

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
03 March 2020
131 DeBartolo Hall

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chair Ben Heller (BH) called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

1. CJ Jones offered the opening prayer
2. February 4, 2020 minutes approved with one wording change.
3. Invited Speaker: Provost Burish introduced Mike Seamon Vice President for Campus Safety and University Operation
 - a. Mike discussed campus safety initiatives, including the Emergency Management System involving 250-300 people in several committees to plan for response to emergencies, and planning / response to the COVID-19 virus.
4. Invited Speaker: Thomas G. Burish, Charles and Jill Fischer Provost
 - a. Provost Burish offered reflections on his 15 years as provost, why ND is the best provost job in the country, what a retiring provost should and should not do in the last year and the significance of Catholic higher education.
5. Chair's Report (Ben A. Heller). Ben reminded about two faculty senate meetings in April: 7th and 28th
6. Memorial Resolutions have been prepared for: Professor Emeritus Richard (Dick) Fessenden (Chemistry and Biochemistry); Professor Emeritus Paul Rathburn (English); and Professor Emeritus, Anthony Michel (Electrical Engineering). Senators are asked to review.
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Academic Affairs (Thomas Stober, Chair).
 - i. Discussed the Proposal from the Mendoza College of Business to start a Department of Business Ethics
 - b. Administrative Affairs (Daniel Johnson, Chair)
 - i. Last meeting, passed by-laws but now going back to review an exception raised around procedural language.
 - c. Benefits, Budget and Infrastructure (Paul McGinn, Chair)
 - i. Reported on February meeting with the HR Department re: tuition benefit and review of HSA enrollment details/statistics
 - d. Student Affairs (Molly Walsh, Chair)
 - i. Reported on survey to grad students re: dependent care;
 - ii. a coming report from the Graduate Student Mentoring Task Force; and
 - iii. future meeting with Heather Ryan from the Office of Community Standards to discuss SpeakUp ND, an online platform that gives students ability to report discrimination and other issues.
8. New Business
 - a. Ben will give a report to the board of trustees in April. Requesting Senate committees to review the strategic planning initiative and provide input into priorities
 - b. Annie Coleman– Take 10 for the Planet [10-minute class segments planned for the week of Earth Day in April 2020 to bring attention to environmental issues]. Gathering materials for segments on sustainability, climate change, human relationship with the world at large. Asking the faculty to contribute materials to be shared on a new website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.