

Agenda

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Zoom

Reading of the Land Acknowledgement by Latterell

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Attendance Report** by Amanda Reil – 40 present, 7 absent, 1 excused. Next year meetings will be hybrid, reservations in the MU have been made. Question to the body to guess how many people are likely to attend in person so that we can estimate in person attendance for catering estimates.
- III. **Consent Agenda** – (policy details here: https://www.ndsu.edu/policy/senate_coordinating_council/) - None
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Agenda** – Meeting approved with minor changes, Dan Nygaard to give campus recognition report and the Food Pantry Taskforce merged to Campus Engagement by Helgaas/Hodson. Motion Passed.
- V. **Campus Kudos** by Dan Nygard – Awards were presented to the following people: Krista Williams nominated by Carin Engler, Esther McGinnis nominated by Shannon Ueker, Rose Rubenstein nominated by Betsy Carter, Roland Hall and Greg Heilman nominated by Tammy Fraase.
- VI. **Student Government Report** by Carl Ludewig – Great to see everyone with their camera on. Currently a Junior studying Geology. Laura Friedman Junior studying Mechanical Engineering. Laura will be the one attending meetings next year. One new change to Student Government – a new executive position has been added for diversity and inclusion. Olivia Thomas, a freshman in Criminal Justice will be filling this position in the coming year. Thank you for everything you have done in the last year and a half.
- VII. **Faculty Senate Report** by Florin Salajan – Thank you to everyone for all of the work done this last year, everything you do to make campus work and keep the wheels turning. It's great to know that we are colleagues and help to make the campus what it is. Thank you for the initiatives on DEI and everything else you do in shared governance. And thank you to president Latterell for her expert steering and for collaborating this year. Look forward to working with President-elect Schroetter.
Senate bill 2030, senate has adjourned but the bill is on the Governor's desk and he has until May 18th to make a decision. The outcome is uncertain. Will be sending out an email to faculty to remind them that the bill is still undecided and ask as to whether they would like to contact the governor to advocate for vetoing the bill. Ask that we support the faculty on SB2030 and to reach out to the governor. The petition that went out a few weeks ago – thank you for participating- was signed by more than 14000 people across NDSU. Half were students- thank you to them. 18% were staff, which is also great. Thank you for joining that effort.
Return to campus will be an important part of our focus for the summer.
- VIII. **Announcement from President Bresciani** – Thank you all. Want to recognize the unprecedented level of respect, collaboration and cooperation between the senates. Compliments to the current and incoming leadership. This is great and something to try and continue in the future for the future of the university. Following up on the legislative session issues, SB2030 will be cataclysmic if it becomes a reality. Even if the governor does not veto it there are other avenues that we will pursue. All 11 presidents voted in unison and with no discussion to forgo the Challenge Grant funding if the amendment was attached to it. SB2030 aside we had a very good session. The legislatures recognize the damage done to campuses with previous cuts and we got our requested budget request intact in spite of cuts requested by the Governor. Also had the Agriculture Product Utilization center approved (\$74-85 million). This will be a statewide agriculture building and will have economic impact across the state's agricultural sector. We also got the research funding initiative approved. This is a project that we've been working on with UND and business leaders for 5 years. Got modest cost of living increases. A number of other projects across campus were also being privately funded. 4 major construction projects will be ongoing this summer and it's very exciting. A lot of street and infrastructure projects. The completion of Sugihara Hall and the demolition of Dunbar and Agricultural Engineering building next to the brook this fall will open up some park space in the center and add a really neat amenity to campus with a lot of green space.
- IX. **Approval of Wednesday, April 7, 2021 Staff Senate Meeting Minutes** – Leach/Young to approve.

Motion passed.

X. Treasurer's Report by Tina Exner - \$589.88 in appropriated, \$6605.61 in local, 239.80 in scholarship.

XI. Public Relations Officer Report by Olivia Buller – Thank you for your continuing engagement with our Facebook Page. Happy to get everything posted and let everybody know what we have going on.

