



## Campus Updates – November 2017

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Update Provided By: Retha Mattern

- Phil Wisecup, Interim Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning and Strategic Engagement at NDUS attended the October meeting in order to better understand and learn how the staff senates operate, and to obtain input and feedback on suggestions or concerns employees would like to share at the larger NDUS system office level vs. the individual college level.
- Staff Senate learned about updates to the student rights and responsibilities document. Safety and Security presented updates and answered questions about the recently passed legislation regarding possession of firearms on ND campuses. “No guns allowed” stickers will be placed on campus building doors. Discussion also included communication about training activities held at the ND Law Enforcement Training Academy as they can be surprising or startling to students and employees who are not expecting them or aware of the LETA presence.
- Updates were provided regarding enrollment and tuition shortfalls and steps that BSC is taking to address them.
- The Employee Outreach and Retention team is working on changes to the You Make a Difference program and the Buddy program for new employees.
- The Community Relations team is discussing a Frisbee golf tournament this spring, and is working on a volunteer program for employees.
- The Communications Committee is working on developing a quarterly newsletter to inform BSC employees about what Staff Senate is doing.



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Update Provided By: Lisa Anderson

- Staff Senate have begun working on the staff and faculty Christmas Party to be held on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff Senate is helping coordinate a “Friends Committee”. This committee will be in charge of sending out cards, gifts, etc. to immediate family of alumni and employees of the college that have had births, weddings, deaths, etc.
- Staff Senate held their 1<sup>st</sup> 50/50 raffle on November 17-18 during the Cobblestone Classic.
- Staff Senate will be hosting a Spring Fling Vendor and Craft show to be held April 21<sup>st</sup> 2018.
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> Staff Senate will be hosting Taco in a Bag for faculty and staff.



Update Provided By: Johnna Douthit

- The Staff Development Committee of DSU Staff Senate sponsored a Health Fair with various vendors providing information on: Wellness Program information, Essential Oils information, Reiki and Chakra Balancing, Massage Therapy, Smoking Cessation and Fitness and Nutrition.
- To coincide with DSU’s Centennial, our Staff Senate Fundraising Committee is working on publishing a cookbook with recipes from our alumni and current employees to sell at the various centennial events.
- DSU hosted the sixth annual Boo Hawks in Wienbergen gymnasium on October 31st. There were 2,164 attendees, which was almost 800 more than last year’s attendance! Nine of our student-led clubs and organizations decorated and dressed in costume to welcome everyone.
- The Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce selected DSU as Outstanding Business of the Year in October.



Update Provided By: Cathleen Ruch

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Update Provided By: Misti Wuori

- Mayville State Staff Senate members were encouraged to attend the Presidential Search Listening Sessions held by the firm AGB Search for MSU faculty and staff. These were held November 6 and 7 on the Mayville State campus.
- Staff Senate is working with IT to explore why there is no Staff only listserv in the campus email system. "Staff" includes faculty, but "Faculty" does not include staff.
- A subcommittee, led by staff senate, is exploring holiday decorating of Old Main to bring more light to campus as staff and faculty arrive when it is dark and leave when it is dark during winter months.



Update Provided By: Mindy Rudnick

- Minot State Staff Senate held their regular meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The Special Events committee held their first Fall Vendor Show on October 28<sup>th</sup> in the Atrium on campus. They hosted 41 vendors and raised over \$800 to be split between our general fund and scholarship fund. The Employee recognition committee awarded their October High Five Award to Amanda Francis in Publication and Design. They are also working to promote donating to the Staff Senate scholarship endowment through the Faculty and Staff "I Give" campaign. The Professional Development committee is working with the Marketing Director to arrange several "Be in the Know" sessions for staff and faculty on campus.



Update Provided By: Bruce Woytassek

1. President Kraft

- a. The Staff Senate Received a letter from the Alumni Foundation to invite Senators to a luncheon as a thank you for creating the Scholarship
- b. The Student Senate will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for all employees the Monday of Thanksgiving week November 20<sup>th</sup>. They requested assistance with the event and the Staff Senate agreed.

2. HRC & Wellness committee

- a. Senator Braun explained Wellness and Rewards and Recognition committees would like help with the

Holiday Social which will be in January. Motion was to table until more information is gathered and presented at the December meeting.

