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- **MystiCast**  
Students in various programs collaborated to produce a video update of events happening here on campus. The video was distributed to various BSC list-serves and was also posted to youtube. Similar videos are planned to be produced each semester.
  
- **Great River Energy Award**  
At the annual banquet of the Council on Resource Development (fundraising activities to which we belong) in D.C., Great River Energy (GRE) was recognized for the \$4M in donations it has given to BSC. GRE has been a GREAT partner to BSC, donating \$1M worth of flexcrete for the construction of the NECE, the simulation labs for the Power Plant program, and many, many more contributions to our institution.
  
- **Impact Safety Class**  
We had two Women's Basics/Impact Self-Defense Class. This is a personal safety/self defense class that is highly specialized and teaches participants to successfully deal with an assailant of any size.
  
- **Fall Blood Drive**  
In October BSC held a blood drive to support the local hospitals for the need for blood products.
  
- **Launch of new website**  
BSC's retooled website launched in November. It has added functionality and offers a new look that furthers the imprint of the new logo.
  
- **BSC given international award for adult education**  
Bismarck State College received recognition from the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) at its international conference Nov. 11 in San Diego, Calif. The college earned CAEL's 2010 Institutional Service Award for expansion of lifelong learning opportunities and innovation to improve access and quality of academic programs for adult learners.
  
- **Phil Padgett named ND Professor of the Year**  
Phil Padgett, an assistant professor at Bismarck State College, was selected 2010 North Dakota Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Padgett was

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honored Nov. 18 with other state and national winners in Washington, D.C. at an awards luncheon and congressional reception.

- **BSC provides online courses for energy coalition**

BSC's National Energy Center of Excellence has completed the first of three online courses for smart grid technology and renewable energy as part of a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) grant. BSC developed the course as an education partner of Energy Providers Coalition for Education (EPCE), which recently launched the online course to train electric power workers.

- **Official Enrollment report**

Headcount enrollment = 4177

Full time enrollment = 2743

Part time enrollment = 1434

FTE of total credits hours = 3207

- **Staff Senate Retreat**

A retreat has been planned for the members of the Staff Senate. The design of the retreat is to help refocus the senate and make necessary constitutional changes.

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- Joint Senate Tobacco/Smoke free campus committee. Faculty, Student and Staff Senates are creating a committee of representatives from each Senate to develop a Tobacco or Smoke Free policy on campus
- Assisting with SIFE food drive next semester
- October Blue Hawks turn pink – staff wore pink with their jeans on Friday. Raised \$133 and, with Staff Senate donations, contributed \$350 to Bismarck Cancer Center for breast cancer
- Hosted the “Goodie Gobble” Dec. 7. Staff members brought baked goods and popped popcorn in the foyer of May Hall. Students, faculty and staff were able to stop by and have a free treat.
- Recently created a by-laws committee to start updating our by-laws.

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Fall enrollment was 863 students which was a 115 student increase from last year at the same time.

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Security:

Entire campus has security cameras installed. Re-keyed the campus and should be complete by end of Spring semester.

Grand Forks Air Force Base:

In October main campus faculty and GFAFB faculty had a combined faculty meeting at GFAFB. Feature event for evening was a tour of Homeland Security Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Mission. UAV Mission included speakers and tour. Evening closed with dinner at AFB Northern Lights Club.

Staff Welfare Holiday Party:

A Holiday Party was held in December for all staff, faculty and student employees.

Peace Officer Training graduation:

Fall semester graduation was held on December 17 in the Robert Fawcett Auditorium with 17 graduating from peace officer academy. Eighty-three students have been through the program this year, shattering the 2008 record of 65 students. Total is comprised from all four academies this year (LRSC Spring/Fall semester, summer academies at Grand Forks and Fargo). Since 1987 LRSC has graduated more than 1,000 students from the Peace Officer Training program with a 100 percent employment rate for graduates.

Spring Registration Day:

Registration will be held for new students on January 4, 2011.

