

**Meeting Minutes**

April 11, 2022

- I. Call to Order: 3:02pm.
- II. Attendance: See Appendix 1.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda: Limb/Hassel
  1. Motion to adopt approved unanimously
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2022.
  1. Approved by unanimous consent
- V. Announcements.
  1. Dean Bresciani, President
    - i. The state's economy continues to look strong in agriculture and energy, which will be a good thing for education. The previous cuts to higher education have been debilitating and the legislators seem to realize it. There is a potential to redress those issues in next year's legislative session.
    - ii. The enrollment for the Freshman class is looking good. Increased enrollment holds promise for NDSU's future success and budget situation.
    - iii. NDSU continues to lead the state in retention and graduation rates. Unfortunately, that success can be considered to come with a penalty because NDSU receives less money from the state as a result of students progressing more quickly through their education paths.
    - iv. This May's graduation will be the largest in NDSU's history. That is great news for students and for employers.
    - v. The Peltier Complex will break ground this summer. It will be the largest complex on campus.
    - vi. The replacement of Waldron Hall and some satellite buildings is very important to many people and the economy of North Dakota.

It is first on NDSU's building funding priorities to the state, and there are some legislators already talking about replacing it.

vii. Questions:

- a. Is there any news about the new engineering building?
  - a. It will be the next building listed after Waldron Hall on the funding request list. The problem is that since engineering has declining enrollments, it will be a struggle to fund any new building for it with state money. Enrollments in engineering have to grow to get that state attitude toward funding an engineering building reversed.
  - b. The legislators are more likely to provide appropriated funds if there is substantial private funding secured. There have been inquiries about whether an engineering building could be privately funded, but there does not seem to be sufficient resources available for such funding.
- b. Opinion on the governor's drive for online delivery of education and Western Governors University (WGU).
  - a. Although the governor apparently believes that all education can be delivered online, and that actually works for some students, the opportunity to be in class and interact with their peers is essential to many students and the chance for a successful education. In-class engagement cannot be replaced with online classes.
- c. Is the library in the talks for upgrade or replacement?
  - a. The legislators do not believe libraries will exist in the future; so, they are unlikely to fund it with a building project. In order to get money for the library, it might be practical to re-envision the library as a data analytics center, e.g., to make it more attractive to the state legislators.

2. Margaret Fitzgerald, Provost

- i. The Provost's Office will be holding sessions on the capital campaign and what it means to campus, as well as three other events.
- ii. The committees' recommendations on the budget reductions are in, with the exception of the Academic Portfolio Committee. With

the recommendations from the other committees in, the budget reduction talks now begin.

3. Florin Salajan, Faculty Senate President
  - i. At the May Faculty Senate meeting there will be elections for President-Elect. If any Senator knows of someone or wants to self-nominate, then please send a CV of the nominee to President Salajan by 1 May 2022 at the latest. That being said, there can still be nominations from the floor, but using this pathway will not allow Senators to have as much time to review the nominee's qualifications.
  - ii. Pres. Salajan asked the Senators cycling off the Senate to ask their deans to follow up on the college elections to make sure that replacements have been duly elected before the Tuesday after commencement. The Tuesday after commencement is when new Senators' terms begin.
4. Dennis Cooley, Faculty Senate Past-President
  - i. No announcements
5. Anastasiya Andrianova, Faculty Senate President-Elect
  - i. No announcements
6. Joshua Schroetter, Staff Senate President
  - i. The Gunkelmen award ceremony is at 3:00pm on 4 May 2022 in the Alumni Center. There were over 80 nominations for 30 individuals.
  - ii. The Staff Senate has formed an ad hoc committee to review remote work. Email surveys will be coming out soon to stakeholders, including faculty who supervise staff.
7. Laura Friedmann, Student Body Vice-President
  - i. The proposed changes to NDSU Policy 335 on academic misconduct policy are being reviewed by Student Government. There are several revisions that they would like to discuss before making a decision.
  - ii. NDSU Prom is coming up in 2 weeks (23 April 2022 8pm-12 midnight) at the Fargo Air Museum. Student Government sold out the 1,200 tickets that were available. Student Government asked for faculty to volunteer at the parking lot for bus safety, food distribution, or one of the other open slots.
  - iii. Last week, student body elections were held. Christian Walth won the presidency. Student Government is now in their transition phase between the current and elected officers.

