

**Meeting Minutes**

February 13, 2023

- I. Call to Order: 3:00pm.
- II. Attendance: See Appendix 1.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda.
  1. Motion to approve: Roberts/Fellows
    - i. Approved unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2023.
  1. Approved by unanimous consent.
- V. Announcements.
  1. David Cook, President
    - i. Not present.
  2. David Bertolini, Interim Provost
    - i. Reminder that the comment period for NDSU Transform closes on Feb 15. Received hundreds of emails and comments from alumni, faculty, staff, and students. Please keep it coming.
    - ii. Potentially good news from the House Appropriations regarding the budget, including funding for the Engineering building.
      - a. Question from Sen. Selekwa: the building used by NDSU Agriculture Systems is to be demolished? Prov. Bertolini: Yes. Sen. Selekwa: Is it possible to postpone demolishing it until Engineering gets a new building? Space in Engineering has been a problem for a long time. It is very congested. Prov. Bertolini: Don't know, but will ask.
  3. Anastassiya Andrianova, Faculty Senate President
    - i. Second the reminder to share feedback on NDSU Transform by Feb. 15.
    - ii. Listening sessions with Pres. Cook and Prov. Bertolini on March 1 at 3:00pm in MU Anishinaabe Theater.
    - iii. Legislative update:
      - a. SB 2247: modified to use "specified" concepts, excludes research and teaching from prohibitions, but still includes biannual surveys on climate. Received DO PASS from

committee. This bill is intended to instill fear in teaching about diversity and race.

- b. HB 1531: prohibition of application fee waivers based on “certain characteristics” (race, ethnicity, gender). Amended to include all educational costs and aid. Pres. Cook, Pres. Armacost of UND, and SBHE spoke in opposition to this bill that would impact recruitment/retention efforts.
- c. HB 1446: tenure review bill. Chancellor spoke neutral on this bill, with testimony from faculty and students opposed to it. CCF spoke in opposition, BSC and DSU submitted oral/written testimony.
- d. Q from Christensen: Why is the Chancellor neutral? The SBHE did not take an official position on the bill. Comes down to politics.

4. Florin Salajan, Faculty Senate Past-President

- i. Noted the tragedy in Turkey and Syria. 33,000 victims and could be impacting students and colleagues here at NDSU. Reach out to colleagues impacted and offer support. Comment from Sen. Selekwa: Can the Faculty Senate make statements on the oppression of students and faculty of Iran? Past Pres. Salajan: the Faculty Senate executive leadership issued a statement in October in support of students and faculty repressed by their governments in Iran and Sri Lanka. If Senators want to follow-up with a resolution, any member of the Senate can bring it to the floor.
- ii. Comment from Pres. Andrianova: If there is a resolution for any cause, submit resolution to FSEC representatives.

5. Warren Christensen, Faculty Senate President-Elect

- i. No announcements.

6. Fred Hudson, Staff Senate President

- i. One bill we are monitoring is HB 1040 relating to the public employee defined benefit retirement plan. ND Legislature thinks there will be a \$2 billion shortfall. Hearing tomorrow. Directly impacts staff, not faculty. But it impacts employees who may consider coming to work here. When the state makes it harder to get people here, that affects all of us. Keep in mind.
- ii. Forum with Provost and President: Issues about NDSU Transform, continue in March. It’s for staff, but you’re more than welcome to attend.
- iii. Gunkelman Award: nominations due in March.

- iv. This is Kindness Week: culminates on Friday, which is random acts of kindness day. Staff does this regularly, and recommends faculty do it too. Surprise somebody.
- v. Question from Sen. Smith: has your group talked about gun regulations on campus? Yes, staff opposed to them. It is more difficult to draft resolutions on the staff side, but we encourage them to talk directly to their legislators.

7. Christian Walth, Student Body President

- i. Kudos to Seth Lumley, one of our student legislative affairs committee members who is serving as our Legislature liaison.
- ii. Thrift store project: April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-5:00pm in the Sandbox, will be open in the Union near the coffee shop. Please buy clothes, all proceeds go to the student emergency fund.
- iii. Student Gov. created 10 priorities on which they will focus. Priority #3 is Dead Week, something the students are not happy about, they feel overwhelmed, looking to re-imagine it.
- iv. Making NDSU greener is also an important focus.

8. Phil Hunt, Registrar

- i. R&R hosting a training session on CLSS on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, online. The zoom link will be sent out and the session recorded and posted for future reference.

