

**Faculty Senate Activity Report for  
Academic Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022**

May 16, 2022

To: Dr. Anastasiya Andrianova, President-Elect  
From: Dr. Florin Salajan, President

Dear President-Elect Andrianova,

In accordance with Article II, Section 6 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws outlining the duties of the Faculty Senate President, on the final day of my term as Faculty Senate President, I am submitting this report for your review. Since my term lasted from 2020 to 2022, I will summarize the activities of the Faculty Senate for the last two academic years in reverse chronological order. I hope you will find it useful in getting a sense of the range of policy actions and other tasks accomplished in the Senate during this time.

**Academic Year 2021-2022**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Action(s) Taken</b>
May 9, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Election of President-Elect: Senator Warren Christensen elected</li><li>• Guiding Principles for Shared Governance at NDSU (passed)</li></ul>
April 11, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissolution of Grading System Change Ad Hoc Committee (passed)</li></ul>
March 21, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Faculty Senate Resolution in Support of Ukrainian Students, Faculty, and Staff (passed)</li><li>• Proposed Amendments to the CCF Constitution and Bylaws (passed)</li><li>• Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the ND General Education Council (passed)</li></ul>
February 14, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Faculty Senate Resolution on Defending Academic Freedom to Teach about Race and Gender Justice, and Critical Race Theory (passed)</li></ul>

January 24, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed Amendments to the Council of College Faculties (CCF) Constitution (passed)</li> <li>• Endorsement of NDSU Core Values (passed)</li> </ul>
December 13, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of a working group on modes of instruction (passed)</li> </ul>
November 15, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws (Article II, Section 6) (passed)</li> <li>• Proposal for prior learning assessment for the degree completion program (passed)</li> </ul>
October 11, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation of Faculty Senate Standing Committees members (passed)</li> <li>• Faculty Senate priorities for the academic year (passed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Budget reductions and strategic planning;</li> <li>○ Equity, diversity and inclusion;</li> <li>○ Internationalization and global engagement;</li> <li>○ Shared governance framework development;</li> <li>○ Innovations to attract, enroll and retain more students.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Proposed amendments to the Faculty Senate Bylaws (Article V, Section 6; Article II, Section 9) (passed)</li> </ul>
September 13, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed amendments to the Faculty Senate Bylaws (Multiple Articles) (passed)</li> <li>• Formation of an ad hoc committee on Academic Affairs organizational efficiencies (failed)</li> </ul>
Various dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisions to or new policies passed: 100, 134.1, 153, 156, 156.1, 162, 167, 311, 320, 325, 327, 335, 328, 331.1, 350.2, 350.3, 350.4, 350.5, 353, 601, 601.1, 612, 724, 823.</li> </ul>

### Academic Year 2020-2021

Meeting Date	Action(s) Taken
May 10, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of President-Elect: Senator Anastassiya Andrianova elected</li> <li>• Formation of an ad hoc committee on NDSU grading system change proposal (passed)</li> <li>• Proposed amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution (passed)</li> <li>• Formation of an ad hoc committee for internationalization and global engagement (passed)</li> </ul>

April 12, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution in support of Dr. Secor-Turner (passed)</li> </ul>
March 8, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws (Article IV, Section 5) (passed)</li> <li>• Faculty Senate Resolution on ND Senate Bill 2030 Amendment (passed)</li> <li>• Proposed Amendments to the CCF Constitution and Bylaws (passed)</li> <li>• Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the ND General Education Council (passed)</li> </ul>
February 8, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation of members of the Equity and Diversity Committee (passed)</li> <li>• Confirmation of a new member of the Academic Integrity Committee (passed)</li> <li>• Formation of an ad hoc faculty legislative committee (passed)</li> <li>• Formation of an ad hoc committee for the review of Faculty Senate Bylaws and Constitution (passed)</li> <li>• Faculty Senate Resolution of Censure of University President (passed)</li> </ul>
January 11, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of support for the Provost (failed)</li> </ul>
December 14, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faculty Senate priorities for the academic year (passed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anti-racism, diversity and inclusion;</li> <li>○ General education outcomes/assessment of student learning;</li> <li>○ Curriculum initiatives;</li> <li>○ Strategy for international and global engagement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
November 23, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of the Pass/Fail grading option for students (passed)</li> </ul>
November 9, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of an ad hoc committee to discuss and draft a resolution of censure of the University President (passed)</li> </ul>
October 19, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of Faculty Senate President (passed)</li> </ul>
October 12, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of an ad hoc committee on shared governance (passed)</li> </ul>
September 14, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ad hoc COVID committee report and recommendations (passed)</li> <li>• Confirmation of Parliamentarian Ali Amiri (passed)</li> </ul>
Various dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisions to or new policies passed: 130, 135, 143, 149, 151, 152.2, 156, 156.1, 158.1, 162, 183, 220, 230, 231, 327, 338, 350.3, 350.4, 509, 515, 601, 605, 816, 817.</li> </ul>

I trust this summary accurately captures the activity of the Faculty Senate over the last two academic years. Note that actions taken or statements issued by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee are not reflected in this report, as they were not debated or deliberated upon in Faculty Senate meetings. However, some of the outcomes of the FSEC's work are publicly available on the Faculty Senate website.

Should you find any inaccuracies or misrepresented information in this report, please let me know and I will amend it. I look forward to working with you in the next academic year in my role as Past-President, and I extend you my full support and best wishes in your duties as the new Faculty Senate President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Salajan". The signature is stylized with a large initial "F" and a long, sweeping underline.

Florin D. Salajan  
Faculty Senate President