



Campus Updates – October 2018



Update Provided By: Mindy Sturn

- Staff Senate's Employee Outreach committee is planning an employee Halloween costume contest on October 31st with prizes for best costume.
- Professional Development committee working on ideas for BSC's Staff Day in the Spring



Update Provided By: Crystal Tangsrud

- No updates.



Update Provided By: Hattie Albertson

- Dakota College Staff Senate is busy preparing for a variety of activities. We are sponsoring both a Halloween Costume and a Pumpkin Decorating contest in the next two weeks.
- DCB Staff Senate is also continuing to raise funds for a student scholarship in the future as well as the Staff Senate sponsored Christmas Party.



Update Provided By: Laura Fetting

- The Staff Development Committee sent out a survey to all Staff and Faculty to identify areas of interest for training/workshop ideas.

- In partnership with Human Resources, DSU Staff Senate hosted an open house for those interested in gathering information on benefits and other services.
- An open forum was held for all staff on October 17th. It was an open conversation full of discussions on happenings on campus and how Staff Senate can help.
- The Appreciation Committee will be hosting a Halloween Costume Contest on October 31st offering prizes to the top three participants.
- The Staff Development Committee is offering a workshop titled *Vegans Celebrate Thanksgiving Too!* On November 20th. This workshop is being conducted by DSU's VPAA/Provost, Dr. Carmen Wilson.
- The next Staff Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7th.



Update Provided By: Cathleen Ruch

- Mini professional development sessions are being held. There was a suggestion to hold a session on FERPA in October due to the number of new employees. November will have a session on using email/calendars on Outlook and Liquid Files.
- The Christmas Party Committee is planning a party for January.
- Senate was updated on the Friday After Thanksgiving Taskforce.



Update Provided By: Susan Cordahl

- The Mayville State University Staff Senate met October 12 with 7 of 14 members present. One of our senators has left Mayville State so we will need to replace them. An email is being sent out for nominations.
- We discussed the positive feedback we had from the activities we organized for State Employee Recognition week. The plan is to continue this tradition of celebration and recognition each year. Talks continue on winter survival kits for our State Fleet Vehicles, and we came up with a list of items we will be requesting for each vehicle. The request will go to our Facilities Services Director. A campus security "walk-thru" event that was being planned for an evening in late September to bring awareness to the lack of lighting in various areas around our campus has been postponed until further notice.
- We discussed plans for our fall Staff Association meeting which should be taking place in November. We also discussed ways we can collaborate with our student and faculty senates. In addition, some HR topics were also discussed.



Update Provided By: Cole Krueger

- Tricia Houmann chosen as September High Five Award recipient
- Staff Senate established a new committee known as the "Budget and Salary Committee"
- The holiday decorating contest theme this year will be "Retro MSU" where all offices are encouraged to use up old stationary that has the old logo on it



Update Provided By: Bruce Woytassek

- Marketing Committee – Chair – Senator Woytassek
 - This committee is working on messaging to encourage employees to participate in “Wildcat Wednesday” endowment scholarship to help create perpetual funding
- Campus Engagement Committee – Chair – Senator Pellman
 - Food Drive will run again sometime in November – more information to come.
- Diversity and Equity – Senator Griffin
 - There are eight “Don’t Cancel Class” sessions scheduled for October.
 - Upstander Training has been the most popular request for these sessions.
 - There was discussion on a new program addressing perceptions/misperceptions of students.
- Sustainability Committee – Chair – President Hinrichs
 - This committee talked to a few departments on campus about the possibility of having Composting available on campus. Details need to be discussed, but may be a possibility
- Karen Bajumpaa, Assistant Director of Auxiliary Services was selected as the NDUS Spotlighted Staff Member from NDSU recently!



Update Provided By: Naomi Kosen

- The Staff Development Committee put on the 1st DiscoverU event of the 2019 school year. There was a good turnout of about 80 individuals. The presentation was very interactive with discussions and role-playing of different communication styles.
- The Environment Sustainability Committee held its first discussion panel that went well with 30 engaged participants. Main points about recycling: NDSU moved to all-in-one recycling, the white boxes for paper recycling can now include bottles and cans since it is no sort, and the student club started a tailgating recycling initiative which Teammakers caught on to so they now offer bags to tailgaters on game days so more things can be recycled. Proceeds from this recycling effort goes to student athlete scholarships. The committee would like to do a walk-through of the music building to see what more can be done there to promote recycling. This building was picked because it has been part of the waste audit the last few years so there would be data for comparison to see if efforts made by the committee are helping. The next panel will be held December 5th.
- Campus Space and Facilities Committee anticipates that parking fees will stay the same for the next year or two. There are plans for some of NDSU’s parking lots to be updated in 2019, 2021, & 2022. NDUS selected Dunbar as a top priority building improvement and it was listed as number 2 on list submitted to Governor. Other facilities needing approval are the softball practice facility, a second expansion for University Village, and ND trade office will be moving out of Barry Hall so then an interactive classroom would hopefully replace that area.
- Discover NDSU is our largest event of the year for high school juniors and seniors. The day begins with a resource fair showcasing the programs and resources NDSU offers, followed by an admission presentation, student panel, and academic interest session. Optional specialty tours are also offered for the following areas: Residence Life, Engineering, the College of Business, and Architecture and Landscape Architecture facilities. Discover NDSU took place on October 18th & 19th, 2018.



Update Provided By: Jeremy Malheim

- UND Staff Senate conducted several events for State Staff Recognition week including: Night Staff Breakfast, Sweet Tooth Social, and a Lunch & Vendor fair.
- We celebrated Homecoming/the Potato Bowl with a float in the parade.
- Staff Senate is currently conducting a food drive for Food for Thought Pantry, UND's student food pantry.



Update Provided By: Kari Bodine

- We are finalizing a draft of the employee satisfaction survey to be open 10/29 through 11/9.
- Staff Senate will host a Halloween costume contest with a prize for best costume/departmental decorations.
- We participated in the annual homecoming parade festivities.
- A clothing swap is in the works to plan for bringing and trading gently used Viking Gear at a central location on campus, date TBD.



Update Provided By: Amy Armstrong

- Members of staff senate donated to and attended a free will brunch to support Shawn Postovit, a WSC student who has been selected to be a North American Music Ambassador in Europe in the Summer of 2019. WSC was able to raise \$558.29 for Shawn's ambassadorship.
- The Williston State College Foundation sponsored tickets for the Women in Leadership Expo. Five female staff and faculty members were able to attend a workplace development and continuing education event that provided engaging speakers, interactive workshops and thoughtful discussions. Attendees had the opportunity to connect, learned new skills and knowledge, shared experiences, and inspired one another to achieve both their personal and professional goals.