



Campus Updates – August 2019



Update Provided By: Jessie Meckle

- Staff Senate was asked to approve the 2320 Senate Bill- Speech, Expression and Assembly policy (pertains to guest speakers on campus, protects the academic freedom and free speech rights)
- September will kick off search for new president, and Dr Skogen wants Staff Senate involved.
- September 4th- Staff Senate and Faculty Senate are hosting an Employee Picnic for BSC campus
- Staff Senate teamed up with Student Government and Girl Scout Troup to purchase materials to build a Pantry on campus. Hoping to add a 2nd and possibly 3rd in the next few years!



Update Provided By: Crystal Tangsrud

- Held our 2nd annual Staff Senate Retreat in July to welcome our new Senators, review 2018-2019 outcomes, and make goals for 2019-2020. We set the following Guiding Principles for 2019-2020
 - Appreciation – activities include morale boosting events, professional development, etc.
 - FUNdraising
 - Awareness – activities include website development and continuation of other philanthropic events
- In August, our Staff Senate created “Survival Kits” that were handed out at all three of our locations. These kits included little treats to encourage staff during this busy season. This was the second year of our Survival Kits and they were really well received again this year.



Update Provided By: Laura Halvorson

- Staff/Faculty/Students lunch date fun is September 25th. This is an event we started last spring as a fun social event to get students interacting with games, food, and fun. We plan to host one a semester.
- Staff has been looking for new ways to raise money to keep up with our proposed scholarship that we plan to give yearly to award 2nd year students.
- Staff senate by laws were updated and passed over the summer. We plan to continue to look this document over yearly.
- In service week went well as we had many conversations around HLC and our accreditation visit coming up in 2020
- Our Spring Vendor Show is set for April 18th, 2020



Update Provided By:

- No Updates Provided.



Update Provided By: Cathleen Ruch

- Mini professional development session –
 - September – possible FERPA session.
 - Send out another survey to staff/faculty on what they would like to see more of in mini professional development sessions. Feedback from the Staff retreat suggested more self-care/wellness and leadership sessions



Update Provided By: Susan Cordahl

- No updates.



Update Provided By: Michael Linnell

- Minot State held its annual Fall Kick Off picnic at Roosevelt Park on Aug. 21 with over 500 staff, faculty, and their families in attendance. The MSU Staff Senate held a bake sale / farmer's market fundraiser at the event, raising over \$375 for its general fund. Along with the fundraiser, members gave out multiple door prizes donated from area businesses, cooked hamburger and hot dogs, and helped VP for Administration and Finance Brent Winiger provide entertainment by signing a couple songs on the main stage!
- Paul Brekke, Minot State Wellness Center coordinator, was named the July High Five Award winner.
- MSU Staff Senate President Michael Linnell presented to Minot State's Convocation on Aug. 21 and to nearly 450 incoming freshmen and transfer students at MSU's New Student Convocation.
- Minot State Staff Senate announced a new initiative for professional development for the 2019-2020 year that will include at least one event per month during the academic year and a signature event in both the fall and spring. The Fall 2019 signature event will be national speaker VJ Smith on Oct. 8, who will address customer service, the power of thank you, and being an exceptional employee. The event is in partnership with MSU Academic Affairs. September's event will feature team building exercises with the MSU Wellness Center on Sept. 24 and 26.
- Staff Senate has partnered with the MSU's President's Staff to celebrate North Dakota State Employee Appreciation Week in September. Five days of events are scheduled with muffins served on Monday, Sept. 16, popcorn on Tuesday, Sept. 17, taco in a bag on Wednesday, Sept. 18, a Cornhole tournament on Thursday, Sept. 19, and President's Staff will serve ice cream on Friday, Sept. 20.



Update Provided By: Bruce Woytassek

- Management Team Update
 - a. Baseball will be starting Fall 2020
 - b. New for Fall 2019 is Clay Shooting which has a 6-week season and E-sports, which will have a 9-month season during the school year.
- Marketing Committee – Chair – Senator Woytassek
 - a. Fall newsletter is nearing completion, still looking for a couple articles
- Diversity and Equity – Senator Griffin
 - a. Looking for cultural cookie recipes, Dining Services will do a Cultural Cookie Study Break.
- NDSCS Fargo are repurposing the “mother’s room” to include prayer and meditation room.