Art Exhibit at LRSC:

LRSC will host North Dakota Museum of Arts, "Fantastic" art display in the Theatre Arts Playhouse January 10-31, 2011. Exhibit is free and open to the public.

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Mayville State University is now offering a minor in music education. Students earning the minor will be certified to teach music in grades K-8 in North Dakota. The minor pairs nicely with majors in elementary education and early childhood education.

The Village Business Institute of Fargo, ND was on campus twice this fall offering training sessions to faculty and staff. A session on Workplace Diversity was offered in December to faculty and staff and employees of Child Development Program participated in a session on Effective Meetings.

The MSU Child Development Program received an Early Head Start grant this summer to start an EHS childcare center on UND's campus. The collaboration is going very well. The new program serves over 50 families in the Grand Forks area. The Child Development Program is a federally funded childcare program with Mayville State as their grantee.

Final Fall Semester 2010 figures show a record enrollment at Mayville State University. The university has 982 students enrolled, breaking the previous record of 924 students enrolled set in 1969. The fall 2010 numbers reflect an 11% gain over final enrollment numbers recorded in the fall of 2009.

Central Station Espresso, located on the second floor of the Campus Center, opened for business at the end of October. Central Station Espresso offers a full line espresso bar featuring Torani and Devinci brand flavors and their own custom 3 bean blend of coffee.

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**STAFF SENATE PARTICIPATED IN HOMECOMING.** Homecoming at Minot State University this year centered on the theme “Paint the Town Red!” Staff Senate had a float in the Homecoming Parade.

**JOINT FACULTY AND STAFF SENATE SOCIAL HELD.** The Office of the President hosted a joint Faculty and Staff Senate social Oct. 5. Items to increase collaboration were discussed.

**NINE COMPETED IN STAFF SENATE HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST.** Nine Minot State University offices, departments, clubs, programs and one individual competed in the annual holiday decorating contest. The Student Health and Development Center won the traveling trophy Dec. 17. The other entries included the Center for Extended Learning, Club Biology (a student club), the College of Business, the Department of Communication Disorders, Information Technology Central, the Minot Infant Development Program, the MSU Post Office and a staff member.

**STAFF SENATE SPONSORED PRESENTATION BY NDPERS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SPARB COLLINS.** Minot State University Staff Senate and the Office of Marketing sponsored a “Be In the Know” session Dec. 15. The North Dakota Legislature is considering legislation which may increase employee contributions to the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System defined-benefit plan. Collins explained the proposed legislation to MSU employees and other state employees in the Minot area.

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NDSCS Wellness Team continues to work on a Tobacco Free Campus Plan which has been submitted to the President.

NDSCS Staff Senate has gained a Standing Guest Position on the NDSCS Faculty Senate and vice versa.

NDSCS Staff Senate Scavenger Hunt: 10 Staff members from across campus were selected. A special or interesting identifying fact was posted about them on the Staff Senate Webpage. The scavenger hunt was posted in a fill able format so once completed it was submitted by email to Staff Senate President. Prizes were awarded to the top three correct submissions.

On October 16<sup>TH</sup> 2010 NDSCS held the first full scale Active Shooter Response Drill on an NDUS campus. Working in conjunction with the ND Fire Fighters Association, Richland County Emergency Management, Richland County 911, Wahpeton Police Department, Richland County Sheriff's Office, Breckenridge Ambulance, and St. Francis Hospital, NDSCS tested it overall emergency response plan. ND Association of Counties provided an onsite review group who provided an overall evaluation of the performance. NDSCS has since then review the evaluation and is working on plans to improve the response.

An NDSCS Staff Senate team competed in the annual Holiday Party activities against teams of Faculty, Administration, and Dean's.

NDSCS Staff Senators handed out Turkeys at the conclusion of the annual NDSCS Holiday Party.



