week, as well as Agriculture appropriations and Northern Plains Transportation Institute, Forest Service, and Northern Crops. Mood continues to be overall positive toward higher education.*

Question by Sen. Selekwa: What is the outcome of the work that has been done on campus regarding hate speech? President Bresciani reported that the task force has been working on a policy regarding the bar at which campus will be notified of incidents. Draft report will be submitted this week, and the task force will complete its work.

2. Margaret Fitzgerald, Provost - *no announcements. Conversation with Colleagues set for Thursday afternoon (1/14/21).*

3. Florin Salajan, Faculty Senate President - *Reports working on filling the Faculty Senate Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Standing Committee. Has received nominations from all but two colleges. Also, reminder that a request has been sent out over email for nominations to serve as a representative to the NDUS Retirement Plan Oversight Committee on CCF.*

4. Molly Secor-Turner, Faculty Senate Past-President - *no announcements.*

5. Anastassiya Andrianova, Faculty Senate Acting President-Elect - *no announcements.*

6. Maggie Latterell, Staff Senate President - *Reminder and invitation for virtual NDSU Day of Honor, Wednesday 1/13/21 at 2:30pm. The Zoom link/information will go out over email. Video will be made accessible following the event.*

7. Matthew Friedmann, Student Body President - *Thanks Faculty Senate leadership for supporting diversity, equity and inclusion on campus and the pass/fail deadline extension last semester, which received positive feedback from students and is the most important achievement of Student Senate. Students are excited to be back and get the semester going, and are looking forward to more face-to-face instruction on campus.*

8. Philip Hunt, Registrar - *no updates or announcements. Sen. Aly Ahmed asked to follow up regarding the change to a +/- grading system. Registrar Hunt reported that the grading software system does support +/- grading, but that the change would need to be processed through the faculty governance system and the NDUS system.*

9. Stacy Duffield, OTL Director - *Introduction of Dr. Duffield as the new director of the Office of Teaching and Learning. Reminder of services available: Group Decision Center, peer review of teaching, individual consulting/support for assessment and instructional design and redesign, and K-12 educator courses.*

VI. Committee and Other Reports.

1. Budget Committee report - *Committee has not met since last Faculty Senate meeting. No report. Provost Fitzgerald reports that Huron Consulting was selected for Strategic Prioritization process. Contract starts on Jan. 18th.*

2. General Education Committee report - see attached *General Education Report to Senate* (sent to Faculty Senate over email on Jan. 11th). Highlights provided by Dr. Boyer (Director of Assessment and Accreditation) and Sen. Hassel. Two previous Higher Learning Commission Review teams have identified that NDSU lacks a consistent and systemic approach to General Education assessment of student learning across programs. Working to create a systemic and sustainable assessment that is focused on improving future student learning. Currently continuing with the 5-year assessment cycle of Gen Ed courses previously established while looking ahead to revisions of the current Gen Ed program. In the process of gathering relevant evidence, providing faculty support related to Gen Ed on campus, and updating the website. President Salajan explained that General Education was voted as one of Faculty Senate's priorities, which is why the committee was asked to provide a report.

VII. Consent Agenda.

1. Policy 156
2. Policy 338
3. Policy 605
4. Policy 816
5. Policy 817

Sen. Andrianova move to approve consent agenda, second by *Sen. Aly Ahmed*. No discussion. Vote by electronic poll: 41 yes votes, 1 no vote, 2 abstentions. Consent agenda approved.

VIII. Unfinished Business.

Sen. DeSutter motion to remove the previously tabled letter of support for Provost Fitzgerald from the table; second by *Sen. Green*. Vote by electronic poll: 25 yes votes, 10 no votes, 6 abstentions. Motion approved.

Dr. Hearne proxy motion to enter executive session, second by *Sen. McCourt*. Vote by electronic poll: 37 yes votes, 3 no votes, 2 abstentions.

Entered executive session at 3:50pm. Those in attendance during executive session: President Salajan, Senators Secor-Turner, Ungar, Hershberger, Zhang, Andrianova, Asperin, Green, Pruess, Byrd, Pemstein, Asa, Berg, Riggins, Yan, Creese, Dorfmeister, Lyman, Lepper, Rodgers, Overton, Fellows, Aldrich-Wolfe, Arnold, Jiang, Selekwa, McCourt, Nordstrom, Emanuelson, Zhao, Tian, Limb, Thompson, Burt, Harriger, Nelson, O'Rourke, DeSutter, Lin, Aly Ahmed, Hassel, and Angela Bachman.

Discussion. Vote by electronic poll. Motion failed. Letter of support not approved.

Sen. Aly Ahmed motion to end executive session, second by Sen. Lepper. Vote by acclamation, passed unanimously.

Exited executive session at 4:18pm.

IX. New Business.

1. Policy 801 - *Sen. Larson motion to approve, second Sen. Secor-Turner. Sen. Rodgers expressed concern regarding the rationale for the change in policy. Explained he received explanation that points 5 and 6 are removed as they are procedural. Sen. Rodgers suggests that point 5 remain in the policy. Sen. Larson amended motion to retain item 5 in the policy, seconded by Sen. Secor-Turner. Vote by electronic poll: 35 yes votes, 0 no votes, 2 abstentions. Motion approved.*

2. NDSU Counsel legislative overview on faculty interaction with legislators (discussion only item) - *Sen. Andrianova motion to postpone until the next meeting, second by Sen. Secor-Turner. Vote by electronic poll: 36 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstention.*

X. Adjournment. - *Motion to adjourn by Sen. Aly Ahmed, second by Asperin. Vote by acclamation; unanimous approval.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:32pm.