

*North Dakota University System Staff Senate
Institutional Updates
September 2010*



President: Josh Jeffers

Vice President: Scott Helphrey

Secretary: Darcy Makeeff

- Record enrollment at BSC; As of today, 9/10/10, we are at 4198 students
- We just opened a new resident's hall called Mystic Hall. This can hold up to 30 students.
- "Move In Day" was August 22nd. We had about 20 senators help with moving our students into the residence halls.
- The BSC Aquatic and Wellness Center officially opened in March of this year.
- A new Career and Technical Academy was built this year and is housing some of our technical programs along with Bismarck Public School classes.
- Renewable Energy is a new program that just started at BSC this year.
- We will be have a reception to celebrate the completion of our National Energy Center of Excellence (NECE) on September 28th.
- A new Excellence through Leadership program was started to help with professional development for our staff.
- The implementation of an employee tuition assistance program was just completed. This will give out \$14,000 a year to faculty and staff to further their education.
- Through our CETI department, new workforce training classes were just sent out to employees. These classes help with professional development.
- We currently have 199 full-time benefitted staff

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Moments of Excellence survey/re-evaluation

- Since 2007, we have given out an award each month to an employee who has gone above & beyond in his or her position. Employees are nominated by their colleagues. We have had some questions/concerns brought to our attention. We conducted a survey the first part of September and will work with that to see what the issues, if any, are.

Assessment Survey

- This spring, DSU conducted assessment surveys for both faculty & staff. The results have been compiled and we have a committee working on analyzing the survey.

Appreciation BBQ

- Staff Senate sponsored a BBQ August 3 for the campus. It was a huge success! Staff Senate paid for the meat and buns, Senators brought side dishes and pop and ice cream were donated. We had a lot of positive feedback from the campus community. It was a great team effort.

Recycling bins

- We have had a request to look into getting recycling bins on campus. We are looking into our options. It is a challenge as the recycling facilities in town are limited. Student Senate has shown interest in pursuing this in the past, so we may turn the project over to them.

Flex Hours

- The subject of flex hours has been brought to campus. Senate is currently investigating what other campuses do and what DSU's options are.

Administrative Council

- In response to Faculty Senate's request for a seat on the President's Cabinet, President McCallum has created an Administrative Council. This Council consists of Cabinet, President's Direct Reports, Academic Affairs Council, Vice-Presidents' Direct Reports and Presidents of all three Senates. Our first meeting was August 17 in Medora. Dr. McCallum plans to have the Council meet once a month in lieu of his regular Cabinet meeting. The Council gets updates and gives input on campus policies, etc. Our next meeting is September 27.

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No member present.

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Fall enrollment numbers show increase Lake Region State College announces its official headcount for Fall 2010. The college registrar's office reports 1,913 students compared with 1,702 students Fall 2009. Lake Region State College has 524 full-time students this fall compared to 490 full-time students Fall 2009. Part-time enrollments total 1,389 compared with 1,212 last fall. Full-time equivalent headcount is 921 compared with 867 a year ago. *Full-time equivalent takes the total number of full- and part-time students and divides that number by 15 credit hours to gauge a full-time comparison.*

Health IT

Lake Region State College has unveiled its schedule of courses that addresses Health IT training needs. The training – delivered online – is designed to address the emerging needs for trained professionals in electronic health records. Lake Region State College, through a grant funded by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (Dept. of HHS), is offering three Health IT certificates of completion that can be finished in six months. LRSC is the only college in North Dakota, and one of only 70 community colleges in the country, to participate in this federally sponsored workforce training endeavor.

Emotional intelligence

Faculty and staff of the college have participated in or currently are participating in emotional intelligence training.

Staff recognized

Lake Region State College employees were recognized for years of service at the annual welcome back breakfast August 18, 2010. Staff and faculty with five, 10, 20, 25, and 30 years of service to the college were honored.

Constitution Day

Faculty and staff will celebrate Constitution Day September 17, 2010. Students are encouraged to learn more about the U.S. Constitution and win some great prizes as we highlight the 27 amendments to the U.S. Constitution with an emphasis on due process in the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments of the Constitution. Mike Klemetsrud, JD, LRSC paralegal faculty, will present "The Sliding Scale of Due Process" at 11:00 am Friday in Chautauqua Gallery.

Peace officer graduation

Lake Region State College, in cooperation with the Grand Forks Police Department graduated 23 students from its police academy August 18, 2010. Another 28 students graduated from the Fargo Peace Officer Training Program August 19, 2010. This one semester ND police academy is offered by Devils Lake based Lake Region State College in partnership with the Fargo Police Department and the Cass County Sheriff's Department.

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This is the first summer academy conducted in Grand Forks. The summer academy in Fargo has been held each year since 2002. The college also offers its peace officer training program in Devils Lake each fall and spring. The Peace Officer Training Program is a one-semester basic police academy that results in license eligibility for program graduates. Unlike traditional college criminal justice programs, graduates are immediately hireable by law enforcement agencies as the students have completed all necessary training to obtain a peace officer license in North Dakota.

