NDSU Faculty Senate Agenda

February 10, 2020

Memorial Union, Arikara Room

I. Call to order
II. Attendance
III. Adoption of the agenda
IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes from Jan. 13, 2020
   (https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/facultysenate/Jan_13_2020_FS_Minutes.pdf)
V. Announcements
   a. Dean Bresciani, President
   b. Margaret Fitzgerald, Interim Provost
   c. Molly Secor-Turner, Faculty Senate President
   d. Carlos Hawley Faculty Senate President-Elect
   e. Elizabeth Cronin, Staff Senate President
   f. Joe Vollmer, Student Body Vice President
VI. Consent agenda
    a. UCC Report (Attachment 1)
VII. Unfinished Business
    a. Budget Resolution (Attachment 2)
VIII. New Business
    a. Policy 132: Developmental Leave (Attachment 3)
    b. SROI Changes (Attachment 4)
IX. Adjourn
### New Programs

- Bachelor of Science – Business Education
- new graduate certificate – Big Data Applied Statistics Analysis
- new graduate certificate – Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
- new graduate certificate – Investments and Applied Portfolio Management

### Program Changes

- Biotechnology undergraduate program – change AGRI 189 to MICR 189 and delete AGRI 150 as a required course.
- Community Development minor – replace SOC 404 with EMGT 410 as a required course.
- English Education – B.A./B.S. – adding more course elective choices for the Communication option.
- Economics minor – not allowing students who are Ag Economics or Agribusiness majors to declare this minor.
- University Honors Program minor – adding in HON 494 as a capstone project and replacing HON 291 with HON 251 as a core requirement.

### Program Deactivation

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### General Education Recommendations

- ENGL 122 – ESL College Composition II – revalidation for Communication category
- LANG 108 – Studies in American Language and Culture – approval for Humanities & Fine Arts and Cultural Diversity categories

### New Courses

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<td>Desc: The course is designed to provide participants with fundamental theoretical and practical knowledge in sport event principles and techniques, and issues confronting professionals in sport organizations. Through knowledge dissemination (lectures), class participation (discussions and presentations), and professional inquiry (strategic event planning and research), students will gain a further understanding of sport and event management. Prereq: HNES 190, HNES 226 and HNES 304.</td>
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<td>Experimental Developmental Psychology</td>
<td>Desc: Examination of historical and contemporary theory and research in cognitive development. Topics include development of visual processing, language skills, concepts, and social cognition, with particular emphasis on methods of investigating psychological development.</td>
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<td>SOIL 782</td>
<td>Precision Agriculture Principles for Nutrient Management</td>
<td>Desc: Advanced study of soil-plant-nutrient relationships with emphasis on precision agricultural concepts. 3 lectures.</td>
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Faculty Senate Resolution Regarding the Ad Hoc Budget Committee Formed by the Interim Provost at North Dakota State University

9 December, 2019

Authored by Kent Rodgers, Mark McCourt, Carlos Hawley, Warren Christensen, Jessica Jensen, Tim Greives, David Wittrock, Daniel Pemstein, Holly Hassel, and Bruce Maylath

Whereas, the principle of shared governance is based on transparency and open communication, and is foundational to the Faculty Senate mission at NDSU (Faculty Senate Constitution, Article 1, Section 1);

Whereas, the Faculty Senate Constitution states that “The Faculty Senate will also review, recommend, and participate in the formulation and exercise of policy with regard to: … b. The allocation of institutional resources” (Article 2, Section 2);

Whereas, the Faculty Senate maintains a Standing Budget Committee, which is comprised of one faculty member from each academic college and one faculty representative of the Graduate School;

Whereas, the Faculty Senate bylaws stipulate the following responsibilities of the Standing Budget Committee:
   a) become familiar with the University budget process,
   b) develop a set of guiding principles which align with strategic priorities, with the intent of informing University budget decisions from a faculty perspective,
   c) solicit input regarding the budget process from a wide range of faculty and on an ongoing basis,
   d) serve as a resource for the Provost in budget matters, and
   e) act as a conduit of information between faculty and Administration for budget discussions and decisions;

Whereas, the Faculty Senate Budget Committee affects the primary shared-governance mechanism through which faculty can provide representative input and recommendations on important budgetary matters, such as recent and ongoing budget cuts;

Whereas, in October 2019, Interim Provost Grafton requested that all deans conduct a 90% budget exercise to identify priorities that could guide a 10% budget cut in the current and near-term fiscal years, in anticipation of continuing austerity at NDSU;
Whereas, in November 2019, Interim Provost Grafton created a new ad hoc Budget Committee, which included only the chair of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee among its members, to review and aggregate the 90% budget submissions from the academic units via a non-transparent process;

