

NDSU Faculty Senate

Minutes

February 11, 2019

Prairie Rose, Memorial Union

- I. Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by President Gillam at 3:01 PM.
- II. Attendance/Substitutions
 - Present: Gillam, Haring, Secor-Turner, Selekwa, Aly Ahmed, Andrianova, Berry, Conwell, Daigh, Del Rio Mendoza, DeSutter, Dorfmeister, Frenzel, Green, Hawley, Hearne, D. Johnson, J. Johnson, Jones, Katti, Klamm, Larson, Lepper, Li, Liu, Lyman, McCourt, K. Nelson, Park, Pemstein, Pieri, Reindl, Rodgers, Salajan, Sanders, Sassi, Swanson, Vosen Callens, Wagner, Wahl, Werremeyer.
 - Absent: Bajwa, Dybing, S. Nelson
 - Absent (Substitution): D. Johnson (Theile), Park (Braaten), Salajin (), Sanders (Wyum), Wagner (Christensen)
- III. Adoption of Agenda
 - Motion (Pieri/Hearne): Adopt the agenda. The motion carried by acclamation.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2018
 - Motion (Hawley/Hearne): Approve the previous meeting minutes. The motion carried by acclamation.
- V. Announcements
 - a. Dean Bresciani, University President
 - Good news - about a week away from the crossover within the legislature (halfway point).
 - Bonding bill (replacement Dunbar, Harris, moving Meats Lab) passed the Senate unanimously.
 - Historical note: never received funding for two buildings in same session in the past.
 - Cost of living - looks like a 2 and 2 w/ a full funding of healthcare.
 - Research funding proposal - has widespread support, but funding level is still in question (original ask was \$100M and what was put forth was \$40M, which is a percentage of Legacy Fund interest).
 - Will likely wait until end of session to decide on funding.
 - Most important aspect is getting "concept" approved.
 - Senator Ron Sorvaag has taken leadership role on bonding and research bills.
 - Thus far, session has been positive.
 - Looking at a hold-even budget (or only a very slight increase), which is encouraging and discouraging (as it is compared to a very high budget cut previously)
 - b. Ken Grafton, Provost

- No announcements (not present).
- c. Erin Gillam, Faculty Senate President
 - Bill in Senate (SB2320) - bill on "free speech" is in the pipeline.
 - Says what types of speech can be on campus.
 - Also says what faculty can speak only in class with respect to their "expertise".
 - Discussions with Chris Wilson about what are some problem spots of this proposed bill (thus far appear to be taking feedback).
- d. Molly Secor-Turner, Faculty Senate President-Elect
 - No announcements.
- e. Amanda Booher, Staff Senate President
 - No announcements (not present).
- f. Marisa Pacella, Student Body Vice President
 - Student government hosted a faculty luncheon.
 - Mason Rademacher (Executive Commissioner of Student Affairs) gave a brief overview of legislative session.
 - Tracking last week (HB1500) would change SB of Higher Education to change board to a two-board structure (NDSU and UND would be combined) - student representative advocated for merge.
 - Maintaining funding formula and transfers.
 - Testified in support of maintaining student voice on board(s).
 - Sat in on hearing for bonding bill.
 - SB2320 - thinks that bill is not going to be dropped.
 - Four areas that were concerning, and four amendments were offered (three indicated below):
 - Academic freedom - limits faculty members topics.
 - Fees - student organization wants to bring in speaker, NDSU would have to pick up security costs, instead of student organization.
 - Cause of action - violation of law would result in the ability to sue for monetary "damages".

VI. Consent Agenda

- Motion (Pieri/Hearne): Approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by acclamation.

a. UCC Report (**Attachment 1**)

VII. Unfinished Business

a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. Resolution Regarding the General Education Program at North Dakota State University (submitted by the *ad hoc* General Education Review Committee) (**Attachment 2**)
 - Two presenters (Dena Wyum from GERC and Mark Strand from UCC).
 - Wyum (GERC):
 - Explored and discussed history that lead to outcomes.