Spring flood summit

Staff and students of Lake Region State College rolled out the red carpet to play host to the Devils Lake Flood Summit May 3, 2010. More than 1,200 people filled the college that day as hundreds of others stood along College Drive and the LRSC entrance with signs and shovels. The message was clear: We need help.

Gov. John Hoeven, along with Sens. Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan and Congressman Earl Pomeroy, took an aerial and bus tour of the region to view the flooding. Others taking the tour included the FEMA Administrator, Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers, USDA Deputy Secretary, FHA Administrator, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Deputy Director of the U.S. Geological Survey and the Director of the National Weather Service.

After the tour, the officials gathered at LRSC to speak to an anxious crowd of local residents. Several local residents and leaders were given a chance to speak at the podium. The auditorium was filled to capacity, with people standing along all of the walls. A video feed was set up in the dining room for the more than 250 people who couldn't fit in the auditorium. This was the first time visiting Devils Lake for several of the officials and they seemed very surprised by the magnitude of the situation. All of them said they are committed to finding a resolution for the ongoing flood. *(Supplemented with information from the Devils Lake Journal, May 4, 2010)*

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- Fall enrollment is up. First day headcount is 984, an 11% increase from last year
- New construction on our campus continues. New teacher education building is the largest project, and is the first state-funded building project MaSU has had in over 40 years. Final section of the remodeling of Agassiz Hall dormitory will be completed before start of spring semester.

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EARLY FALL ENROLLMENT SHOWS GROWTH AT MINOT STATE. Along with northwestern North Dakota, growth is underway at Minot State University. According to first-day numbers, enrollment is showing a 6 percent increase, compared to the same time last year. The total headcount of students taking courses is 3,744, a 211-student increase.

MSU FALL KICK-OFF LAUNCHED NEW YEAR. On Aug. 18, Minot State faculty, staff, student workers and their immediate families gathered at Roosevelt Park Zoo for the MSU Fall Kick-off. Jazmine Wolff, a student, provided music, and 549 people attended the event. MSU Staff Senate coordinated the event.

A STAFF QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE IS IN THIS YEAR'S CAMPUS DIRECTORY. An abbreviated version of the staff handbook that a Staff Senate committee was been compiling is in this year's Minot State University campus directory.

STAFF SENATE IS PARTICIPATING IN HOMECOMING. Homecoming at Minot State University this year centers on the theme "Paint the Town Red!" Homecoming Week officially kicks off Sept. 19 and runs through Sept. 25, when the Homecoming Parade precedes the Homecoming game. Staff Senate is having a float in the parade, which is televised.

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Our Wellness Team, under the direction of President, researched and proposed a tobacco free campus plan.

Currently conducting elections to replace four vacancies on our senate via electronic survey.

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Dr. Dean L. Bresciani was named 14th president of NDSU on May 24th, 2010. Dr. Bresciani officially took office on June 15, 2010. As quoted by the It's Happening, "This (NDSU) is a fit and a job that I've been preparing for my entire career." From day one President Bresciani has been diligent in his aim to instill and revive confidence, trust and pride in NDSU.

NDSU Enrollment tops 14,200. NDSU officials report a 2% increase in enrollment for Fall Semester 2010. The official count will be announced September 21, 2010. The increase was the result of new freshmen, transfer students and international student enrollments.

Organization of Listening Groups on campus. These group's objectives are to gather information to present to Dr. Bresciani regarding university strengths, traditions, potentials as well as weaknesses and obstacles.

"Bison Pride" on Fridays was launched on August 27th. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to show their pride in being part of the Bison family on Fridays by wearing the University colors.

Live Real Mentor program is getting off to a good start this fall with several training sessions. This program is designed to train mentors on how to be an effective resource for students who have issues regarding alcohol or other drug abuse.

Finally, Staff Senate is beginning preparations for the yearly Valentines Ball to be held sometime in February 2011.

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UND Staff Senate Activities-

Emerald & Ice- began initial work for the annual event to be held in February. Band and some preliminary planning has been completed.

Denim Day- In June we added Denim Day as a standing committee with UND Staff Senate. The committee had initially been a separate University Committee. In February President Kelley asked that Staff Senate assume the administration of the committee. Between February and June an ad-hoc committee reviewed previous operation and adjusted the program to work with Staff Senate.

Early preparation is being made for **State Employee Appreciation Week**. The event is sponsored by COSE but is largely put together by Staff Senate.

Preparation for the upcoming **Potato Bowl** and **UND Homecoming** parades.

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We are seeing the highest enrollment since the late 1980s

One of our residence halls is being renovated this year

Various other buildings are being renovated throughout the year

We are renewing our international partnerships

Storm sewers near campus are being updated

Our contract with Adopt-A-Highway will be up for renewal at 12/30/10

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Angie March is new to State Staff senate.

Two new Building projects going.