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President Bresciani initiated a process for gathering information from all areas of campus through focus or –more accurately – listening groups. This is a way for President Bresciani to get a feel for the campus, its strengths and traditions and potentials, as well as weaknesses and obstacles. All staff, faculty, and students have the opportunity to participate. Hundreds of people participated in the first phase; the material was gathered and published for comment by campus community. The listening group conversations, and any themes that emerge from them or reactions to them, will help as a formal strategic planning process is developed.

The President’s Cabinet has added student Kevin Black, Student Body President, to the President’s Cabinet. Recently, President Bresciani added NDSU Staff Senate’s past President Vance Olson to join the cabinet for the remainder of the 2010-2011 academic year. A member of the Faculty Senate was also added to the President’s Cabinet.

Our long-serving Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Craig Schnell, shared his desire to retire from administrative responsibilities sometime in the summer of 2011. On Dec. 13, 2010 President Dean L. Bresciani announced the selection of the 17-member search committee that will recommend who will succeed current and long-serving Provost Craig Schnell, and provide a redefined role for the university’s next provost.

NDSU’s vice president for university relations, Keith Bjerke, has announced his intention to retire Jan. 15, 2011. Bjerke joined NDSU in 2001, and is responsible for university relations, legislative affairs and community outreach. “Keith has been a key leader at NDSU as a respected vice president the past 10 years, and his loyalty and commitment have been extremely beneficial to NDSU,” Bresciani said. “I appreciate his integrity and guidance as I have transitioned into my role.”

We are making other efforts to improve the consistency and quality of our communication to external audiences using branding consistency. The NDSU homepage has a new design; more changes will be made in the future to the look of the website. Much of the campus community has adopted a standard signature line to outgoing e-mail messages.

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The Staff Senate participated in the homecoming parade in October. The theme for our float was “There’s no place like homecoming”. Several Staff Senators and staff members dressed as characters from the Wizard of Oz.

“Bison Pride” has been successful. Faculty, staff, and students dressed in University colors and Bison wear on Friday’s to show their pride as part of the Bison family.

The Staff Senate is planning the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Valentine Ball to be held February 5, 2011. Last year over 250 staff, faculty and students attended the event.

The Staff Senate Executive Committee conducted a SWOT analysis this past fall. The opportunities identified along with potential action items have been shared with all Senators and Staff Senate Committees for feedback and input.

This year the Division of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach initiated what they hope will be a new holiday tradition – offering Thanksgiving host families for international students. More than 70 students and their family members were matched with approximately 30 host families.

The Sophomore Year Experience Committee is developing the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual ReDiscover U event to be held in March. This event is to help students get through the sophomore year slump and to also help students regardless of academic year in determining the best minor/major if they are undecided. Through comprehensive programing, leadership development, and career planning, sophomore students will come to a better understanding of their unique skills and how to use them to achieve their career and personal goals.

A large number of the campus community has been successfully converted to Microsoft Outlook scheduling and calendaring system. The goal was to have everyone using Outlook by the end of December. The transition will flow into the New Year.

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UND Staff Senate has had an active Fall Semester. Here are a few of the things that we are working on-

**State Employee Appreciation Week** was held on the UND Campus in September. The North Dakota Council of State Employees sponsors the actual event but the UND Staff Senate does much of the legwork for the event. Several hundred UND staff took part in lunches & events that included Taco in a Bag, a Courtyard picnic, Ice Cream Social, Pie on the Porch and a breakfast for the UND Night Staff.

**Parade participation** in the "Potato Bowl" (September 18) and Homecoming (October 9) Parades with around a dozen Senators participating. As part of preparing for the parades we built a new float display that should last for many years and give lots of flexibility for the future.

We are in the process of creating **UND Staff Ambassadors** program. Following a program created in Missouri, we are working toward creating a program that will take UND Staff (one to two dozen per year) and immerse them in a one day a month course in leadership and campus awareness spread out over a year.

Plans for the second annual **Emerald & Ice Gala** are moving forward. Last year we had over 200 faculty, staff, administrations and friends participate in an evening of mock gambling, dancing and socializing. From reaction that we are hearing we anticipate more guests at this year's event.