- Concerns about 100% outcome alignment.
 - Determined that not all courses can readily align with outcomes 100%.
- Concerns about HLC requirements for assessment.
 - Determined that HLC does not really define whether or not GE courses must align with outcomes.
- 100% alignment has never been approved by Faculty Senate
- Resolution would call for:
 - 60% alignment
 - New standing committee focused on addressing General Education.
 - Revising revalidation timeline.
 - Restructuring categories and associated outcomes.
 - Assessing functionality of any revisions.
- Strand (UCC):
 - May 9, 2016 - AA and GE committees were dissolved; QUEST model was voted down.
 - Roles of committees were merged and determined how to deal with GE.
 - HLC midterm report was "met with concerns".
 - Merging of outcomes with NDUS categories was required to be completed.
 - Outcomes were approved (May 8, 2017) for fitment into categories.
 - Dealing with 1st whereas of resolution:
 - Why 60%, why not 75%?
 - Believes that CULE committee settled on these outcomes with the good faith idea that they are all important.
 - 2nd whereas:
 - Should some of the outcomes be more important than others?
 - Which of the seven outcomes would not be necessary?
 - Do you want a student to graduate without some of these competencies?
 - If only require 60%, how do we ensure that all the outcomes are eventually met by the student?
 - Don't allow NDSU to be a "just get by" type of university.
 - 3rd whereas:
 - Voting for resolution is either not supporting UCC and/or not supporting the work of the committee that proposed the merging.
 - There is no student benefit to the decision.

- Motion (Hearne/Klamm): Approve the resolution (with amendment below). Yes: 33; No: 4; Abstain: 2. Motion was approved with amendment. The following senators or their substitute(s) voted aye: Aly Ahmed, Andrianova, Berry, Conwell, Del Rio Mendoza, DeSutter, Dorfmeister, Frenzel, Green, Haring, Hawley, Hearne, Johnson, Johnson, Katti, Klamm, Larson, Lepper, Li, McCourt, Mike Jones, Nelson, Park, Pemstein, Pieri, Reindl, Rodgers, Sanders, Secor-Turner, Swanson, Vosen Callens, Wagner, and Wahl; the following senators voted nay: Daigh, Salajan, Sassi, Werremeyer; the following senators abstained: Liu, Lyman
 - Discussion:
 - Clarification would be to create a standing committee (not *ad hoc*).
 - It is not clear yet the level of independence that a new committee would have.
 - A need to communicate with the UCC would be important.
 - 60% was originally approved, 100% was not approved.
 - Resolution is merely a method to affirm the 60% or to determine if there is not enough support for retaining 60% and that 100% should be given more consideration (and put forth).
- Motion (Rodgers/Lepper): Amend resolution to remove "permanent" from last whereas. Approved unanimously by acclamation.
 - Discussion (continued):
 - UCC is of the opinion that 60% or 100% do not matter for rate of getting GE revalidation (it is work to faculty either way).
- i. For reference, a document detailing the recent history of the General Education program at NDSU is included (**Attachment 3**)
- b. Edits to the Faculty Senate Bylaws (submitted by the *ad hoc* Faculty Senate Bylaws Review Committee)
 - i. Track-changed edits to the Faculty Senate Bylaws (**Attachment 4**)
 - Motion (Pieri/Werremeyer): Approve the Bylaws changes (see motion to table).
 - Discussion:
 - Senate Coordinating Council amendment suggested.
 - Motion (Secor-Turner/Berry): Amend SCC to put forward reference to NDSU Policy 714. Amendment was withdrawn by Secor-Turner.
 - Discussion:
 - NDSU Policy 714 refers to the Bylaws (it is circular).
 - Better way would be to add requisite information into Bylaws.
 - Motion to table (Rodgers/Lyman). The motion carried by acclamation.
 - Discussion:
 - Some suggested things to address for next time:
 - Standing committee for Administrative searches - make Policy

- Equity and diversity - VP for Faculty and Equity deal with these issues.

ii. Summary of all proposed changes to the Faculty Senate bylaws (**Attachment 5**)

IX. Adjourn

- Motion (Pieri/Aly Ahmed): Adjourn meeting. The motion carried by acclamation.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM by President Gillam.