VI. Committee and Other Reports.

1. Budget

- i. Huron Report and last week's townhall. We have a new tuition incentive model, likely to be adopted, and reps on the Senate Budget Committee should have forwarded for your information. Because this was rather confusing, created own version of how the tuition reimbursement model would work. Example: a student signs up for 15 credits. There are some initial amounts that are skimmed off. Then there is 75% that's left over. 75% of THAT will go to college of instruction and 25% of THAT will go to the college of record.
- ii. Give feedback, ask questions about what you want to learn about. This will be compiled by the Budget Committee and provided to the Provost/President. We need to figure out how this will be implemented.
  - a. Question from Sen. Rao: Will this be applicable only to in-state or to out-of-state students?

- b. Question from Sen. Selekwa: Does the 25% go to the department or college? Goes to the college, and dean reallocates. Prov. Bertolini: If course is cross-listed, it goes with the instructor who taught it, regardless of where it was taught.
- c. Question from Sen. Roberts: Have they done an analysis breakdown by department? Prov. Bertolini: They are doing a more granular analysis to look at a breakdown by department rather than by college. That hasn't been done, but I have asked for that analysis.
- d. Question from Sen. Huseynov: Would it affect any planning for the colleges to hire for next years? Dr. Petersen: This is going to have a bit of a grace period, to make adjustments. Goal is for deans, Provost to have solid discussions on proposing new programs and how they can be resourced/financed. Sen. Huseynov: If I am a dean, does this model help me figure out strategic allocations? Dr. Petersen: It's a one-year lag, so there will be info on making a decision, but will be more useful for making projections into the extended future. The first year they're going to run two systems to see how the new system is different than the old model. Currently holding 14% of some pool of money for strategic investment. Sen. Huseynov: Can faculty see how this compares to the old/current model? Dr. Petersen: This was not available as a clear model, so there is no good unit of comparison. Comparison would not be meaningful.
- e. Question from Sen. Berg: Will there be a request for transparency for the deans reporting funding/reallocating decisions? Prov. Bertolini: I really can't comment, that's up to the deans. Sen. Berg: It would be useful to have software in place to check. Sen. Huseynov: Info can be accessed on PowerBI.

VII. Consent Agenda.

- 1. UCC Report
- 2. Policy 153
- 3. Policy 159
- 4. Policy 811
  - i. Approved by unanimous consent.

VIII. Unfinished Business.

IX. General Order.

X. New Business.

1. Policy 164

i. Motion to approve: Smith/Selekwa

a. Discussion

- a. Comment from Sen. McGrath: Some faculty/colleagues from unit of representation concerned with the language about class cancellations during university closure. Some programs require certain hours to meet for accreditation. VP Bilen-Green: suggestion to put in place faculty continuity plans, at the department, course level. When the University is closed, classes are cancelled. You can't meet on campus. You can't have synchronous zoom calls. You can still have reading assignments or watching a recorded lecture asynchronously. Pres. Andrianova: This is also a liability. Plus, tech folks are also not available when campus is closed.
- b. Question from Sen. Brynjulson: If students are located in other states, they are not affected by weather/closures. Does it still apply to those students? VP Bilen-Green: this is up to the department. This applies to FM area.
- c. Question from Sen. Peltier: If weather is bad in FM, but okay in Bismarck, we still meet asynchronously. Can there be any clarification on that? Follow-up Pres. Andrianova: doesn't seem equitable if some students are affected by a power outage in the affected closed area. VP Bilen-Green: the policy does not respond to that, this would be at the program/department level.
- d. Question from Sen. Hong: when classes are canceled and have agreements with other universities, how will that be addressed? Other university students take our courses, and our students take courses at other universities, as well. How do we meet our obligations? Faculty who have the means to teach synchronously should be allowed to do so. Look at the language: "Class Delivery Format may not be

modified.” Believes it goes against FS priorities. Sen. Hong teaches once per week for 3 hours. If the campus is closed, he loses one full chapter and can’t make it up.

- i. Motion to amend by adding text in point a) below: Hong/Selekwa

- 1. Discussion

- a. Text: “In the event of campus closures or class cancellations, in-person class meetings shall not be held. To ensure that students receive uninterrupted education, instructors should have contingency plans for online class delivery and clearly communicate their plans to students at the start of each semester.”

- b. Comment from Past Pres.  
Salajan: In light of this discussion including various concerns, maybe revisions would be wise to add clarifying language.

- i. Motion to postpone to the next regular FS meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>:

Salajan/Roberts

- ii. Question from Sen. Selekwa: What was the motivation to revise the policy? VP Bilen-Green: Multiple closures and faculty tried to have classes, tried to give exams. Because of Tech investments by NDSU folks thought it might be okay to move to online when campus was closed.

But this caused a lot of confusion and complaints from students and parents.

iii. Question from Sen.

Tangen: Could we go back and comment on some of these issues? Past Pres.

