

Campus Updates – July 2016



Update Provided By: Retha Mattern

- Election of Retha Mattern as president (replacing Amy Brown who left BSC).
- Election of two new members from newly created districts on campus due to reorganization.
- Two districts consolidated representation on staff senate.
- Submission of budget reduction and revenue generation ideas as part of the effort to create a 90% budget.
- Approval of a resolution thanking administration for maintaining a 3% raise for most staff on campus despite the allotments.
- Identified needed updates to the bylaws and constitution.



Update Provided By: Randy Wald

- We have a committee continuing to work with Senior Staff on interpreting the employee survey we conducted. This committee will eventually come up with an action plan.
- We briefly explored the idea of a new communication officer position for our own Staff Senate.
- We talked about the importance of following this coming legislative session.
- We formed a group to explore fundraiser ideas for a CTS recognition lunch.



Update Provided by: Mike O'Toole

- Staff Senate hosted summer potluck.
- Two committees were formed and started meeting, in order to review policies/procedures:
 - Staff Senate bylaws committee
 - Staff Handbook committee
- DCB Staff Senate will not meet again until September 2016.



Update Provided By: Krissy Kilwein

- On Wednesday, July 6 Dickinson State University Staff Senate hosted a BBQ for all staff, faculty and students that were on campus. Followed shortly by our first meeting of the fiscal year; we elected a new Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer.
- We attended open forums for each of the 4, VPFA Candidates and added our input via the survey afterwards – we are awaiting the results of the search (this position is also the liaison for the Staff Senate to the President’s Cabinet).
- Human Resources hosted Coffee & Conversation on Friday, July 8, that is sponsored by Staff Senate and a good time was had, the theme was Jokes!
- The appreciation committee popped popcorn to accompany the President’s Open Forum in regards to the budget announcement on Thursday, July 14; M&M’s were provided by the President for a sweet topping.



Update Provided By: Bobbi Lunday

- Over 140 kids from around the community and surrounding communities took part in a 4 day “college for kids” camp at LRSC. This program which has been active since the early 90’s allows youth to attend activity driven sessions through the afternoon of each day. Many times the activities are related to degree programs offered through the college (example: nurse camp, flight school, police academy, beginning fitness, etc.). The event ends with a light supper provided for all of the participants and their families and allows the kids to show off completed projects for certain sessions.
- Staff members rolled up their sleeves and helped with Lake Region State College’s 75th Anniversary celebrations by volunteering for the 7.5K Run & Movie night July 7th, Royal’s Golf Tournament July 8th, and Program/Open house/Hall-of-Fame Inductions on July 9th. It was a great event.
- The Administrative Affairs Department staff have been busy setting up the new budget for FY17, and closing out FY16, Grants, all expenditures, auditor requests, journal entries and templates for the System office that go along with year-end. Soon, we’ll be doing financial statements.
- The Student Affairs staff is busy getting ready for the Fall semester with 3 more upcoming Registration Days and Orientation. Students will begin arriving on campus as early as August 12.



Update Provided By: Jessica Amb

- We are currently working on getting our Comet Pride Scholarship ready to go for fall. Every year staff senate promotes and sells Comet Pride Buttons. These buttons come with a variety of perks for faculty and staff. All money received from these buttons go to scholarships for dependents or spouse of current faculty or staff members. The new design for 2016-2017 has been designed and approved. We are currently working on getting all the perks set up. Some of the perks that we have done in years past are wearing jeans on Friday, one free month at the wellness center, a free meal at the cafeteria, free pop and popcorn at a sports event and a theatre ticket to a MSU production.



Update Provided by: Mindy Rudnick

- Minot State University is planning their annual Fall-Kick Off Event for faculty, staff and their families on Aug 17th.
- The Professional Development committee is making arrangements for sessions to be held yet this summer.
- Our Staff Satisfaction survey has been reviewed and will be sent out next week to the campus.
- The Senate established an ad-hoc committee to explore staff perks and employee discounts in the community.



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Update Provided By:

- No Update Provided.



Update Provided By: Ryan Brinkman

- We are currently looking at current processes and how we can make them more efficient and ensure that each process is reaching its full potential.
- Our executive committee has begun the discussion of ensuring that our Bylaws is a true By-Laws section and not a combination of By-laws and policy. We have charged our by-laws committee with this task.
- We will be having a Chair Orientation for our new committee chairs when they return in the fall.
- We are looking at making sure our Website is as functional as possible and making sure it flows well.
- We have been looking at our CAMPUS RELATIONS committee and are looking at possible name changes to reflect the campus culture and our engagement processes.
- We will be having an executive committee potluck in early August to get to know each other a little more and their families.



Update Provided By: Pam Henderson

- UND welcomes the Honorable Mark Kennedy as our 12th President. President Kennedy kicked off his tenure at UND by throwing the first pitch at UND Night at Target Field for the MN Twins. President and Mrs. Kennedy have been hosting a series of "Grill and Chill" Events with the faculty and staff to get to know the areas and departments around campus.
- Staff Senate had a potluck on July 13th. Mrs. Kennedy, as well as several other administrators were in attendance to help kick off 2016-17 Staff Senate year.
- The Staff Recognition Committee has begun planning for State Employee Recognition Week.
- The Fundraising Committee has begun preparing for our annual Denim & Diamonds event, which will take place on October 28, 2016. Money raised from the silent auction at Denim & Diamonds helps to support our Seeds for Staff Success program to assist UND Staff with professional development.



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Update Provided By: Greg Carlson

- Staff Senate is working with HR to update our annual review processes.
- Staff Senate is updating subcommittee membership.
- VCSU is planning the August 15 Staff and Faculty Welcome Week Picnic.



Update Provided By: Katie Peterson

- Williston state college is preparing to host Relay for Life on our campus on July 30th.
- Our amazing staff from the maintenance and ground crew continues to provide staff a weekly Wednesday bbq.