Update Provided By: April Helgaas

- Ben Bernard and Kenard Booker received Campus Kudos awards.
- NDSU is getting ready to launch the 2019 United Way Campaign. A \$100,000 goal has been set. Numerous activities will take place over the next two months including bingo, a soup buffet with free will donation, a silent auction and a dessert social.
- NDSU Staff Senate has launched a new Facebook Page. To follow, click [here](#).
- Homecoming events have been e-mailed out to all faculty, students and staff. Homecoming will be the week of October 7th through the 12th. To see the full list of events, click [here](#).
- NDSU welcomes a new HR Director. John Wolsey has 30 years of HR experience and came to NDSU from Rapid City, South Dakota.
- Staff Senate voted in two new senators at the 9-4-19 meeting.
- State Employee Recognition Week will take place on campus next week. Staff Senate coordinates the activities.



Monday, Sept. 9: Practice Gratitude
Tuesday, September 10: Ice Cream Social 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM President Bresciani’s patio It’s all about balance! And that means...it’s okay to splurge on ice cream here and there. Find joy in sharing a treat with staff members from across campus! <i>(ice cream is available first come first served)</i> <i>*in the event of inclement weather, this event will take place in the hall way atrium of Old Main.</i>
Wednesday, September 11: Mindfulness Practice
Thursday, September 12: Apple Walk 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Putnam Hall Stairs To balance a busy week, take an afternoon walk and grab an apple to enjoy while you take in the crisp fresh air.
Friday, September 13: Share your Bison Pride!

- Next year will be the 30th anniversary of NDSU Staff Senate. An ad-hoc committee was formed to plan an event to recognize past and current senators. More details to come!
- This month’s targeted donation drive is for the Ronald McDonald house. NDSU Staff Senate will be collecting pop tarts, breakfast bars, granola bars and fruit snacks. Anyone interested in donating any of these items can drop them off with a NDSU Staff Senator or bring them to the October meeting.



Update Provided By: Megan Wasylow

- Our Special Denim Spirit Day charity for September 6 is supporting Motor Board at UND with its 30th annual turkey basket drive and October 4 will support the Salvation Army natural disasters response fund.
- We are celebrating State Employee Recognition week by providing a breakfast for night staff on September 10, providing a Pie Social on September 11, and a luncheon on September 12 with a vendor fair, massages, and therapy dogs. All of these events are free to UND staff.
- We are representing UND Staff Senate with a float in the Potato Bowl Parade on September 14, 2019.
- We are continuing to present a UShine Award Winner of the month.
- We are continuing to send a monthly Staff Senate newsletter.
- Next week we will “catch” our 80th staff member. “I’ve been caught by UND Staff Senate” is a picture of the staff member with some information about them and it is posted on our UND Staff Senate Facebook page. We are getting faces with names and it also helps increase traffic for our Facebook page.



Update Provided By: Benjamin Fergusen

- Preparation for the Inauguration of Dr. Alan LaFave as President of Valley City State University is continuing. Inauguration will take place on Sept. 27. Staff Senate is working with the inauguration committee to get T-shirts for all staff & faculty; a design has been selected and sent to President LaFave for approval.
- For Athletics Staff Appreciation Nights, we are contacting the football coaches to see if there is a night that works best to draw more people in. Oscar talked to Karl about intramurals. We will be able to have one staff team per sport. They are looking for ideas on ways to increase intramural team numbers. Coaches require some kind of presence at other athletic events. Encourage one person from each department should attend games.
- Our staff Open Forum will be held on Sept. 10.
- We are looking into a program for morale boosting, and considering a program provided by Sanford. This training talks about employee engagement and how it connects to well-being, and helps supervisors come up with ideas to help boost positive morale.



Update Provided By: Megan Kasner

- TrainND offers One Basin-One Way and in July and August 800 individuals have been trained.
- P-3 project is underway. WSC will be starting with upgrading lighting and controls.
- Staff Senate President and Faculty Senate President are now ex officio members on Executive Cabinet.
- Medal of Honor winner Clinton Romesha will be presenting at WSC on November 13th.
- WSC received two 2019 Medallion Awards. We congratulate our Director for Creative Services, Jenny wolf.