XII. Committee Reports

A. Elections by Elizabeth Cronin – Elections will be at the end of the meeting. Positions will be posted in the chat. Election Ballot: https://ndusbpos-my.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/elizabeth_cronin_ndus_edu/EXQPNq2vuUBJoWYMgQnDyCABmEd5ukNUjjkbEKEXPIPRUQ?e=bx0T1r

No nominations were received for Secretary. This position will be last on the ballot so you have time to think about it. Ramsett offered an endorsement of the position.

B. Legislative and Bylaws by Jeremy Kopp – No Report.

C. Information Technology by Ben Bernard – There were email problems this morning – refresh browser/clear cache to fix the problem. Let help desk or Bernard know if you need help.

D. Scholarship by Kay Hopkins – We have reviewed the applications and awarded 4 staff and 10 for dependents for a total of \$2600. Notifications will be going out after confirmation of numbers.

E. Staff Development by Cora Crane – No Report.

F. Staff Recognition by Dan Nygard – We have completed evaluating the Staff Recognition Awards and will make notifications this week. The awards presentation will be at the beginning of the June 2nd Staff Senate Meeting.

G. Campus Engagement by Fred Hudson and Carin Engler – We have successfully distributed 4000 of our pins, reaction has been very positive. Thanks to everyone who have worked to distribute these across campus. We've had 180 meals distributed through swipe out hunger. Pantry is at 20-30 visits per week. Thank you for all of your donations. Matt Friedman will be the next coordinator. More than a meal presentation raised \$4100. A Little Food Pantry is in the works. Not sure if it was ever mentioned before, but we have someone on our task force that secured a grant for a Little Food Pantry. Paul Wraalstad is on board so Irena from the task force and Paul and FM are working on this project.

The April blood drive was a great success, Thank you. The next blood drive will be June 16th.

H. Gunkelman Award by Megan Ramsett – Thank you to everyone for your nominations. Our award ceremony will be this Friday at 3pm. We will announce this year's winner then. A reminder will go out this afternoon with the Zoom link, but the information is on the site. We hope to see you online!

I. Environmental Sustainability by Carin Engler - We had a meeting on 4/12 where we talked about Terra Cycle. It's a free, national recycling program for typically hard to recycle items like razors, toothbrushes, go-go squeeze applesauce, toothpaste tubes. Basically, you get registered for a couple of products and then when you have your minimum weight of those products met, you print a shipping label and ship those things for free back to that company. You can share your label with others for them to ship too. Some are very product specific like Aussie hair products – they only do Aussie or some brand specific beauty products. BIC might be a good one as it is any writing instrument. We could possibly have a bin for collecting but would have to get approval.

We might try to do a combined meeting in June with outgoing committee members and incoming committee members or whenever the next committee members are set

J. Senate Coordinating Council by Margaret Latterell – did not have an April meeting as no policies to discuss. May meeting has no policies but will be doing a turnover event.

K. State Staff Senate by April Helgaas –Most conversation was on SB2030.

L. Joint Committees

1. Campus Space and Facilities by Ben Bernard – No Report.

2. Library by Alicia LaFerriere – Short meeting to do officer turnover. Not much else going on.

3. University Athletics Shiloh Susag – No Report.

4. Learning Space Advisory Committee by Tina Exner – NR, meet Monday

5. Student Voice Project by Amanda Booher – Done for the year. Did a celebration thanking student and organizations for participating. Last 4 questions were regarding student perception of recent DEI projects on campus.

Question 1: Are you aware of specific NDSU commitments to improving inclusion? Overall students are aware of many ongoing conversations involving “inclusion” but can’t point to specific outcomes. Consensus is that students are aware of increased efforts and waiting to see what actually comes of it.

Question 2: What signs have you seen that indicate that the NDSU community is working on being more inclusive? Answers noted communication, protests, cultural related events, formation of committees, the crisis taskforce, messaging on the TVs. NDSU Black Lives matter is making a big impact.

Question 3: Is there information you are still waiting on or wanting to see from NDSU? Students want to learn more about the progress of various committees on campus and what is going to be difference. There is a general sense of still waiting to see what is going to be different.