Whereas, the use of an ad hoc Budget Committee effectively circumvents opportunity for meaningful input and recommendations by the Faculty Senate Budget Committee, thereby circumventing the ideals of shared governance;

Whereas, the recent NDSU Strategic Planning Survey revealed lack of transparency to be among NDSU's major weaknesses; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that, in the interest of meaningful shared governance, the NDSU Faculty Senate requests the immediate dissolution of the Provost's ad Hoc Budget Committee, and reassignment of its charge to the Faculty Senate Standing Budget Committee.
1. Developmental leave for retraining and/or professional development is permitted for NDSU employees after a minimum of three years of service at NDSU and every 5 years thereafter providing:

1.1 institutional resources are available.

1.2 workload is absorbed within the existing staff resource allocations.

1.3 a written proposal describing the planned use of the leave and its anticipated benefits to the institution, to the State, and to the employee is presented and approved. The proposal shall also include the detail of the source of funds for the total stipend, which would be negotiated with the appropriate supervisor, subject to final approval.

1.4 except as provided in Subsection 1.5, the employee presents a signed agreement to return to the system upon completion of the leave for a period of time at least equal to the leave time or refund the institution's stipend payment.

1.5 to assist in retrenchment efforts, developmental leave may be granted without a signed agreement to return. The employee must execute a resignation effective at the termination of the developmental leave.

1.5.1 NDSU Guidelines: If the employee finds other employment during the developmental leave, then, unless such employment is approved as part of the developmental leave program, the university's obligation under the developmental leave agreement is terminated and the employee's resignation becomes effective immediately upon such employment during the development leave.

Developmental leave may not exceed 12 months and the base stipend shall not normally be less than 25%. For developmental leave 6-12 months in duration, the base stipend for the leave period may be up to 75% of the salary scheduled; developmental leave that is 6 months or less may provide a base stipend up to 100%, nor more than 75% of the salary scheduled for the leave period.

2. Developmental leave for the Chancellor or an institution president shall be approved by the Board; developmental leave for system office staff shall be approved by the Chancellor; and developmental leave for institution employees shall be approved by the institution president or designee.

3. NDSU Guidelines for faculty and other employees applying for developmental leaves.

3.1 Prepare a proposal (2-5 pages) that includes the following:
3.1.1 An overview identifying goals, objectives, and activities planned for the leave including site(s) for the experience, collaborators, and the areas of work or research.

3.1.2 Resulting outputs from the leave (e.g. software, book, other publications, exhibitions).

3.1.3 Relationship of leave request to current skills and anticipated skill development.

3.1.4 Outline of benefits to individual, students, department, college/unit, university and/or state.

3.1.5 Requested period of leave (up to 12 months).

3.1.6 Anticipated/requested income during the leave

   --University

   --Other

An institutionally funded developmental leave stipend may be supplemented with non-appropriated funds which may bring the total stipend to an amount equal to but normally not to exceed the budgeted salary for the leave period. Funds providing for extensive travel expenses, relocation expenses, and/or educational cost incurred during the leave shall not be considered as part of the base stipend.

No annual or sick leave will accrue during the developmental leave period.

3.2 Route this proposal and a copy of the "Developmental Leave Agreement" to: (1) Departmental Chair or head (for analysis and recommendation) and the Dean (for analysis and recommendation); the request will be forwarded to the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs by the Dean; or (2) to the appropriate supervisor(s) and Vice President for analysis and recommendation.

Note: The analysis should focus on the proposed project as it benefits the individual, students, department, college/unit, university and/or state and, if leave is recommended, provide an indication of coverage for the individual's responsibilities when on leave.

3.3 When considering a request for developmental leave, inform the department chair or supervisor at least six months prior to the anticipated leave and submit the request for administrative approval at least three months prior to the leave. The appropriate Vice President can waive the timelines.

Note: Individuals other than academic staff who are interested in developmental leave should consult their vice president.

