



Campus Updates – November 2018



Update Provided By: Mindy Sturn

- The Staff Senate Employee Outreach Committee held a Mystic Pride Day on Friday, November 16th (the first home basketball game). All departments were encouraged to decorate their offices showing their Mystic Pride. Student athletes were asked to vote on the department with the best decorations!



Update Provided By: Crystal Tangsrud

- No updates.



Update Provided By: Hattie Albertson

- DCB Staff Senate had the pleasure of hosting Andy Wakeford during his campus visit on November 15th. He had a very busy travel schedule and we sincerely appreciate his time and the fruitful discussion that took place during the meeting with him that day. This month we are trying a new fundraiser idea. Staff Senate invited all DCB faculty and staff to hire us to do some holiday baking. Assorted Christmas cookies can be ordered by the dozen. A few orders have already come in, and we are anticipating more soon. The Dakota College Staff and Faculty Christmas Gathering will take place on December 14th. A lot of time and effort goes into planning this event and we all look forward to the food and fellowship to cap off the busy semester. Happy holidays everyone!



Update Provided By: Laura Fetting

- The Holiday Party Silent Auction committee encourages offices and individuals to donate items for the Holiday Party Silent Auction.
- There were 21 participants for the Halloween Costume contest. The winners received Dickinson Chamber Bucks that can be used at local participating businesses. The winners were as follows:
 - 1st Place – The Gallery
 - 2nd Place – SOARing Through the Decades
 - 3rd Place – Victorian Skeleton
- Cocoa with Colleagues had a great turnout and will be making another appearance in December.
- There were over a dozen individuals who visited the HR Open House. Future sessions with more structure are being discussed.
- Vegan Thanksgiving was held on Tuesday, November 20th. VPAA/Provost Dr. Carmen Wilson presented and prepared a vegan thanksgiving meal for those in attendance.
- A question was brought to Staff Senate regarding on-campus recycling. This is currently being looked into in conjunction with the City of Dickinson's program.
- The next Staff Senate Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12th at 1:30pm MT in May Hall, Room 301.



Update Provided By: Cat Ruch

- The Christmas Party will be held on Friday, January 4 at the KC Hall.
- Door Decorating Contest – Doors will be judged by students. Decorating will need to be done by noon on December 4 to allow students time to judge. The Christmas Party Committee will be in charge of the contest.
- Staff Advisor Role & Feedback – Andy Wakeford – Andy spoke about his goal of meeting with the Staff Senates at all NDUS campuses this fall to bring awareness of his role as Staff Advisor to the SBHE and to gain feedback from each campus. Andy will be submitting a report on the feedback at the end of the month. Items discussed included the Travel and Expense and Time and Labor systems and their effect on resources. Additional feedback can be sent to Andy via email.



Update Provided By: Susan Cordahl

- The Mayville State University Staff Senate met November 20th with 8 of 14 members present.
- We are still looking at filling one, possibly two vacancies on our staff senate. We have planned our fall Staff Association Meeting which will be on December 4th. We will be serving hot cocoa and cookies and have invited the President and his cabinet to give campus updates. Our Staff Senate President sent out a Qualtrics survey so staff have the opportunity to ask questions that we can give to the cabinet prior to the meeting. So far, there are a lot of HR questions as well, so our HR Director will also be invited to attend. We are still working on getting Winter Survival kits in our State Fleet Vehicles, as per State Fleet policy. This will be discussed at our Staff Association meeting as well, with all cabinet members present.
- A Staff Senate Holiday Potluck has been planned for December 20th. "Holiday apparel" (aka ugly Christmas sweater) will be encouraged and prizes will be given for those who attend/participate. We did this last year and it was well attended and well received. It is a good time to get together with co-workers while the semester winds down and the holidays approach. We will not have a regular Staff Senate Meeting in December since we are having the Staff Association Meeting. Our next Staff Senate Meeting is scheduled for January 15th.



Update Provided By: Cole Krueger

- Brenda Munson was chosen as the October High Five Award Recipient
- The Minot State Staff Scholarship Endowment is the largest it has ever been and the total pool of scholarship dollars available is the largest ever as well. Applications for the scholarship are due by December 15th.



