



Campus Updates – October 2019



Update Provided By: Jessie Meckle

- BSC formed a “Polytechnic Mission Change committee” comprised of staff, faculty and students on campus. The members of this committee will meet to consider the larger questions surrounding mission change for BSC.
- The Little Pantry will be placed soon and Staff Senate members, along with anyone at BSC, can donate items to this pantry
- Staff Senate is teaming with BSC’s newspaper “The Mystician”, and will start doing a piece called “Get to your Employees”
- E-sports is doing well with 30 members. BSC received its very first NJCAA win.
- Employee Outreach is sponsoring an employee Halloween Costume contest
- Employee Retention is working to bring back “You Make a Difference” to recognize employee greatness
- Professional Development organizes “Lunch and Learn” sessions. This month is a tour of the new Health Sciences building and next month the Auto Tech and Collision program will provide tips on how to prepare your car or vehicle for winter
- Admissions Open house was a success with over 100 students and their families attending



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- No update provided.



Update Provided By: Laura Halvorson

- Hosted our first Corn Hole Tourney. We had a great turn out for students, faculty, and staff
- We are sponsoring Pumpkin Painting and Costume judging Oct. 31st for Halloween
- Our scholarship was approved from our Foundation office and the first offer will go out Fall 2020
- Christmas Party subcommittee has been confirmed and they will start their planning.
- A Professional Development committee has been formed for staff and will soon be accepting applications.



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- No update provided.



Update Provided By: Cathleen Ruch

- Min professional development session on FERPA. Working with GFAFB to be included in the professional development.
- Met with NDSBHE Staff Advisor, Retha Mattern. LRSC Staff Senate concerns were addressed.
- Met with NDSBHE Student Representative. Discussed what LRSC offers in regards to activities, student life, and student/staff interaction.
- Congratulations to LRSC's college relations department, which recently won awards at the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District 5 Conference.

Erin Wood just returned from the District 5 conference where LRSC earned four awards at the Medallions reception. The Medallions recognize materials from recruitment and fundraising campaigns, publications and mailings, advertisements, websites, social media activities, and more.

Lake Region State College swept the specialty publications category—earning bronze, silver, and gold medallions and also took gold for college website.

Bronze: Precision Ag fundraising packets

Silver: Precision Ag square booklet

Gold: Welcome packets for new students

Gold: College website

The concepts for the pieces and written materials were team efforts between the college relations team of Erin Wood and Carla Freschette and recruiting team of Nicole Dinger, Haley Lorenz, and Steve Shark. This team meets weekly to address short and long term recruiting and marketing needs. However, a special high five goes to Carla Freschette. Her design of the publications and website is what made these entries shine. Carla's talent has taken LRSC materials to a new level.

Those pieces now go on to compete on the national level.



Update Provided By: Alissa Perkins

- Our Public Relations committee has been continuing our new monthly Staff CometConnection newsletter.
- The Comet Kudos wall that we did during State Employee Recognition Week went so well, that we formed a Staff Recognition committee and decided to give out monthly Comet Kudos award. Staff and faculty can nominate a staff member every month. From the nominations, we have a small committee that votes on the final winner. The committee is made up of 3 members of our Staff Senate, a faculty member, a division chair,

and a cabinet member. For prizes our local coffee shop and bakery have agreed to donate items each month. Our first winner will be announced at our fall Staff Association meeting on October 28th.

- Our fall Staff Association meeting will be held on Monday, October 28th. We are working on making this meeting more interactive than past meetings. We will start with the general Staff Senate updates followed by Cabinet updates. After that, we will ask Cabinet to leave to have open discussion just between staff members. There is also an activity planned to help open up discussion. Our flyer for the meeting is attached.



Update Provided By: Michael Linnell

- Johnny Guess, facilities management, was named Minot State University Staff Senate's September High Five Award winner.
- Minot State Staff Senate, along with the Vice President of Academic Affairs, hosted national speaker and bestselling author V.J. Smith for two events focusing on customer service, the power of thank you, and being an exceptional employee. MSU Staff Senate also hosted Nancy Gordon Oct. 16 for a presentation, "Deviating from the Norm: How to Identify & Work Through Bias." The presentations were October's events in Minot State Staff Senate's fall professional development plan.
- On Nov. 13, MSU Staff Senate will present Minot State professors Dan Conn, Harry Hoffman, and Andy Bertsch for a presentation and panel titled, "Addressing cultural diversity." The vent is at Swain Hall, third floor lounge, from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- December's professional development event features Karina Stander, MSU director of residence life, for a session on mindfulness and gratitude at the Northwest Arts Center on Dec. 3 from 3-4 p.m.
- Minot State Staff Senate will host a MSU Takeover Night at The Starving Rooster in downtown Minot on Oct. 29 from 5-10 p.m. The event functions as a social event for MSU employees and a fundraiser for Staff Senate as The Starving Rooster will donate 25% of the total check between 5-10 p.m.



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- No update provided.



Update Provided By: Wendy Baumann

- The Human Resources office presented to our monthly staff senate meeting with information about the annual open enrollment period for health, dental, and vision insurance (changes or new enrollments). Flex spending enrollment date is yet to be announced.
- The NDSU President's Council for Campus Well-Being (PCCW) is expanding their focus to include campus health and well-being. They aim to create a supportive environment, moving beyond the individual to the whole campus. Nine workgroups are in place to identify and work on tangible outcomes.
- Student Government has increased the number of senators to 21 to better represent all students across campus.
- HR Director John Woolsey talked about his first few weeks here. He talked about the performance review process and goals as an interactive process, with time allowed for feedback from employees. The HR newsletter will start again soon, and John announced a position to be posted soon for Asst. Director of Organizational Development.
- The Environmental Sustainability committee is working on education initiatives, and wrapping up a recent survey to gather info about awareness, etc. They are working on a newsletter to raise awareness and give ideas and tips.
- A budget and professional development committee has been formed, and they want to combine and/or share efforts across NDUS campuses either in person or by Skype/IVN. A survey of current efforts on each campus is being done.
- The 30th anniversary of NDSU Staff Senate approaches, and an event will be held in September, 2020.
- The president's cabinet has discussed concern over the impact of enrollment numbers on the budget. Changes to application process are being discussed, as well as the growing need for scholarship offerings.



Update Provided By: Megan Wasylow

- We started our 31 Days of Glory raffle on October 1. We sell 600 tickets for \$20 each and there is a winner every day in December (Mon-Fri \$100, Sat. \$250, and Sun. \$500). This is a fundraiser for Seeds for Staff Success, which allows UND staff to apply for a grant up to \$500 each calendar year toward professional development.
- We were supposed to represent UND Staff Senate with a float in the Homecoming Parade on October 5, but the parade got cancelled due to weather.
- Our Community Relations Committee is currently accepting nonprofit applications for our Denim Spirit Day donations.
- We are continuing to present a UShine Award Winner of the month.
- We are continuing to send a monthly Staff Senate newsletter.



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Update Provided By: Megan Kasner

- Trail of Treats is held on WSC Campus on Oct. 31st
- Interim Higher Education Committee is at WSC on Nov. 4th and 5th.
- Congressional Medal of Honor Speaker : Clint Romesha will be speaking at WSC on Nov. 13th
- WSC Annual Legislative Dinner is on Nov. 19th