



## Campus Updates – January 2019



Update Provided By: Mindy Sturn

- No updates.



Update Provided By: Crystal Tangsrud

- No updates.



Update Provided By: Hattie Albertson

- The Staff Senate at Dakota College hosted a successful Holiday Gathering to round out the semester. A good time was had by all. Looking ahead to the new semester Staff Senate hopes to continue to review policies and update information to assist with DCB's upcoming HLC accreditation. Additionally, a soup lunch is planned and we will be discussing other spring fundraising efforts, most specifically the DCB Staff Senate Vendor Show that will take place in April.



Update Provided By: Laura Fetting

- The Fourth Quarter Above and Beyond Award was given out to the following staff employees:
  - Alicia Erickson – Director of Alumni Relations, DSU Heritage Foundation
  - Joanne Fields – Administrative Secretary, Communications & Public Affairs
  - Carrie Knudson – Coordinator of Student Health & Interim Wellness Program Director, Student Affairs/Wellness
- Staff Senate is hosting a Welcome Back Goody Gobble on January 16<sup>th</sup>. This event is to welcome students back to campus with home-baked goodies.
- The Appreciation Committee will be bringing a local food truck to campus for staff, students, and faculty to enjoy.
- An all campus potluck was held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was very well attended and the food was delicious!
- DSU Staff Senate is working with Human Resources on a Retired Employee Benefits package.
- Staff Senate has drafted a Staff Emeritus Policy and will be presenting this to the President's Advisory Committee and Cabinet.



Update Provided By: Cat Ruch

- A session on Liquid Files and Outlook/email was held on December 4, 2018.
- The Christmas Party was held on January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Officer elections are being held in January.



Update Provided By: Susan Cordahl

- The Mayville State University Staff Senate did not meet in December 2018. However, we held our fall Staff Association meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Our senate gave updates on what we've been up to this year so far as well as upcoming projects we have planned. Mayville State University President Dr. Brian VanHorn was present to give updates as well as each of our Cabinet members.
- Staff Senate hosted a holiday potluck for staff on December 20. It was well-attended.
- Our next Staff Senate meeting is scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>.



Update Provided By: Cole Krueger

- Cindy Geyer was named the December High Five Award Winner.
- Budget and Salary committee was formed during the fall.
- Summer work hours continue to be discussed, proposal likely to come in the Spring.



Update Provided By: Bruce Woytassek

- Guest Speakers – Business Office
  - Changes to the NDSU Tuition Model per the guiding principles outlined in the NDUS 2015-2020 Strategic Plan – Tuition Model Principles document that requires all 11 NDUS institutions to implement a tuition model that offers increased simplicity and transparency.
- Campus Engagement Committee – Chair – Senator Pellman
  - The food drive collected \$249 in cash and 238 pounds of food.
  - The Senators further discussed a staff spotlight program. This committee will meet again and bring ideas/updates to a future meeting.
- Marketing and Recruitment Taskforce– Senator Shirek and Senator Herbranson
  - At the last meeting the taskforce heard RFI presentations from Ruffalo Noel-Levitz and AACRAO. Senator Shirek and Senator Herbranson discussed each company's experience and information provided in assisting institutions in assessing their marketing and recruitment practices/strategies, best practices, etc.



Update Provided By: Naomi Kosen

- University Athletics Committee Update: Recap of last year was 8 Championships and athletes had an average of 3.4 GPA. Team makers has raised \$5 million. Athletics is looking at renovations and getting private funds for these projects. Still working on athlete attendance policy and they are looking at new NCAA rules in regards to retention.
- NDSU Staff Senate has been doing a “focused” donation drive with specific items requested for donation each month. So far, we’ve donated items to local non-profit businesses. So far we received items such as cereal, socks, oral hygiene, & deodorant. This has been a big success.
- DiscoverU – This is an event that NDSU puts on about twice a year for staff development. The next DiscoverU event will take place mid-February and include a team bonding exercise with guest speaker, Julie Stoll. More information will come in February.
- Every year around Christmas time NDSU Campus Engagement Committee does “Bell Ringing” with the Salvation Army. After this year’s bell ringing the Equity Office recommended picking more inclusive charities in the future after receiving a complaint about the salvation army not being all inclusive.
- The December 13th blood drive was a success.
- ND United held a forum on November 28 and some legislators attended. Here are some topics discussed:
  - Medical insurance for grad students
  - Advocating as state employees
  - Concerns about changes to our health plan
  - Reinstating oil extraction tax
  - Income generating bill
  - NDSU interest groups have met with legislators
  - Support for raises for public employee and opposing changes to health care plan
  - Formation of Cass County caucus
  - Mistake to cut the income tax
  - It was mentioned that there is a new app that allows you to track bills through North Dakota



Update Provided By: Jeremy Malheim

- UND Staff Senate hosted our Holiday Potluck and the 20<sup>th</sup> year of UND Staff Senate luncheon in December. Former staff senators were invited to join us to celebrate.
- We also hosted a Staff Takeover event, an after work hours event for UND staff to get together to visit and have fun with members across campus.



Update Provided By: Kari Bodine

- VCSU Staff Senate hosted a “Secret Viking” (Secret Santa) event during the week of December 17<sup>th</sup> with over 30 staff participants.
- We will host a VCSU Clothing and Supply Swap on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to share goods with one another at no cost.
- A subcommittee was formed to update the constitution and bylaws that will be brought back to Senate and University Policy Committee to review.



Update Provided By: Amy Armstrong

- WSC’s Staff Senate President has resigned her position at the College. The new WSC Staff Senate President is Megan Kasner and the new WSC Staff Senate Recorder is Kristina Kitchens.