Salajan: Please send comments to the FSEC, so we can discuss and make revisions.

iv. Motion passed: 30 AYE; 10 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN (See Appendix 2: Q1)

2. Faculty Senate Resolution in Opposition to HB 1446

i. Motion to approve: Hong/Akhmedov

a. Discussion

a. FSEC statements were included, support for CCF resolution was added.

i. Motion passed: 37 AYE; 1 NAY; 1 ABSTAIN  
(See Appendix 2: Q2)

II. Adjournment at 4:23pm: Fellows/Smith

1. Passed unanimously.

## Appendix 1: Attendance

Last Name	First Name	Substitution	Present
AKHMEDOV	Azer		X
AMIRI	Ali		X
AMBROSIO*	Tom		
ANDRIANOVA	Anastassiya		X
ARNOLD	Lisa		X
BARABANOV*	Nikita		X
BERG	Eric		X
BRYNJULSON	Rebecca		X
CHOI	Bong-jin		X
CHOI	Juwon		X
CHRISTENSEN	Warren		X
CREESE	John		X
EMANUELSON	Pam		X
FELLOWS	Kristen		X
GAO	Jerry		
HAUG	Karla		X
HERSHBERGER	John		
HONG	David		X
HUSETH-ZOSEL	Andrea		X
HUSEYNOV	Fariz		X
JEONG	Inbae		X
KILINA	Svetlana		
KIRKPATRICK	Sarah		X
KIRKWOOD	Matthew		
KRYJEVSKAIA	Mila		X
LARSON	Jamee		X
LAW	Quincy		X
LIN	Zhibin		X
MARCH	Raymond		X
MATTHEW	Sijo		X
MCGRATH	Ryan		X
NORDSTROM	Onnolee		X
PELTIER	Allison		X
PHILBRICK	Candace		X
RAHMAN	Mukhlesur		X
RAO	Jiajia		X
ROBERTS	David		X
ROSS	Darrell		X
SALAJAN	Florin		X



SECOR	Gary	DEL RIO MENDOZA, L.	X
SELEKWA	Majura		X
SMITH	Matthew		X
TANGEN	Jodi		X
TRAVERS	Steve		X
VOLD	Jessica	JIANG, L.	X
WOOD	Scott		X
YAN	Guiping		X
ZHANG	Qi		X

\* = Alternates

## Appendix 2: Voting Record

Session Name	Active Participants	Question Count
02-13-2023 4:13 PM	37	2

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Participant	Q1	Q2
AKHMEDOV, Azer	AYE	AYE
ARNOLD, Lisa	NAY	AYE
BERG, Eric	AYE	AYE
BRYNJULSON, Rebecca	AYE	-
CHOI, Bong-Jin	AYE	AYE
CHOI, Juwon	AYE	AYE
CHRISTENSEN, Warren	AYE	AYE
CREESE, John	AYE	AYE
DEL RIO MENDOZA, Luis	AYE	AYE
EMANUELSON, Pamela	NAY	AYE
FELLOWS, Kristen	NAY	AYE
HAUG, Karla	AYE	AYE
HONG, Yongtao	AYE	AYE
HUSETH-ZOSEL, Andrea	AYE	AYE
HUSEYNOV, Fariz	-	AYE
JEONG, Inbae	NAY	AYE
KIRKPATRICK, Sarah	NAY	AYE
KRYJEVSKAIA, Mila	NAY	AYE
LARSON, Jamee	NAY	AYE
LAW, Quincy	AYE	AYE
LIN, Zhibin	AYE	AYE
MARCH, Ray	AYE	ABS
MCGRATH, Ryan	AYE	AYE
NORDSTROM, Onnolee	NAY	AYE
PHILBRICK, Candace	AYE	AYE
RAHMAN, Md Mukhlesur	-	AYE
RAO, Jaja	AYE	NAY
ROBERTS, David	-	AYE
ROSS, Darrell	AYE	AYE
SALAJAN, Florin	-	AYE
SELEKWA, Majura	AYE	AYE
SMITH, Matthew	AYE	AYE

TANGEN, Jodi	NAY	AYE
TRAVERS, Steven	AYE	AYE
WOOD, Scott	AYE	AYE
YAN, Guiping	-	AYE
ZHANG, Qi	-	AYE

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Some Senators were unable to access online voting. Their voice votes are recorded below:

Q1: AYE: Barabanov, Jiang (proxy), Matthew, Rahman, Roberts, Salajan, Yan, Zhang;

NAY: Huseynov; ABSTAIN: 0.

Q2: AYE: Barabanov, Jiang (proxy), Matthew; NAY: 0; ABSTAIN: 0.