



Campus Updates – September 2016



Update Provided By: Retha Mattern

BISMARCK
STATE COLLEGE

- All input from faculty and staff for budget reduction ideas has been submitted and will be evaluated and reviewed. Ideas from this survey may be implemented at various points, but the purpose is for reductions that will take effect July 1, 2017.
- BSC is holding a campus picnic this Friday.
- BSC held the 3rd annual Community Fit Fair on September 8th in partnership with the North Dakota National Guard. The Community Fit Fair was developed in an effort to raise awareness of wellness organizations available in our communities, focus on suicide and substance abuse prevention, as well as provide an opportunity for our military members to reconnect with the community.



Update Provided By: Randy Wald

- NDUS/System Office Staff Senate has developed an initial draft, and is continuing to work on the development of new CTSOSS annual scholarship that will be available to employee dependents and guardians.



Update Provided by: Michael O'Toole

- DCB will be resuming our monthly meetings starting this month, as we do not hold regularly scheduled meetings during the months of June, July, and August.

- On Wednesday, September 7th, we had our monthly meeting. We discussed:
 - Per the Chancellor’s Letter (attached to the August 9th, President’s Cabinet Mtg. Summary), ways that Dickinson State University could implement “high-visibility shared services” (section 4. a.) to “Maximize the strengths of a unified system.
 - The use of the Contact Staff Senate [link](#) to submit ideas about:
 - Shared Services
 - Student Center Revitalization (i.e. previous pool area)
 - Increasing summer enrollment/activity on campus
 - And ways to get involved at the state level, specifically during the legislative session, by joining the ND State Staff Senate Legislative Committee - with a purpose to stay aware of legislation that may affect NDUS staff, discuss, and report back to the ND SSS on what actions can/should be taken.
- We are continuing to research the roles that other senate presidents (staff, faculty, and student) play at their universities or colleges, specifically if they are on President’s Cabinets, etc. in a non-voting or voting capacity; and per the President of the University or some policy. We had a voting seat at the President’s Cabinet for the past three years, but as of January 2016 (new president), we are now only invited to the monthly Advisory Council (to share what our senate is doing).
 - If any other representatives would like to share regarding our continued research – please contact krissy.kilwein@dickinsonstate.edu (I would be interested to know if you do or even if you do NOT have a seat at any “decision” making level).

- Staff Senate elections have been completed, votes will be tallied. New members will be announced at the October meeting.
- First year jackets have been ordered and will be distributed to eight staff members completing their first year of service to LRSC.
- LRSC’s 75th Anniversary Picture day is planned on September 22nd.
- Planning phase: Campus book read, CPR classes for staff, Staff Retreat 2017.
- The Memorial collection for beloved staff member Kenny Dubois has reached nearly \$800. Staff Senate plans to purchase a permanent memorial for the campus.



Update Provided By:

- No update provided.



Update Provided by: Mindy Rudnick

- Minot State University Staff Senate coordinated and held the annual MSU Fall Kickoff August 17th, the evening after convocation. Faculty and staff and their families were treated to a barbecue picnic, live music, and were able to test out the MSU rock wall in the Wellness Center.
- Minot State faculty, staff, and students participated in the Magic Day of Giving September 9th, volunteering their time for various service projects around town and on campus.
- Staff Senate's next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th.
- This summer, Staff Senate conducted an electronic staff satisfaction survey. Staff Senate discussed, and will continue to discuss, the results. The results are posted on the MSU Staff Senate webpage. The findings will guide Staff Senate and an ad hoc Faculty and Staff Survey Committee in their endeavors.



Update Provided By:

- No update provided.



Update Provided By: Ryan Brinkman

- We had our first meeting of the year on September 7, 2016, as we don't meet in July or August.
- We had some minor corrections on our By-Laws that attained approval.
- We have been celebrating State Employee Recognition Week with different events each day.
- We are gearing up for Homecoming here on campus.



Update Provided By: Pam Henderson

- We have begun work on a UND Strategic Planning process.
- Staff Senate will participate in two parades during the fall semester: the Potato Bowl Parade on September 17th and the Homecoming Parade on October 15th.
- We will once again host our annual *Denim and Diamonds* event on October 28th. Proceeds from the silent auction go to support our Seeds for Staff Success Program.
- The Staff Recognition Committee hosted State Employee Recognition Week the week of September 12-16. Events included a luncheon w/wellness fair, a breakfast for night employees, and a pie/ice cream social. We had a great turn out of faculty, staff, and administration.
- We recently switched from Sturgis to Roberts Rules, so we have set up a taskforce to familiarize themselves with Roberts Rules and determine how we want to use them for our Staff Senate.
- Results from our Faculty/Staff engagement survey have come back. We will be using those to lead us in our *One UND* initiative.



Update Provided By: Greg Carlson

VALLEY CITY
STATE UNIVERSITY

- We have been participating in campus budget discussions.
- We are conducting a VCSU clothing swap, encouraging anyone with excess VCSU gear to donate it for use by others.
- We are preparing to administer our Employee Satisfaction Survey next month.



Update Provided By: Katie Peterson

- Williston State College welcomed two new members to senate this Fall.
- Staff Senate President continues to meet regularly with Faculty Senate President, WSC acting President, HR, and Vice President for Student Affairs.
- A WSC staff senator attends all faculty senate meetings and a faculty senator attends all staff meetings. We have also invited a member from Student Senate to attend Staff Senate meetings this year.