



Campus Updates – March 2018



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- During the week of spring break, Staff Senate will host several staff appreciation events starting

with breakfast of muffins/donuts on Monday, March 12, 2018, Chip & Dip Day on Wednesday, March 14th and ending the week with a Pot Luck of the Irish staff potluck on Friday, March 16th. At the same time there will be a “Lunch & Learn” presentation by Mr. Kostas Voutsas, entitled “From Suits to Tattoos: Bridging the Generation Gap.

- The Fundraising committee met with Mr. Ty Orton, DSU Foundation Director, to discuss their new idea of fundraising. Rather than each club and organization collecting “door to door” for ticket and event fundraisers, he shared with us how Staff Senate can fundraise through the foundation as well. He was unable to meet with the full Staff Senate but we will ask him to attend our April meeting to discuss further.
- We are still collecting recipes for the centennial cookbook and now have about 120 recipes. We are checking with FundCraft on their deadline dates for pre-sales and publication.
- Governor Burgum will be on campus on April 4th and there will be a Listening Session with him and representatives from all three senates on this date. More information and talking points will be forthcoming.
- We had discussion at our meeting on March 7th on planning some fun, morale-boosting activities. Various ideas mentioned were a corn hole competition between offices/departments, DSU Compression Hour and starting the Coffee & Conversation event again.
- We are also soliciting applications for the Staff Senate scholarship, available to a dependent of a benefitted staff person. The deadline is April 15th.



Update Provided By: Cathleen Ruch, Ed.D.

LRSC- Staff Senate Update

- **LRSC Staff Member of the Month update** – Andy gave an update that the announcement should be published in April.
- **Mini professional development sessions** –
 - **March 21:** FERPA – Dan Johnson? – This session was switched to Social Media on March 28.
 - **April 11:** Social Media – Erin Wood & Carla – This session was changed to Inventory with Sandi Lillehaugen. Sandi will try to have inventory sheets dispersed by then so staff can ask questions.
 - **Spring clean-up day** – April 20th and/or 27th, depending on weather – Brief discussion about the possibility of having a potluck one of these days.
 - **May 3:** Website update – Erin & Carla
 - **June 6:** Inventory with Sandi Lillehaugen – Topic moved to April 11. This spot is now open for another topic.
 - **July:** TBD with potluck – Planned month for a staff retreat and/or family potluck afterhours/outdoor activity.
 - **August:** Family potluck afterhours/Outdoor activity? – Changed to FERPA with Dan Johnson
 - **September:** Starfish – Brigitte
 - **October** – Using email/calendars on Outlook and Liquid files
 - An idea was presented to provide a session on Blackboard. The group discussed whether this would be a topic covered in faculty in-service, as the number of staff who may be interested may not be many.
- **Summer Staff Retreat** – Activities presented/discussed include kickball and activities for kids at the park (an after-hours activity), and completing the tower activity at Camp Grafton. The group discussed the listed activities as well as some of the activities done in the past. There was some concern about finding something everyone would find worthwhile and members discussed the possibility of sending out another survey to staff. Carla will send out last year's staff retreat survey to staff senate members for review.



Update Provided By: Misti Wuori

- Mayville State Staff Senate conducted a Spring Break food drive for students staying on campus and in the Mayville State area during spring break, since there is no food service. The giving from faculty and staff was incredible as 36 bags with items for 5 complete days of meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks) was collected and assembled. Thanks to Gate City Bank for providing reusable grocery bags to assemble the care packages.
- Mayville State Staff Senate members actively attended the open forums and staff question sessions for the 5 presidential finalists on campus during the week of March 5-8.
- A Spring Break potluck with a St. Patrick's Day theme was held for all staff and faculty on campus, as well as any students who are staying in the Mayville area over break. Over 40 people attended, and it was a nice event after the hustle and bustle of the presidential searches and other activities before Spring Break.

- Applications are being collected for Comet Pride (faculty/staff dependent) scholarships.



Update Provided By: Mindy Rudnick

Minot State University Staff Senate Employee Recognition committee awarded their February High Five award to Custodial Superintendent Gretchen Ingledue in Facilities Management. Our Bylaws committee submitted a list retired employees to our President to be considered for Staff Emeritus status, and our Special Events committee is holding a food drive during the month of March.



