

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021

I. Call to Order—*meeting called to order at 3:03 by President Salajan.*

II. Attendance

Faculty Senate Members		Substitutions	Present
Molly Secor-Turner, Past President			X
Florin Salajan, President			X
Ali Amiri, Parliamentarian			X
Christopher Byrd	AFSNR		
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		
Bakr Aly Ahmed	AHHS		X
Anastassiya Andrianova, Acting President Elect	AHHS		X
Lisa Arnold	AHHS		X
Sean Burt	AHHS		X
John Creese	AHHS	Dane Mataic	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	Jin Li	X
Eric Asa	ENG		
Long Jian	ENG		X
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		
Sara Thompson	HP		X
Amelia Asperin	HSE		X
Katie Lyman	HSE		X
Kimberly Overton	HSE		X
Tom Carlson	HSE		
Laura Aldrich-Wolfe	SM		X
Josef Dorfmeister	SM		X
John Hershberger	SM	Warren Christensen	X
Ken Lepper	SM		
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. Pieri (proxy), seconded by Sen. Aly Ahmed. Motion by Sen. Andrianova to remove item 1 under “Unfinished Business” (NDSU Counsel legislative overview on faculty interaction with legislators), seconded by Sen. Lepper. Vote to remove the Unfinished Business item by acclamation; motion passed unanimously.*

Motion by Sen. Andrianova to add the formation of an Ad-hoc Committee to Review Faculty Senate Bylaws and Constitution as item 5 under “New Business,” seconded by Sen. McCourt. Sen. McCourt called the question, seconded by Sen. Pieri (proxy). Vote by acclamation; motion for addition passed with one abstention (Sen. Pieri [proxy]). Vote for adoption of the agenda by acclamation, passed with one abstention (Sen. Pieri [proxy]).

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2021. - *Motion to approve by Sen. Pieri (proxy), seconded by Sen. Aly Ahmed. Correction to add Sen. Larson to Executive Session attendance. Minutes adopted unanimously by acclamation.*

V. Announcements

1. Dean Bresciani, President - *not present. No announcements.*
2. Margaret Fitzgerald, Provost - *Legislative updates and tracking being sent out by President Bresciani and shared with faculty by FS President Salajan. Strategic consultants have begun working on campus. Will be starting a website to share weekly updates.*
3. Florin Salajan, Faculty Senate President - *no announcements.*
4. Molly Secor-Turner, Faculty Senate Past-President - *no announcements.*
5. Anastassiya Andrianova, Faculty Senate Acting President-Elect - *no announcements.*
6. Maggie Latterall, Staff Senate President - *thanked those who participated in the Day of Honor. Nominations now open for Staff awards and close March 15th. Awardees recognized at the June Staff Senate meeting.*
7. Matthew Friedmann, Student Body President - *in collaboration with the Provost's Office, the SGA issued two grants to two instructors, Jaeha Li and Kaye Temanson. Soliciting nominations for student senators and encouraging faculty to nominate from their units. Sent out an email about myNDSU and the student events calendar to the campus employees listserv, inviting them to create profiles and publicize events.*
8. Philip Hunt, Registrar - *no announcements.*

VI. Committee and Other Reports

1. Budget Committee Report - (provided by FS President Salajan in the absence of Don Miller) *The Committee discussed Huron Consulting going through interviews with campus leaders to inform expenditure reduction. Question by Sen. McCourt about the role of the FS Budget Committee in the process of expenditure reduction. President Salajan responded that it is still being worked out. Provost Fitzgerald added that the consultants will get to know the campus climate further through interviews, town halls, and possibly focus groups. They are currently communicating with high stakeholders and will later develop a mechanism for an engagement plan with information forthcoming. Follow up question by Sen.*

McCourt about the involvement of the FS Budget Committee. The Provost noted that a larger role can be discussed.

2. Shared Governance Ad-hoc Committee Report - *Sen. Hassel reported that the committee was asked to develop a policy around shared governance. The committee includes Sen. Hassel, Sen. Pruess, Dr. Bilen-Green, and Matt Hammer (Legal Counsel). The committee drafted a policy document that articulates shared governance definitions, general principles of shared governance, and different jurisdictions. The proposed policy has been preliminarily vetted by representatives from the Staff Senate, Student Government, and Faculty Senate Executive Committee. President Salajan described the process for the policy to make its way through the Senate Coordinating Committee to be reviewed by legal counsel and then brought before the three Senates for discussion and a vote.*

VII. Consent Agenda

1. UCC Report - *motion to approve by Sen. Pieri (proxy). Vote by acclamation; approved unanimously.*

~~VIII. Unfinished Business~~

- ~~1. NDSU Counsel legislative overview on faculty interaction with legislators~~