3. Campus Engagement Committee
  - a. Senator Pellman reported they are gathering information and supplies for Holiday gift wrapping. All proceeds will go for the Scholarship.
4. Bylaws and Constitution Committee
  - a. Senator Schlepp presented a draft of suggested changes to wording of by-laws due to our name change from “Service and Support Staff Senate” to “Staff Senate”. Staff Senate will vote on the changes at the December meeting.
5. Sustainability Committee
  - a. Vice President Hinrichs said there are more Recycle bins available if needed.
6. Endowment Scholarship Committee
  - a. President Kraft for Senator Holt said the elective payroll deduction is not yet set for the Scholarship donations. A meeting will be scheduled and possibly finalize.
7. Wildcat Pride Committee
  - a. Senator Braun for Senator Holt suggested to combine the Wildcat Pride Committee and the Endowment Committee. Voting passed.
8. Facilities, Safety and Parking Representative – Senator Anderson
  - a. Campus Safety, 0 incidents recorded for October for students or faculty/staff – Great job! Safety walk-arounds are in process. Panic buttons are installed in all locations identified and ITS is working with NDSU to get them operational and tied in to the emergency systems.
  - b. Centralized Scheduling, the group is working thru various groups and departments around campus thru listening and Learning sessions to gather feedback towards this effort. Desired implementation date is Fall Semester 2018.
9. Old Business
  - a. President Kraft will organize a meeting with Faculty Senate for fundraising collaboration. He also spoke to possibly create a survey to find interest in hosting a “Staff Enrichment Day” during Spring Break.
  - b. President Kraft handed out a list of this years goals and mentioned we are on track.
10. New Business
  - a. Senator Schlepp requested to step down from State Staff since her schedule is conflicting with attendance. Request was approved and Senator Johnson Volunteered to take the position.



Update Provided By: Diane Axness

- Two “Campus Kudos Awards” were presented during our November meeting.
- Scholarship planning is under way for the scholarships that are given out both to staff members and to students of staff and faculty members. A fundraising event is being planned for spring.
- On November 29<sup>th</sup>, Staff Senate along with Campus Leadership Programs will be offering a professional development opportunity at no cost to staff. Live2Lead, is a leadership development experience designed to equip individuals with new perspectives, practical tools and key takeaways. Speakers include: John C. Maxwell-Leadership Expert; Dave Ramsey-Personal Money Management Expert; Cheryl Bachelder-Former CEO of Popeyes; Warrick Dunn-Former NFL Running Back.

- Staff Senate will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>
- The fall edition of the *Messenger*, our Staff Senate publication, has been distributed.
- Staff Senate is hosting two opportunities to "ring the bell" in support of fundraising for our local Salvation Army during this holiday season! We will be at the south entrance of the Memorial Union on *Monday, November 20th* and *Wednesday, December 6th* from 10am-2pm. This will be done in collaboration with faculty and students.



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Update Provided By: Sarah Larsen

- Current VCSU President, Tisa Mason, was selected to become the next president of Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. Before coming to VCSU, she was the Vice President for Student Affairs at Fort Hays. While we are saddened by this news at VCSU, we are excited for her to begin this new journey.
- Staff Senate has started work on another professional dress clothing sale. Back in 2015, Staff Senate rolled this out and it was well received amongst staff members. We will be offering a few of the same items as before, but adding a few new things as well. Our parade committee has been busy the past few months with the HS Homecoming Parade and VCSU's Homecoming parade. We had lower participation amongst clubs and organizations in our Homecoming parade so we are brainstorming ways to make this more successful in the future.
- Another undertaking that is in the works is a first generation project that faculty and staff senate presidents are working on. The goal is to interview VCSU students, staff and faculty that were first generation students and put together a short film with their experiences on this. An event will be planned to bring several of these first generation students, staff and faculty together to have a support network on campus.



Update Provided By: Katie Peterson

- Williston State College Staff, Faculty and Students hosted the second annual Teton Trail on Halloween. Over 500 children from the community and their families came to campus for trick or treating and games. Williston State College Relay for Life Team hosted their annual Crocktober fest last month, with free will donations going towards Relay for Life.