

## Meeting Minutes September 13, 2021

- I. Call to Order.
  - 1. 3:04pm by President Salajan.
- II. Attendance.

### III. 2021-2022 Faculty Senate Attendance

Last Name	First Name	Device	Sept 13	Oct 11	Nov 15	Dec 13	Jan 24	Feb 14	March 21	April 11	May 9
Aldrich-Wolfe	Laura		X								
Ambrosio*	Tom										
Amiri	Ali		X								
Andrianova	Anastassiya		X								
Arnold	Lisa		X								
Asa	Eric		X								
Berg	Eric		X								
Burt	Sean		X								
Byrd	Christopher		X								
Choi	Juwon		X								
Christensen	Warren		X								
Cooley	Dennis		X								
Creese	John										
Emanuelson	Pam		X								
Fellows	Kristen		P								
Harringer	Shannon										
Hassel	Holly		X								
Hershberger	John		X								
Hintz*	Verlin										
Hong	David		X								
Huseth-Zosel	Andrea		X								
Jackson	Jeremy		X								
Kilina	Svetlana										

Larson	Jamee										
Limb	Ryan		X								
Lin	Zhibin		X								
March	Raymond		X								
McGrath	Ryan		X								
Nordstrom	Onnolee		X								
O'Rourke	Stephen		X								
Overton	Kimberly		X								
Peltier	Allison										
Philbrick	Candace		X								
Rahman	Mukhlesur		X								
Roberts	David		P								
Ross	Darrell		X								
Salajan	Florin		X								
Selekwa	Majura		X								
Smith	Matthew		X								
Thompson	Sara		X								
Tian	Tuilin		X								
Ungar	Abraham		X								
Wood	Scott		X								
Wu	Xiangfa										
Yan	Changhui										
Yan	Guiping		X								
Zhang	Qi		X								
Zhao	Pinjing		X								

\*indicates Alternate 46 voting senators Quorum = 25.3 (26 senators must be present)

X = Present P = Proxy

**Substitutions: Johnson for Fellows and Veesham for Roberts**

IV. Adoption of the Agenda.

- Motion: To adopt the agenda: Burt/Jackson.
- Passed by unanimous consent.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2021.

- Motion to approve: Zhao/Christensen.
- Passed by unanimous consent.

VI. Announcements.

1. Dean Bresciani, President:
  - Not present.
2. Margaret Fitzgerald, Provost

- No announcements
  - No questions asked of the Provost
3. Florin Salajan, Faculty Senate President
    - Acknowledged incoming senators
    - Acknowledged executive officers and parliamentarian.
    - Thanked Professor Molly Secor-Turner for her long, extensive service to the Senate and NDSU.
    - Reminded Senators about the listening sessions and Qualtrics survey in the presidential search to allow faculty to have a voice in the process.
    - Reminded Senators if they cannot attend, then to use the proxy vote. Both the absent Senator and the substitute have to agree to the arrangement, and please avoid last minute substitutions and proxies.
    - As the Senate adjusts to being online, there will be bumps. Turning Point was causing some issues, but they will be worked on.
  4. Dennis Cooley, Faculty Senate Past-President
    - No announcements
  5. Anastassiya Andrianova, Faculty Senate President-Elect
    - No announcements
  6. Joshua Schroetter, Staff Senate President
    - Introduced himself to the Faculty Senators.
    - No announcements.
  7. Laura Friedmann, Student Body Vice-President
    - Not present.
  8. Philip Hunt, Registrar
    - Now that the FERPA training is live, if faculty have questions or issues arising from it, then please contact him or his staff.
    - The Academic Production Calendar should have been distributed by chairs and deans. If you do not have it, then please contact him.
  9. Paul Carson, Professor of Public Health
    - Made a presentation on where we are with Delta and the pandemic.
      - We are now higher in cases than we were this time last year.
      - We look to be in a better place in this geographic area than we were last year based on data collected on our campus.
      - Those who are vaccinated are at considerably less risk than those who are unvaccinated.
    - Took Questions:
      - Is using masks an effective preventative? Response: the evidence quality for mask efficacy, especially in schools, is modest. The Precautionary Principle applies - if masks do not harm people, don't cost a lot, and might help, then wear them. Dr. Carson

hopes that soon the point of wearing them will be moot when vaccines are more available to children.

- Do we have any data on adverse reactions from a third dose?  
Response: that data will be coming out soon.
- If we had higher vaccination rates, then mask mandate pushes would diminish. A vaccine mandate might cause greater long-term resistance.
- It is pretty easy to get tested in town, but less so on campus for faculty and staff. Students can get tested at Health Services.

VII. Committee and Other Reports.

1. Budget Committee report

- Nothing new to report.

VIII. Consent Agenda.

1. UCC Report

- Motion to approve: Cooley/Christensen
- Motion passed: 29 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain.

IX. Unfinished Business.

X. General Order.

1. Proposed amendments to the Faculty Senate Bylaws (Multiple Articles)

- Motion to approve: Christensen/Cooley.
- Concern was raised that there were senators who discussed it in May who are no longer part of the Senate, as well as new senators who were not in the Senate in May.
  - Motion to amend Article III: Section 7 by inserting new language in bold: Andrianova/Burt: “However, Senate approval **by a majority vote of the full senate** is required for approval of special committee members who are not members of the Faculty Senate”.
  - Motion to amend passed: Aye: 33; 1 Nay; 3 Abstentions
- Original Motion to approve passed: 34 Aye; 1 Nay; 1 Abstention
  - Motion to amend bylaws by Selekwia
  - President Salajan ruled motion out of order.

XI. New Business.

1. Proposed amendments to the Faculty Senate Bylaws (Article V, Section 6)

- Motion to add this item to the Faculty Senate agenda for the October 2021 meeting: Andrianova/Thompson
  - Motion passed: 32 Aye; 1 Nay; 1 Abstention
- Note: there will be language added to these amendments to allow the Faculty Senate to appoint a non-senator faculty member to be Secretary of

the Faculty Senate.

2. Formation of ad hoc committee on Academic Affairs organizational efficiencies.

- Motion by Cooley/Rahman to form an ad-hoc committee on Academic Affairs organization consisting of a faculty member, with budgeting and program administration experience, from each of the seven NDSU colleges and a representative from the Provost's office appointed by the Faculty Senate President. The committee will review and/or recommend revisions to Academic Affairs' organization and report to the senate.
- Discussion:
  - Pro (summary): There is a budget cut this year, likely to be additional ones in following years, especially 2026 when there will be a large drop in the potential student pool. According to SBHE Policy 305.1 NDSU's President has "full authority" to make decisions about cuts, mergers, and organization, although the President include faculty participation in her or his decision-making process. This committee would be the Faculty Senate's shared governance voice in the decision-making process. Now is the time to do something instead of across the board cuts. Need to do something different with new ways to handle cuts.
  - Con (summary): Would Senate have more success using an existing committee to utilize the established normal channels? They have established legitimacy. Program Review and the Budget Committee were raised as options. Concern expressed about whether it is timely to put a committee like this together now.
  - Question was asked about membership numbers, including whether there could be representative numbers of members instead of one per college.
- Call the Question motion by Hassel.
  - President Salajan ruled the motion out of order.

- Motion Failed: 13 Aye; 18 Nay; 4 Abstentions

XII. Adjournment at 4:40pm: Motion to adjourn: Christensen/Andrianova.

- Motion passed unanimously