HISTORY:

New April 24, 1987
Amended April 1992
Amended March 1993
Amended October 1998
Amended March 2002
Proposed Changes to SROI Process for Review and Vote by Faculty Senate

1. **Timeline Change**
   In the original timeline approved by Faculty Senate, the transition phase in which old and new questions were included on the SROI instrument was slated to end in Spring 2021, with only newly approved items being included after that semester. This eight-year transition was meant to allow faculty hired near the beginning of the implementation period (Fall 2013) to complete a full tenure cycle in which both the original and new questions were available for PTE assessment. The committee is recommending a change to this timeline such that Spring 2020 is the last semester in which the old questions (currently 1-6) are included on student evaluations of teaching. The committee recommends this change because the continued use of these highly biased questions for teaching assessment at NDSU is problematic, and sufficient time has passed that a complete tenure cycle should have occurred for all faculty hired before or at the time of the transition to using both the old and new questions.

2. **Name Change**
   As part of our proposed revisions to the current Student Rating of Instruction (SROI) form, we propose renaming the instrument **Student Course Experience Survey (SCES)**. This new name is in line with both recent changes to NDSU policy, which emphasize that these scores should be treated as only one part of a broader evaluation of teaching, and recommendations made by the American Sociological Association (ASA) that “the instruments should be framed as an opportunity for student feedback, rather than an opportunity for formal ratings of teaching effectiveness.” This change in name reflects the revised instrument’s focus on elements students are qualified to assess as part of their course experience.

   A summary of the ASA statement can be found [here](#), and the full statement [here](#). This position statement has been endorsed by 17 other scholarly organizations.

3. **Inclusion of Introductory Statement**
   We recommend including a brief statement at the beginning of the instrument aimed at communicating the importance of student feedback and identifying known biases in student evaluations. Such standardized language has been identified as a best practice by The IDEA Center to increase measurement reliability and recent research has demonstrated that such introductory language can help mitigate gender bias. Specifically, we recommend adding the following student-friendly instructions to the beginning of all formats of the Student Course Experience Survey:

   "Student input regarding the classroom experience is important to the development and annual evaluation of faculty at North Dakota State University. However, research demonstrates that student evaluations are often influenced by considerations unrelated to the instruction they experience, including their expectations about their instructors. As you complete this survey, please respond with integrity, making an effort to focus only on the specific questions you are being asked rather than your general opinion of the instructor."
Agenda
Faculty Senate Meeting

Meeting place and time: 3:30 pm, Monday, April 8, 2013
Memorial Union, Prairie Rose Room

I. Substitutions - K. Wold-McCormick

II. Approval of March 25, 2013, Faculty Senate Minutes

III. Consent Agenda
   a. Academic Affairs Report (Attachment 1)

Any Senator can request that an item on the consent agenda be placed on the regular agenda.

IV. General Announcements
   a. President D. Bresciani
   b. Provost J. B. Rafert
   c. T. Stone Carlson, President of Faculty Senate
   d. H. Hatterman-Valenti, President-Elect of Faculty Senate
   e. L. DeGeldere, President of Staff Senate
   f. J. Beehler, Vice President of Student Body
   g. C. Wichman, Textbook Requests

V. Senate Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs – M. Harris
   b. Council of College Faculties – J. Miller
   c. General Education – A. Mara and S. Ray-Degges (Attachment 3 and Attachment 4)
   d. Ad-Hoc Committee on Assessment of Teaching – C. Ray
   e. Faculty Senate, T. Carlson
      For Discussion and Vote
         • SROI Transition Proposal (Attachment 2)
   f. Other Committee Reports

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business
   a. Proposed Bylaws Change from Commission on Status of Women Faculty

VIII. Adjournment
Student Ratings of Instruction
Transition Proposal

In 2006, North Dakota State University was ranked second to last from among 222 doctoral institutions in the AAUP Faculty Gender Equity Indicators report. One year later, a Chronicle of Higher Education article followed up on the report, highlighting a campus climate at NDSU that was “toxic” to female faculty. As one effort to improve campus climate and gender equity, Dr. Joey Sprague was invited to present a pedagogical luncheon on March 11, 2010 entitled “Gender and the evaluation of teaching: What we can’t count can hurt us,” prompting examination of the process utilized for students to evaluate teaching effectiveness.

At the January 23, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting, the Commission on the Status of Women Faculty, an interdisciplinary committee of NDSU faculty, presented results of a research project designed to identify possible bias in the current Student Ratings of Instruction (SROI) items, propose new SROI items, and field-test the new items. The result of the study indicated a need to revise both NDSU policy 332 and the SROI items. While efforts are currently underway to revise policy 332, no changes have yet occurred to the SROI items.

Therefore, a transition process is proposed wherein the five current SROI items are supplemented with the five SROI items that were proposed to the Faculty Senate by the Commission on the Status of Women Faculty in January 2012 and five additional items adapted from research literature according to the following timeline and recommendations. This transition process allows consistency in teaching assessment while simultaneously providing probationary faculty a choice concerning how they will be assessed.