- iv. Pres-Elect Walth greeted the Faculty Senate.
- 8. Philip Hunt, Registrar
  - i. Absent but with R. Ingalls acting as proxy.
  - ii. No announcements.
  - iii. Question
    - a. Is there a new deadline to finish and record grading? Has it moved from noon to midnight?
      - a. There is no plan to change the deadline.

## VI. Committee and Other Reports.

- 1. Budget Committee report
  - i. M. Petersen stated that the Senate Budget Committee has all the various work groups and ad hoc committees' reports except for one. The Budget Committee will meet with the Provost tomorrow - 12 April 2022 - to review and give advice on the recommendations.
  - ii. Questions
    - a. Which committee report is the Budget Committee awaiting?
      - a. It is the Academic Portfolio Committee.
    - b. Can a summary of these reports be sent out to the faculty?
      - a. The Provost believes that the reports are on the Provost's [website](#) and have already been sent to the deans and heads to distribute.
- 2. Shared Governance Ad Hoc Committee report
  - i. Sen. Hassel stated that the document in the agenda is the result of the committee's work from the last few months. The committee considered different deliverables, including policy, statement, and guiding principles. The committee decided that a guiding principle document with the value and process is the main focus, and the attached draft is being presented for input in the Faculty Senate.
    - a. Input
      - a. Why is it a document of guiding principles rather than a policy proposal?
        - i. There isn't agreement among the governance groups that a policy is needed or wanted. To move forward together, a clear document on shared governance principles is a good start.

- b. Pres. Salajan encouraged Senators to send any comments or questions to Pres. Salajan or Sen. Hassel.

3. Grading System Change Ad Hoc Committee report

- i. Sen. Limb stated that the proposed policy has been around for a year. The Student Body representatives were surprised that this proposal was coming forward because there had been no call for it. When the committee did its due diligence they found that there appeared to be no interest or support for such a policy change.
- ii. Motion to disband the committee: Cooley/Christensen.
  - a. Motion approved unanimously

VII. Consent Agenda.

- 1. UCC Report
  - i. Consent Agenda approved by unanimous consent

VIII. Unfinished Business.

- 1. None

IX. General Order.

- 1. None

X. New Business.

- 1. None

XI. Adjournment 3:52pm: Selekwa/Roberts

- 1. Approved unanimously

## Appendix 1: Attendance

Name	Substitution	Present
Aldrich-Wolfe, Laura		x
Amiri, Ali		x
Andrianova, Anastassiya		x
Arnold, Lisa		x
Asa, Eric	Banawi, A	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		x
Harringer, Shannon		x
Hassel, Holly		x
Hershberger, John	Hinsz, V	x
Hong, Yontao (David)		x
Huseth-Zosel, Andrea		x
Jackson, Jeremy		x
Kilina, Svetlana		x
Larson, Jamee		x
Limb, Ryan		x
Lin, Zhibin		x
March, Raymond		
McGrath, Ryan		x
Nordstrom, Onnolee		x
O'Rourke, Stephen		x
Overton, Kimberly		x
Peltier, Allison		
Philbrick, Candace		
Rahman, Mukhlesur		x
Roberts, David		x
Ross, Darrell		x
Salajan, Florin		x
Selekwa, Majura		x
Smith, Matthew		x
Thompson, Sara		x
Tian, Ruilin	Jones, J	x

Ungar, Abraham	x
Wood, Scott	x
Wu, Xiangfa	
Yan, Changhui	x
Yan, Guiping	x
Zhang, Qi	x
Zhao, Pinjing	x