

Minutes of Notre Dame Faculty Senate Meeting
May 3, 2016
DeBartolo Room 136

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

1. The opening prayer was offered by Jeanne Romero-Severson
2. The minutes of the April 5, 2016 meeting were approved. Several attendance errors were corrected
3. Elections – Marsha Stevenson presented a slate of candidates for election:

Chair-	Nominee	Jeanne Romero-Severson
Vice Chair-	Nominees	Paul McGinn
Co-Secretaries (2)	Nominees	Dominic Chaloner and Mary Frandsen
Treasurer-	Nominees	Marsha Stevenson

The slate of nominees was elected as a whole.

An email will be sent to all Senators see what subcommittees people want to be on. This information will be used to populate the Senate webpage.

There was also discussion about whether it is preferable to have subcommittee meetings outside of the regular meeting. People can express sentiments at the retreat in August;

4. Committee reports – NONE

Abbreviated chairs remarks: There is a proposal for an applied math MS degree to be funded by AT&T. It will involve development of on-line courses. AT&T will likely fill up the available slots. It is aiming for a startup in Fall, 2017. There will be a beta test of the first 2 online courses in Spring of 2017. The proposal hasn't yet been presented to the CSE department.

5. Guest: Nick Entrikin – ND International

Gave a lengthy presentation (see slides on the Senate website). He also brought along Tom Guinan VP for administrative operations; Robert Norton – Assoc VP for academic affairs and research.

Among the highlights, he stated that there is no prioritization of the program pillars. The 5 pillars don't all get equal amounts of funding. Approximately 70% goes to education abroad. If the cost of faculty who are at the gateways is included, education abroad accounts for ~80% of the expenditures.

He discussed the education abroad program. It is “a right of every student who qualifies”. Funds for study abroad have increased. Efforts have been made to bring students in to fill slots of those [programs with vacancies and to build programs for science and engineering students and student athletes. Summer programs are now increasing. As the program grows risks go up. More effort is focused on risk management than ever before. There is/was a have a university wide summit

for student health and safety abroad. The Global Gateways allow for holding conferences in London and Rome. They are now bringing more international students here. For example, there are 80 non-degree seeking international students here in the summer; in some cases these are exchange students (we send 1, get 1).

Faculty engagement has come by way of the University committee on internationalization (UCI) – the Academic Council’s committee. ND International (NDI) created a new committee(s) – committee on integrated international responsibilities.

Q&A – There was a question about examples of interdisciplinary programs

There were many questions about faculty governance, NDI being an area of dissatisfaction. One example is the Latin America committee. Entekin contended “there are faculty that have agendas” .In response to a question about the cause of the discontent of the A&L faculty, Entekin suggested that NDI has been misrepresented;

Entekin was displeased with senate process. He asked why he wasn’t invited earlier. He thinks some people have axes to grind. Jeanne Romero-Severson expressed a desire to invite the new director to the Senate.

6. New business – Senate NDI resolution; timing of committee meetings for next year;

Discussion centered on whether the Senate should wait until a new Director is in place. An interest was expressed in having him/her come to the first meeting. It was also suggested that there be a letter from A&L to him/her. Paul McDowell suggested deferring makes sense with a new director coming in. He summarized that a resolution started in the A&L college council and passed with 41 for, 0 against and 1 abstention. In the Senate the academic affairs committee passed it unanimously; 10-0, but 2 or 3 members did not vote. The senate agreed to defer action on the resolu until we can hear from the new NDI director

Jeanne Romero-Severson was directed to invite the new person;

7. announcements and updates

a. Senate retreat-1/2 day

b. Website update

8 . The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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