



Campus Updates – August 2018



Update Provided By:

- No updates provided.



Update Provided By: Crystal Tangsrud

- We held our first annual CTSSO Staff Senate Retreat in July. It was a great success! We discussed our purpose, revisited our constitution and by-laws, reviewed activities for 2017-18 and made plans for the 2018-19 year. We also greeted our newly elected senators and elected our officers for the coming year as well:
 - President: Doug Osowski
 - Vice President: Crystal Tangsrud
 - Secretary: Patty Schock
 - Communications Officer (new position): Cordell Wagendorf
- We established three key goals for the 2018-19 year during our retreat:
 - Staff Senate looks to work towards increasing morale included but not limited to; professional development, flexible work hours, employee survey, parking and workspace maintenance/safety.
 - Staff Senate looks to fundraise enough money for our annual scholarship and various Staff Senate events.
 - Staff Senate is going to work towards better communication of our presence including launch and maintenance of our website and philanthropic activities.
- There was also the creation of several sub-committees to continue or begin work towards these goals in 2018-19:
 - Survey Sub-Committee
 - Professional Development Sub-Committee
 - Apparel Sub-Committee (fundraising)
 - Operation Red, White, and Blue Sub-Committee (philanthropy)
 - Constitution and By-Laws Review Sub-Committee



Update Provided By: Hattie Albertson

- At DCB we are continuing to work on raising funds for Staff Senate. In September we will have our first lunch offering for staff, faculty, and students. We are hoping to be able to offer a Staff Senate scholarship to a student in the near future.
- We are also looking ahead to the planning of the Christmas Party which will be here before we know it!



Update Provided By: Laura Fetting

- DSU Staff Senate is working on better ways to communicate across campus.
- The Staff Development Committee collaborated with the DSU Heritage Foundation to bring a motivational speaker to campus. The presentation by V.J. Smith was well attended. The committee is working on developing monthly programming for the 2018-2019 year.
- We are planning two Staff Open Forums; one in the Fall and one in the Spring.



Update Provided By: Cathleen Ruch

- Mini professional development sessions are planned – September: Starfish; October: Using email/calendars on Outlook, Liquid files.
- Staff Retreat was held and senate is looking at ways to implement the findings from the retreat.



Update Provided By: Susan Cordahl

- The Mayville State University Staff Senate met mid-August with 9 of 15 members present. An informal vote was taken regarding taking the Friday after Thanksgiving and it was unanimously approved. We are continuing to work on various areas regarding campus morale, such as our Walk on Wednesday's initiative. Discussions have arisen regarding purchasing some bikes for campus and painting our existing bike racks Comet Blue in order to be more aesthetic and visible. Students and staff have inquired about the possibility of a comment box, so a discussion was had about placing a unanimous comment box or boxes around campus. Our Student Life Director has ordered a box to place in his office area and offered to monitor it. Staff Senate will follow up as necessary.
- A Staff Senate sub-committee is currently making some plans to recognize State Employee Recognition week which is coming up September 10-14. Campus lighting was also discussed as we had a guest speaker from one of our Campus Resident Directors who states that several students have shown concern with how dark campus is at night. An evening "walk-through" of campus will most likely be planned in the next month or so; inviting faculty, staff, students, and even our cabinet members so that a plan of action for improvements can begin.



Update Provided By: Cole Krueger

- Gary Huwe from Minot State's Campus Security named the July High Five Award Recipient
- 2018 Fall Kickoff welcomed over 200 people comprised of Staff and Faculty as well as their dependents
- Employee Recognition Week plans include French Toast bar, Taco in a bag, and more for staff.



Update Provided By: Bruce Woytassek

- State Staff Meeting Update:
Senator Braun provided a copy of the proposed letter Staff Senate developed regarding the proposal for the day after Thanksgiving to be established as an NDUS holiday. The Senators approved moving forward on this request.
- Marketing committee said the Fall Semester Newsletter is nearing completion but needs a couple more articles and urged committee Senators to submit articles and ideas.
- All committees reported and recorded goals for the upcoming year.
- Sustainability Committee – Chair – President Hinrichs, Senator Pellman
- NDSCS Is excited to have made "The Forbes Top 25 Two-Year Trade Schools!"
 - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/cartercoudriet/2018/08/15/the-top-25-two-year-trade-schools-colleges-that-can-solve-the-skills-gap/#6a54204b3478>

- Reviewed numbers from Waste Management regarding recycling efforts:

So far this year:






	Landfilled	177.94 tons	87%
	Diverted	26.38 tons	13%
	Total	204.32 tons	100%

Diverted material includes:

Single Stream Material:

Paper	10.38 tons
Plastic	1.58 tons
Aluminum	1.19 tons
Glass	0.55 tons
Cardboard	12.66 tons

These recycling efforts conserved the following resources:

-  **51,885 kW-hrs of electricity**
Enough to power 4 homes for a full year
-  **401 mature trees**
Enough to produce 4,967,694 sheets of newspaper
-  **161,236 gallons of water**
Enough to meet the fresh water needs of 2,149 people
-  **105 cubic yards of landfill airspace**
Enough airspace to meet the disposal needs of a community of 135 people
-  **48 metric tons (MTCO2E) of GHG Emissions**
The recycling of these materials prevented these GHG emissions!



Update Provided By: Naomi Kosen

- NDSU kicked off fall semester with a variety of Welcome Week special events. We welcomed hundreds of students on Move-In Day Saturday, August 18th. Other major activities included Residence Hall community gatherings/dinner, Green and Yellow rally, Class Photo and President's welcome. All of these events were a huge success.



Update Provided By: Jeremy Malheim

- Preparing for our State Staff Recognition week events.
- Preparing for Homecoming events.
- Staff Senate is working on revising our Constitution and Bylaws to align with our new Mission, Vision, Values and Goals.
- Staff Senate Executive Committee met with a HR consultant brought in by our VPFO/COO in conjunction with the Director of HR & Payroll to evaluate our current HR setup/services and discuss concerns and possible improvements for UND staff.



Update Provided By: Kari Bodine

- VCSU Staff senate held an open forum during welcome week on our campus to share key information that affects all staff such as student employment, printing and email updates, and trainings available from human resources.
- We recruited three members to serve on campus committees on behalf of staff.
- VCSU Staff Senate and Faculty Association partnered to host a “Back to the City Night” so students can connect with downtown business owners in Valley City, to be held on September 6th.



Update Provided By: Amy Armstrong

- Amy Armstrong is a member of the Friday after Thanksgiving committee and has been working on the proposal with Tyler Clauson, Mindy Sturn, and Lisa Braun. She presented the proposal to WSC’s Staff Senate, and the vote to send the proposal was unanimous.
- Additionally, at our August meeting, we started plans for WSC’s first staff takeover event. We are tentatively planning for late in the Fall semester or early in the Spring semester.
- The Teton Week of Welcome (WOW) was last week, and campus is buzzing with students once again! On Tuesday, the Student Life Coordinator held a student organization sign up, and she is currently accepting applications for Student Senators. As we have a Student Senator attend our monthly meetings, WSC’s Staff Senate is excited to find out who our student representative will be and which students will join us in campus governance.