Update Provided By: Bruce Woytassek

- Secretary Herbranson
 - New Senator Survey to be sent through Qualtrics during spring break week
- Marketing Committee – Chair – Senator Woytassek
 - Meeting with NDSCS Marketing to promote “Wildcat Wednesdays” to promote wearing jeans and NDSCS Apparel with a contribution to the Endowment Scholarship fund and/or the Care fund.
- Campus Engagement Committee – Chair - Senator Pellman
 - Food Drive is underway and doing well
- Special Committee
 - Accepting recipes for the upcoming cookbook
- New Business
 - Budget utilization
 - “Letter of concern” discussion
 - Face to Face meeting June 19th & 20th in Mayville
 - Senate goal for next year – seek contributions to “Jessy’s Toy box”



Update Provided By: Diane Axness

NDSU Staff Senate Updates

- We presented two “Campus Kudos” awards at our March meeting.
- President of the Alumni Association, John Glover provided us with an update on fundraising activities happening with the NDSU Alumni Foundation.
- Chris Wilson, Chief of Staff,
- Nominations are now open for positions in the Staff Senate. Voting will take place March 26th & 27th.
- The Staff Senate “Staff Appreciations Breakfast” was held March 14th. President Bresciani delivered the welcome and thanked staff for all their hard work.
- The Scholarship Committee’s Book Fair, held at Barnes & Noble was very well attended and raised \$5,600 plus online sales that will go towards scholarships.
- Due to inclement weather, our “Discover U” staff development was cancelled and will have to be rescheduled.
- The 29th Annual Woodlands & High Plains Pow Wow, will be held April 14, 2018. They will be honoring murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls.



Update Provided By: Lisa Earls

- We are preparing for the UND Spring Fling to be held in April. This annual event includes two meals served by Staff Senators to UND staff members to show appreciation for their contributions. A breakfast is served to our overnight staff and a luncheon is served to those staff who work regular business hours.
- Two staff were presented with the U-Shine award for extraordinary service. Staff Senate recognizes individuals who are nominated that have gone out of the way to help others.
- Staff Senate elections are underway, the nomination period for Staff Senators closes March 15 with elections to follow.



Update Provided By: Sarah Larsen

- VCSU Staff Senate held a St. Patrick's Day themed potluck this week. We had 35 staff members sign up to bring a dish so we were happy with those numbers as it is Spring Break and many aren't around on campus.
- Our Staff Appreciation Committee brainstormed ideas for our Staff Appreciation week and decided to hand out goodie bags with Lifesavers in them with a note stating 'You're a LIFESAVER! Thanks for all you do!' These were well-received by staff members.
- Our presidential search committee has been formed and we are looking forward to meeting with the consultants next week.



Update Provided By: Amy Armstrong

- The Chancellor's visit to campus was on February 27. While he was here, WSC held a student listening session, a staff/faculty listening session, an Executive Cabinet listening session which also included the Faculty Senate President and the Staff Senate President, and a community forum. The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor had many positive things to say about WSC, its students, and the community of Williston.
- Campus was closed on March 5 and 6 due to a winter storm the and subsequent no travel advisories.
- Faculty Members Kim Weismann, Maren Furuseth, and Ken Quamme held a potluck fundraiser for WSC student Brandon Kayter, who has an amazing opportunity to be an international scholar laureate. Kayter hopes to represent WSC because of his excellent academic standing and his participation in Phi Theta Kappa. This year's event will be in Australia, and Kayter was hesitant to attend because he was unsure if he could afford the trip. Since partnering up with Ken, Kim and Maren, Kayter is very close to his goal.
- Williston State College will be sponsoring the Summer Nights on Main event on August 23, which is the Thursday of The Teton Week of Welcome. Summer Nights on Main is a weekly event held by

the Williston Downtowners Association. The event includes a free concert, food vendors, activities for kids, and fun for the whole family. This is WSC's first time sponsoring the event, and we hope to continue to sponsor in the future.