Current SROI Items
(Scale: Very Good; Good; In Between; Poor; Very Poor)

Q1. Your satisfaction with the instruction in this course
Q2. The instructor as a teacher
Q3. The ability of the instructor to communicate effectively
Q4. The quality of this course
Q5. The fairness of procedures for grading this course

Proposed SROI Items
(Scale: Strongly Agree; Agree; Neutral; Disagree; Strongly Disagree)

Q6. This instructor created an atmosphere that is conducive to learning
Q7. This instructor provided well-defined course objectives
Q8. This instructor provided content and materials that were clear and well organized
Q9. I understood how my grades were assigned in this course
Q10. I met or exceeded the course objectives given for this course

Q11. The instructor was available to assist students outside of class
Q12. The instructor provided feedback to me in a timely manner
Q13. The instructor provided relevant feedback that helped me learn
Q14. The instructor set and maintained high standards that students must meet
Q15. The physical environment was conducive to learning

Missing Q6 - Your understanding of the course content
**Transition Timeline**

Fall 2013  
An 8-year SROI transition phase should be implemented that includes administration of both current and proposed SROI items. The duration reflects the need for SROI consistency among current probationary faculty.

Fall 2013 – Summer 2014  
Data should be collected by the Office of Institutional Research (see below) and reviewed.

Fall 2014  
A Faculty Senate ad hoc committee should be formed to make a recommendation to the Provost, based upon review of available data, concerning final approval of the proposed SROI items, including any revisions.

Fall 2015  
All faculty hired beginning this date should be required to use the approved items for the duration of their probationary period.

Spring 2021  
The transition phase ends. Only the approved items will be included on the SROI forms after this semester.

**Transition Process Recommendations**

1. Faculty hired before or during the 2013-14 academic year will have the option of reporting data from either the current or proposed SROI items. Faculty selecting the existing SROI items will continue to report data on items 2 and 4 while faculty selecting the proposed SROI items will tentatively report data from items 6, 7, and 8. A final decision must be made after reviewing results from the first set of data and all future reporting must use the same items to ensure consistency. This decision will be documented through a form placed in the instructor’s employment file and added to the PTE portfolio. A line will also be added to the policy and procedures checklist for portfolio evaluation to indicate the form is included.

2. Due to the sensitivity of the results to both sample size and outliers, SROI results should be reported as a mean, median, and range, and the number of responses should also be presented in addition to the number of students enrolled in the course.

3. A review process should occur at least every ten years to re-evaluate the Student Rating of Instruction items based upon available data. As indicated in the timeline above, the first review process should occur in the Fall 2015 semester.

**Data Analysis**

Data should be collected on both the current and proposed SROI rating items, separated by course/section, including, but not limited to, instructor and student gender, instructor race/ethnicity, instructor rank, student classification, academic college, required/elective course, student perception of meeting course outcomes (Q10), and physical environment (Q15) for item analysis purposes. During item piloting, the new and proposed SROI items should be administered in a manner that controls for possible order effects. Statistical analyses also should examine possible biases including, but not limited to gender and race/ethnicity.

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1Items 6-10 were developed by the Commission on the Status of Women Faculty and field-tested in Fall 2010 in three classes consisting of approximately 500 students.
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Student Rating of Instruction

Directions:
Using a #2 pencil only, blacken the bubble that best represents your response to each item.

Response Scale for Items 1-6 (from left to right): VP=Very Poor, P=Poor, IB=In Between, G=Good, VG=Very Good

1. Your satisfaction with the instruction in this course.
2. The instructor as a teacher.
3. The ability of the instructor to communicate effectively.
4. The quality of this course.
5. The fairness of procedures for grading this course.
6. Your understanding of the course content.

Response Scale for Items 7-16: SD=Strongly Disagree, D=Disagree, N=Neutral, A=Agree, SA=Strongly Agree

7. This instructor created an atmosphere that is conducive to learning.
8. This instructor provided well-defined course objectives.
9. This instructor provided content and materials that were clear and well organized.
10. I understood how my grades were assigned in this course.
11. I met or exceeded the course objectives given for this course.
12. The instructor was available to assist students outside of class.
13. The instructor provided feedback in a timely manner.
14. The instructor provided relevant feedback that helped me learn.
15. The instructor set and maintained high standards that students must meet.
16. The physical environment was conducive to learning.

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