We are in the midst of our "**31 Days of Glory**" raffle. In November 500 tickets were sold. Each day in December one ticket number is drawn. Weekday winners win \$100. Sunday winners win \$500. Proceeds from the raffle goes toward scholarships for UND Staff dependants.

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**Staff Awards**

Dr. Don Muga, the Director of the Great Plains STEM Education Center at Valley City State University, was recognized with the Pathfinder award at the Milestones and Horizons conference co-hosted by U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan and the Red River Valley Research Corridor.

Dr. Joe Stickler was awarded "Environmental Educator of the Year" Trees Award. This award recognizes individuals, organizations and agencies who contribute in an outstanding way to forestry activities. Dr. Stickler was nominated for his tireless work on the Medicine Wheel Park.

Professor, David Melgaard was awarded the "Outstanding Career and Technical Educator" by the North Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education (NDACTE).

**Campus Updates**

The Prairie Waters Center is affiliated with Valley City State University and began functioning this fall. The goal of the Center is to educate teachers, students (K-12 plus college), and resource professionals about water and water issues in North Dakota. In a sense we are an environmental learning center that focuses on rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands. We give presentations to school groups and provide workshops to teachers and professionals.

In October, Valley City State University coordinated an event held in Fargo to help officially launch the new Great Plains STEM Education Center housed at VCSU. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. STEM Education has been a major focus at VCSU, and this kick-off event to formally launch the Great Plains STEM Education Center was a milestone event in VCSU's history.

**Student Opportunities**

Valley City State University students attended a Minneapolis field trip led in cooperation between Susan Pfeifer and Marcia Foss November 7-9, 2010. The students attended the Americas' SAP Users' Group meeting in St. Paul, MN, where they had the opportunity to network with approximately 150 employees from organizations running SAP enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems.

**Staff Senate & VCSU/Community Efforts**

Staff Senate organized a potluck on campus November 17 which helped raise cash donations to support Stuff for the Tuff. VCSU presented a check to Laura Becker for \$312.00 to be donated to the cause.

VCSU employees donated \$160 in November to raise money for Valley City's Festival of Trees. The money was used to purchase men's and women's items for two baskets in the silent auction area. Both baskets brought a nice donation to the annual event held Saturday, November 27. The event will help establish a surgical dental unit at the Hospital. A doctor has been secured to begin the unit. Currently, the closest unit of this sort is located in Bismarck.

Staff Senate organized The Viking Ship to sail down Central Avenue for both VCSU and VCHS Homecoming Parades and also for Valley City's Parade of Lights, our annual Holiday parade.

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To help our community, VCSU helped VCHS's in their efforts to 'Pack the HAC' in November. 'Pack the HAC' was a community wide effort sponsored by VCHS to help stock our food pantry's shelves in preparation for the upcoming holidays. The back end of a pickup truck left VCSU and dropped off food and cash donations.

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Enrollment numbers as of December 13th

Headcount: 318

Credit Hours Produced: 3799

Part-Time: 128

Full-Time: 190

FTE: 253.26

Freshman: 155

Sophomore: 163

The following two items were approved at 12-16-10 State Board of Higher Education Meeting.

\* Ratify the Chancellor's interim approval to increase the WSC State Emergency Commission funding request from of \$35,000 to \$55,000, with the balance of \$44,960 to be internally reallocated within the WSC budget to contract for a part-time security presence on campus from November 2010 until the end of June 2011. Furthermore, authorize WSC to seek \$110,000 in base funding in the 2011-13 budget request to sustain on-campus security.

\* Authorize WSC to seek up to \$700,000 in state general funds in the 2011-13 budget to construct a \$1.0 million addition to the WSC Workforce Training Center, to be matched with \$300,000 in Workforce training revenues; authorize WSC to seek private and other funding of up to \$1.2 million to construct two stand-alone bay shops for workforce

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training; and, modify the 2011-13 major capital project priority list to reflect the Workforce training facility as the number one SBHE priority.