



Campus Updates – March 2019



Update Provided By: Mindy Sturn

- BSC Staff Senate will be holding some staff appreciation activities during Spring Break week. There will be competitions for staff to win prizes as well as some food and refreshments. This is being done to show staff appreciation as well as broaden staff senate awareness.



Update Provided By: Crystal Tangsrud

- No updates.



Update Provided By:

- No update received.



Update Provided By: Laura Fetting

- DSU Staff Senate decided to split all fundraising efforts 50/50 between the Staff Senate General Fund and Staff Senate Scholarship Fund.
- The Staff Senate Spring Open Forum was held on February 21st with over 40 participants, including staff, faculty, and administration.
- A Staff Emeritus Policy proposal was brought to the President's Advisory Committee and will be brought forth to the President's Cabinet by Laura Nelson, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration, for consideration and approval.
- DSU Staff Senate participated in the DSU Heritage Foundation's Bike-A-Thon to raise funds for scholarships. The funds raised by Staff Senate will go toward the DSU Staff Senate Scholarship, which is awarded to a staff spouse or dependent attending DSU.

- The Staff Development Committee is working on bringing a training offered by ND's OMB. The topic of the training would be Dealing with Difficult People.



Update Provided By: Cathleen Ruch

- Mini professional development sessions
 - February 14: Advising with Brigitte and Erika
 - March: How to use recording equipment in Learning Commons
 - April/May: Campus Clean-up Days (two Friday afternoons)
 - June: No session.
 - July: Staff Retreat - scheduled for July 18
- Heartsaver CPR, First Aid & AED Training – APR 9 8:00AM – 12:00PM & APR 16 12:30PM – 4:30PM



Update Provided By: Susan Cordahl

- The Mayville State University Staff Senate met February 12, 2019.
- We discussed our Spring Break food drive where we ask staff members to donate non-perishables that we use to put together care packages for students that remain in town over spring break. Packages include enough food to provide 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 suppers, snacks, and beverages. Donations are due March 7th and Staff Senate will assemble the care packages March 8th so they are ready for pick up the following week (spring break). We applied for the Awesome Grant for additional funding so that we may also provide gift cards to the local grocery store for perishable food items (milk, cheese, meat), but we have not had a response yet.
- HR came to visit with our Senate to discuss HRMS Manager Training, the new Wellness Policy (pending Cabinet review and approval), and the 360 evaluations for our 1000 broadband in the near future.
- We have lost a few Staff Senate members this year (due to change of employment), so we voted in new senators to finish our year strong. They will begin their roles at our March meeting.
- Our next Staff Senate Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th.



Update Provided By: Cole Krueger

- Doreen Wald was chosen as the Staff Senate High Five Award Recipient for February.
- Staff Senate will hold the 2nd annual scholarship raffle with ticket sales beginning late March.



Update Provided By: Alissa Herbranson

- Guest Speakers – Matt Diischer & Dr. Cloy Tobola
 - Matt Diischer presented an overview of the departmental structure, functions and mission of the Residential Life Department.

- Dr. Cloy Tobola discussed the revisions to the NDSCS Library Policy.
- State HRC & State Staff Senate Update - Senator Braun
 - Senator Braun provided an update on the Friday after Thanksgiving Taskforce, use of State Fleet vehicles, and Don Morton attending the February State Staff Senate meeting.
- Campus Engagement Committee – Senator Pellman
 - The process for selection and distribution of “Staff Spotlight” was finalized. This program of highlighting staff members each month will begin in the near future.
- Facilities, Safety and Parking Representative – Senator Hinrichs
 - Senator Hinrichs provided an update from the Facilities, Safety and Parking meeting that discussed the following:
 - Capital projects
 - Career Workforce Academy
 - Campus safety updates
 - Facilities Scheduling Taskforce
 - Rodeo (City of Wahpeton)
- **New Business**
 - Staff Senate recruitment video will be sent out prior to the annual Staff Senate nomination survey.
 - President Hinrichs discussed the Staff Professional Development funds.



Update Provided By: Danielle Pinnick

- NDSU Scholarship committee continues to fundraise at local restaurants, including a February 28th fundraiser at Blaze Pizza, in Fargo. Before this latest fundraiser, our scholarship committee reported \$866.33 in its fund.
- Discover U was held on February 12th, at NDSU.
- Our Staff Senate continues to hold focused charity drives, for specific items of need, which go to local shelters, foodbanks, etc. Next month's item is hair products.
- Environmental sustainability is promoting bring-your-own-bags at NDSU's bookstore, in the month of February, in which the book store offers discounts to customers who forgo bags.
- Our legislative committee and State Staff Senate continues to track bills that pertain to public employees and NDUS employees, specifically. Legislature is now at the mid-point of session, known as cross-over, so bills will move between houses and be ultimately passed or defeated.
- Dunbar Hall is approved to be renovated with bond funds, so all are encouraged to participate in bonding this project. Harris Hall at NDSU is also a building that is in need of improvement.
- NDSU's Day of Honor Brought about 70 people, and the NDSU choir sang, to honor NDSU students who have passed away.
- A poverty simulation was held at NDSU on February 12th
- NDSU's theatre department hosted free previews of the shows *Patience* and *Liminal: a Folktale*



Update Provided By: Jeremy Malheim

- We are gearing up for staff senate elections and preparing for our union to close so they can begin construction on the new union.



Update Provided By: Kari Bodine

- We are hosting a couple of gathering events for all staff during spring break. Wednesday will be a hotdish cook-off with a traveling trophy presented to the winner. Friday we are having a soup potluck to warm up during this never-ending winter.
- Staff Appreciation Committee is gathering to give out thank-you gifts to our staff for their hard work.
- We are beginning to plan the Employee Recognition Dinner scheduled from the first week of May.



Update Provided By: Megan Kasner

- Teton Men's Basketball Team will be going to Nationals.