



Campus Updates – April 2018



Update Provided By: Retha Mattern

- Employee Engagement group is preparing recommendations based on survey results
- Several BSC employees participated in the Envision 2030 Faculty/Staff Summit
- ArtsQuest has been going on at BSC and continues through May 3



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Update Provided By: Johnna Douthit

- Staff Senate will be assisting the Holiday Party Planning Committee with fundraising for the holiday party. We will hold several 50/50 raffles this semester with the final drawing to be held on May 18th.
- The Interim Wellness Director held a training for staff on navigating through the Sanford Health Plan wellness portal and the health center benefit. She also shared information on the office hours for the part-time clinical psychologist now on campus. Students can stop in or make an appointment. It's a great service to them, but unfortunately he is being kept busy during his hours.
- We will be holding elections for new senators within the next month or so. We've had a request to look at possibly changing the term of the staff senate president to two years. Further discussion will be held on that.



Update Provided By: Cathleen Ruch, Ed.D.

- **LRSC- Staff Senate Update**
- **LRSC Staff Member of the Month update** – LRSC's staff member will be featured in the SBHE update for the month of April. Andy has been putting together a write-up and will work with the recipient to schedule taking a picture for the article.
- **Mini professional development sessions** –
 - **March 28 (reschedule):** Social Media – Erin & Carla – will be added to website update session on May 3.
 - **April 11:** Inventory – Sandi – changed to April 18 due to activities during the week of April 11.
 - **Spring clean-up day** – April 20th and/or 27th, depending on weather – potluck? – moved to April 27 & May 4 in hopes of better weather.
 - **May 3:** Website update – Erin & Carla – will now include social media as well.
 - **June 6:** TBD
 - **July:** Staff retreat and/or family potluck afterhours/outdoor activity
 - **August:** FERPA with Dan Johnson
 - **September:** Starfish – Brigitte
 - **October** – Using email/calendars on Outlook, Liquid files – Freddie/IT
- **Kenny Dubois Bench update** – Placement in the courtyard and in front of the Bergstrom Technical Center entrance was discussed. Remodel of the courtyard will be done this summer. If it is decided to have the bench reside in the courtyard, it will not be placed until the remodel is complete.
- **Toofawn Simhai Poetry update** – Staff Senate is waiting to find out which poems the family would like to be displayed. Next step is designing the layout of the poems, then framing. Elonda N. mentioned she is ordering the last of the artwork for the Learning Commons, and will need to know where the artwork will be displayed and how large the display will be so she can leave a spot open for the tribute. Carla will follow up.
- **Service Awards Committee update** – The committee report indicated the interest by staff to change service awards was minimal. The committee decided not to continue pursuing alternate awards for service.



Update Provided By: Misti Wuori

- Mayville State Staff Senate awarded 9 scholarships for a total of \$3050 dollars from the Comet Pride Scholarship Buttons sales for staff/faculty dependents for 2018-2019. Scholarships are spread over fall and spring semesters.
- Staff Association will hold its Spring Meeting on Tuesday, April 24. A Qualtrics survey has been shared with staff to gather concerns and questions for Cabinet members prior to this meeting.
- The Orville Johnson Staff Award will be awarded Monday, April 23, at the Employee Recognition Banquet. Eleven staff members were nominated this year for this award.
- Elections for new members and officers will be held in May.
- Two staff senate members, Teri Wright and Misti Wuori, attended the Envision2030 Faculty/Staff Summit.



Update Provided By: Mindy Rudnick

- Minot State University Staff Senate awarded their March High Five Award to Financial Aid Director Laurie Weber.
- The Senate used the money they raised from their Fall Vendor show to donate \$750 to the Classified Employee Scholarship on MSU's Giving Day. The money was matched to make the total donation \$1500. The Senate is currently selling raffle tickets to help increase that scholarship endowment further.
- Our Special Events committee is soliciting donated items from employees on campus for their annual Silent Auction to be held April 30th through May 2nd. This year's non-profit beneficiary will be Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports. The group provides sporting activities to persons with disabilities and currently have a successful sled hockey program and are looking to expand into golf and basketball.
- Senator elections will be held at the end of April and officer elections will be held at the next regular meeting May 15th.