Question 4: Where do students in your organization feel most included on campus? All felt very included in the organizations they had formed. Some felt included in their programs and other programs across campus. Support for welcome week across campus.

M. Ad Hoc Committees

1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee by Megan Ramsett – They are looking into how to get diversity related trainings made mandatory for NDSU employees.
2. Shared Governance by Kristi Steinmann – We are putting together report and will present our findings and recommendations at the June meeting.

XIII. Advisor Comments by Kristina Astrup – Not much. Working to get performance reviews done. Just need the ratings, please do that ASAP. Looking to have people back in the office June 7th. Will be doing a conversations with colleagues about that on June 4th.

XIV. Executive Committee by Josh Schroetter – Last meeting was short. Covered much the same things as the committee reports.

XV. President’s Cabinet by Elizabeth Cronin - President Bresciani covered most of what we talked about at our last meeting. The search committee for VP of Research and Creative Activities has started meeting and they are working on finalizing the job description. The Budget Academic Prioritization has Zoom meetings scheduled for later this week to find out more about the Huron consulting results. Check your email for the links. The new inclusion page on the website is up – it will replace the COVID tab this summer.

XVI. Outgoing Senator Recognition by Latterell – We are saying goodbye to five senators today. Thank you for your work and contributions. Please consider being a proxy or returning in the future. You are not eligible to vote in the upcoming elections, but you are welcome to stay.

XVII. Transition of Presidency

XVIII. Elections

- A. President Elect – Nomination for Fred Hudson, who has accepted the nomination. Introduction of the nominee. Motion by Swank/Exner to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion Passed.
- B. Member at Large, Executive Committee x3 – Nominations for April Helgaas, Saurabhi Satam, Kristi Steinmann. All have accepted the nomination. Introduction of each of the nominees. Motion by Swank/Leach to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion passed.
- C. Campus Space and Facilities Committee x 3 – Nominations for Ben Bernard, Wendy Leach, Saurabhi Satam, Jennifer Young. All have accepted the nomination. Introductions of the nominees and their reasons for being interested in the position. First poll: First elected is Ben Bernard. Second poll: Wendy Leach. Third poll: Jennifer Young.
- D. Library Committee Representative – Nomination for Alicia LaFerriere, who has accepted the nomination. Introduction of the nominee. Motion by Helgaas/Satam to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion passed.
- E. University Athletics Committee Representative x 2 - Nominations for Corey Landowski and Nate Robideau. Motion by Hopkins/Young close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion Passed.
- F. Learning Space Advisory Committee – Nominations for Tina Exner, Wendy Leach. Both have accepted the nomination and were given a chance to introduce themselves. Poll result: Tina Exner.
- G. State Staff Senate Representative – Nomination for Kay Hopkins. Introduction of the nominee. Motion by Exner/Leach close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion Passed.
- H. Secretary – Nominations sought. A self-nomination was submitted by Shiloh Susag. No other

nominations were received. Introduction of the nominee. Motion by Hopkins/Exner to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion Passed.

XIX. Old Business - None

XX. New Business - None

XXI. Announcements

- A. Student Emergency Fund by Carin Engler - <https://ndsufoundation.com/payroll-deduction-form/>
The student emergency fund was created 6 years ago, and donations have been low. This fund assists with replacing books, travel for funerals, insurance co-pays and aiding after a fire. Would like to put forth the idea of a fund-raising option to go toward this for the next fall.
- B. Krisanne Mogck – The model for the grandmother earth garden is on display outside of the president’s office on the first floor of Old Main.
- C. Margaret Latterell – The second weekend of streaming performance for Annie. Free tickets available. <https://forms.gle/kTAvExaWrSN94gUm9>
- D. Joshua Schroetter – An email to ask for committee preferences for the next year will be going out. It will have more information on each of these committees.
- E. Carin Engler – Don’t forget to work on your end of year reports and save those to the X drive. The due date is June 1st.

XXII. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am by Schroetter