IX. New Business

1. Confirmation of members for the Equity and Diversity Committee - *President Salajan explained that the bylaws limit this committee's membership to 5 members, one representative from the CSWF and another from the Provost's Office: the VP for Faculty Affairs and Equity. Nominations were received from all colleges.*

Motion by Sen. Andrianova to confirm all members and ask Drs. Larson and Mackey to be guests until the bylaws are amended to expand the committee's membership. Seconded by Sen. Larson. President Salajan asked for suggestions for the committee's work, to be shared either now or later. No responses. Called to question by Sen. Lepper, second by Sen. McCourt. Vote by electronic poll: 38 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstention. Motion approved.

2. Confirmation of a new member to the Academic Integrity Committee (Dogan Comez) - *Motion to confirm by Sen. Larson, second by Sen. Lepper. Vote by electronic poll; 38 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstention. Motion approved.*
3. Amendment to Article IV, Section 5 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws - *Motion to approve by Sen. Rodgers, seconded by Sen. Asperin. Vote by electronic poll: 37 yes votes, 1 no votes, 1 abstention.*
4. Formation of an Ad-hoc Faculty Legislative Committee - *The proposed ad-hoc committee would be tasked with tracking and following legislative bills in the ND legislature which are of interest to the faculty. Motion to approve by Sen. Secor-Turner, second by Sen. Rodgers. Discussion: Sen. Larson provided an example for this committee: a hearing on public employee pay raises scheduled for this Wednesday would be of high relevance to faculty. Vote by electronic poll: 38 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstention.*
5. *Formation of an Ad-hoc Committee for Review of Senate Bylaws and Constitution. - Motion to approve by Sen. McCourt, second by Sen. Andrianova. Discussion: Question by Sen. Pieri (proxy) about Article 2, Section 9 already having a role to review bylaws and constitution. Clarification by President Salajan that Article 6 is the section that directs the review and amendment of the bylaws and the section in Article 2 refers to the Secretary updating the Bylaws and Constitution for update. Sen. Lyman called the question, seconded by Sen. McCourt. Vote by electronic poll: 36 yes votes, 1 no votes, 2 abstentions. Motion approved. Please send nominations for committee members to President Salajan by Friday, Feb. 19th.*
6. Faculty Senate Resolution of Censure - *Motion to approve by Sen. McCourt, second by Sen. Jackson. Motion by Sen. DeSutter to table the discussion until a legal review is done. President Salajan ruled the motion out of order. Motion by Sen. Rodgers to enter executive session, second by Sen. Pieri (proxy). Sen. DeSutter commented that entering executive session undermines the spirit of transparency. Sen. Pruess requested the motion to table be reconsidered as it should supersede the previous motion to enter executive session. Parliamentarian Amiri confirmed that President Salajan can rule that the motion was out of order. Sen. Burt agreed that the executive session limits transparency; feedback collected by AHSS Senators from their constituents supported this. Called the question by Sen. Andrianova, seconde*

by Sen. Hassel. Vote by electronic poll: 20 yes votes, 13 no votes, 5 abstentions. Entered executive session at 4:17pm.

In attendance for executive session: President Salajan, Sen. Secor-Turner, Sen. Lyman, Sen. Andrianova, Sen. DeSutter, Sen. Burt, Sen. Lepper, Sen. Pruess, Sen. Rodgers, Sen. Larson, Sen. Riggins, Sen. Jiang, Sen. Zhao, Sen. Hassel, Sen. Li (proxy), Sen. McCourt, Sen. Fellows, Sen. Green, Sen. Nelson, Sen. Dorfmeister, Sen. Aldrich-Wolfe, Sen. Green, Sen. Berg, Sen. Aly Ahmed, Sen. Harriger, Sen. Arnold, Sen. Nordstrom, Sen. Yan, Sen. Christensen (proxy), Sen. Limb, Sen. Yan, Sen. Overton, Sen. Thompson, Sen. Pemstein, Sen. Jackson, Sen. Ripplinger, Sen. Ungar, Sen. Asperin, Sen. Pieri (proxy), Sen. Mataic (proxy), Parliamentarian Amiri.

Discussion. Vote by electronic poll: 21 yes votes, 13 no votes, 4 abstentions. Motion to approve the resolution passed.

Motion by Sen. Lepper to exit executive session, second by Sen. Pieri (proxy). Vote by acclamation; passed unanimously.

Exited executive session at 4:46pm.

- X. *Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Sen. Andrianova, second by Sen. McCourt. Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm.*