Update Provided By: Bruce Woytassek

- President Kraft
 - Review of Staff Senate Goals – a more thorough review of the Senate goals will be completed, however, it

is believed that we have completed the goals set out this year

- Marketing Committee – Chair – Senator Woytassek
 - Senator Braun provided update for Senator Woytassek. The Marketing portion of Wildcat Wednesdays is complete and 51 that have signed up to donate to the Endowment Scholarship Fund and wear jeans on Wednesdays as a benefit.
- Campus Engagement Committee – Chair - Senator Pellman
 - Food Drive update – The most recent food drive raised \$260 and 50 lbs. of food.
- Sustainability Committee – Chair – Vice President Hinrichs
 - Vice President Hinrichs discussed using funds from the Senate budget to help the Sustainability Committee pay for posters. Motion carried.
- New Business
 - Designated Senators will reach out to staff members who were voted for on the nomination survey



Update Provided By: Diane Axness

NDSU Staff Senate Updates

- NDSU ESC (environmental sustainability club) is hosting its Earth Week April 16-20th in which the club attempts to engage and reach the campus body regarding reduction, reusal, and recycle tendencies. Furthermore, we try to coordinate intriguing events for students to get involved with outside of campus such as campus remediation and/or facility tours (i.e. Minnkota/River Keepers).
Many new recycling receptacles have been placed around campus. . In addition to more receptacle's NDSU is now participating in Comingled Recycling program from Minnkota Recycling.
- The Gunkelman Award Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 4th at 3:00 PM in the Alumni center. This award is given to a student, faculty, or staff member nominated by their peers for bringing positivity and joy to campus.
- The 29th Annual Woodlands & High Plains PowWow, was held April 14, 2018. This year, 1,500 people attended the event. Twelve tribes from three states and Canada celebrated this year's theme "Celebrating Life. Creating Our Future."
- The 2018 NDSU Staff Recognition Awards were announced and presented to 9 individuals and 1 team award. Individual Staff Recognition Awards are presented to broadbanded staff at NDSU. Up to ten awards may be issued in each of five categories: Administrative/Professional, Technical/Paraprofessional, Office Support, Crafts/Trades, and Services. Recipients will receive a cash award of \$250. The following are this year's individual recipients.

3000 Band

Susan Finneseth, Program Manager, EFNEP/FNP

Sami Johnson, Coordinator of New Student Programs, Student Success Programs

Jared Pigeon, Program Coordinator, Multicultural Programs

Tayt Rinehardt, Academic Advisor, College of Business

Matt Skoy, Director, Student Activities

4000 Band

Deb Johnson, Nutrition Education Assistant, NDSU Extension

5000 Band

Lori Askew, Academic Assistant, School of Nursing

Kelly Hoyt, Assistant to the Vice Provost for Faculty and Equity

7000 Band

Devra Gouden, Supervisor of Operations, Dining

The Team Recognition Award recognizes a group of individuals who have contributed to the accomplishment of a major change or benefit to the University community.

Team Academic Athletics

Kelli Layman, Ashley Harris, Carter Kruckenberg



Update Provided By: Lisa Earls

- Governor Burgum, Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford and staff were on the UND campus April 6. Burgum and his team heard from campus and community leaders and students about recent achievements of the One UND Strategic Plan, current building and infrastructure challenges around campus, and ambitious plans to make UND the research giant of the Northern Plains. Burgum also had lunch with UND Senate leadership, discussing the new Task Force for Higher Education Governance, collaboration with North Dakota State University, and the state's K-12 education system.
- In April, votes for incoming Staff Senators were tallied and all staff were recognized and served breakfast or lunch by the UND Staff Senate at the annual Spring Fling.
- A representative of UND Staff Senate along with three university senators participated in the Chancellor's 2030 Envision summit in Bismarck on April 13.



Update Provided By: Sarah Larsen

- VCSU's Staff Senate will be holding broadband meetings within the next month. We received specific thoughts from staff on what things could be addressed, appearance-wise, on campus. With these ideas, we have been working with the Campus Beautification committee to see what they can help with to improve campus appearance with things like new benches, fresh paint, etc. Elections will be coming up here in the next month so we will be working to recruit some new senators for the upcoming year.



Update Provided By: Amy Armstrong

- WSC's Staff Senate is organizing a Staff Retreat for all staff members in July. Details are forthcoming!
- Election for officers will be held at the May meeting
- WSC held the Walk a Mile in her Shoes event was held on campus on Saturday, April 7th. Proceeds from the event went to the Williston Family Crisis Shelter.