Update Provided By: Bruce Woytassek

- The Senators discussed helping with the Student Senate Thanksgiving dinner. Several Senators volunteered to help at the dinner. Senator Braun made a motion to donate \$300 out of the Staff Senate fund to help the Student Senate with this dinner. Vice President Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Marketing Committee – Chair – Senator Woytassek
The newsletter will be sent out this month. The first draft is being reviewed. If anyone has ideas for additional articles, please contact Senator Woytassek.

Campus Engagement Committee – Chair – Senator Pellman

- The food drive will be held November 26th through December 12th. More information and advertising to come.
- Senators discussed Andy Wakeford’s visit to campus. Reminder that any staff concerns that you wish to have addressed at the state level should be directed to Andy.
- Senators discussed spotlighting staff across campus in an effort for staff to get to know each other. President Hinrichs made a motion that the Campus Engagement committee chair this project. Secretary Herbranson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The committee will meet and come up with a process to present to the Senators at the next meeting.



Update Provided By: Naomi Kosen

- NDSU Staff Senate made a 2018 Staff Appreciation Video and shared it on the NDSU Staff Senate website (https://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate/) along with the NDSU Staff Listserv. The video contains dialog of various administrative staff and employees of NDSU complimenting and expressing sincerely gratitude for all that Staff members do for NDSU as a whole.
- NDSU Day of Honor is being planned and is scheduled for Friday, January 4th, 2019. Staff Senate hosts the Day of Honor annually as a way to commemorate the students, staff, and faculty members who passed away during the year prior.
- The Environmental Sustainability Committee will be holding a Sustainable Technology panel discussion on December 5th, 2018. Panelists will discuss best practices at NDSU for technology, electricity, power, heating, and cooling to help save energy and dispose of items properly. This panel will answer questions, like:
 - Is it more energy efficient to shut off my computer at the end of the day or leave it on?
 - How should I safely dispose of dead batteries, broken computer parts, and other non-functioning electronic equipment?
 - How can staff and faculty help save energy on campus?
- The Campus Engagement Committee will be hosting “ring the bell” in support of fund raising for our local Salvation Army during the holiday season. The money dropped in the kettle goes right back into our local community.



Update Provided By: Jeremy Malheim

- We are in the middle of our Tubs of Love donation event. This year we are collecting donations for The Circle of Friends Humane Society and the Sunshine Hospitality Home (similar mission to the Ronald McDonald houses).
- We have sold all of our 31 Days of Glory raffle tickets. There is one winner for every day in December. Monday through Friday winners receive \$100 cash, Saturday winners receive \$250 cash, and Sunday winners receive \$500 cash. All proceeds go to our Staff Seeds for Success fund which provides funding for staff members for classes and/or professional development.



Update Provided By: Kari Bodine

- The campus climate survey has been completed and senators will work to find solutions to share with campus through meetings with broadband groups.
 - The campus community subcommittee will be hosting a “Secret Viking” (Secret Santa) event during Finals Week to get in the Christmas mood.
 - Our Viking Ship parade float will be in the Parade of Lights on Thursday, 11/29.
 - Broadband meetings will occur before the end of fall semester to update staff on survey results, events from fall semester, and to accept feedback on what we can do to help staff in their work.
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Update Provided By: Amy Armstrong

- Andy Wakeford, SBHE Staff Advisor, visited WSC on November 15th at 3pm. He came to help members of Staff Senate and Campus Leadership understand his role as staff adviser to the SBHE and also to gain feedback from us at WSC.
- WSC’s Annual Strategic Planning was Wednesday, November 21. This is an all-campus accreditation event in which we set campus goals and action projects for the coming years.
- WSC Staff and Faculty provided food items and other supplies in order to put on a Student Thanksgiving Meal for to students who were on campus for the Thanksgiving holiday. This meal took place from 4-6p on November 21.
- WSC’s Staff and Faculty Christmas party will be on Thursday, December 13.