

NDSU STAFF SENATE

Minutes

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:35am by Amanda Booher.
- II. Attendance Report by Carin Engler
- III. Consent Agenda – None
 - A. Policies for Information
 - B. Items for Input
- IV. MOTION by April Helgaas / Elizabeth Worth to approve the meeting agenda. MOTION CARRIED.
- V. Campus Kudos
 - A. Nancy Moberg
 - B. Cynthia Rott
 - C. Marilyn Dowdy
- VI. Program
 - A. President Bresciani – Updated us on upcoming legislative session.
- VII. Student Government Report by Marisa Pacella – For the 2019 legislative session, they have a new student lobbyist, Mason Rodemacher. There is a new computer station coming to the Memorial Union in mid-February.
- VIII. Faculty Senate Report – No report.
- IX. MOTION by Tabitha Thomas / Naomi Kosen to approve the Wednesday, November 7, 2018 Staff Senate Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED.
- X. Treasurer’s Report by Tina Exner
 - A. Appropriated = \$7622.28
 - B. Scholarship = \$866.33
 - C. Local = \$2040.02
- XI. Advisor Comments by Colette Erickson – No report.
- XII. Committee Reports –
 - A. Bylaws by Gennifer Baker – No report.
 - B. Elections by Gennifer Baker – No report.
 - C. Legislative by Diane Axness – See attachment 1.
 - D. Public Relations by Maggie Latterell – No report.
 - E. Information Technology by Ben Bernard – No report.
 - F. Scholarship by Kay Hopkins – No report.
 - G. Staff Development by Tabitha Thomas – A mini Discover U will be held in February. More information to come.
 - H. Staff Recognition by April Helgaas – Changes are coming to the nomination form and spreading the word across campus to garner more nominations for Campus Kudos.
 - I. Campus Engagement by Krista Olson – Equity Office recommended picking more inclusive charities in the future after receiving a complaint about the salvation army not being all inclusive. Upcoming blood drive on December 13th is almost filled.
 - J. Gunkelman Award by Wendy Leach – Committee is starting to plan the ceremony.
 - K. Environmental Sustainability by Connie Jadorny – Sustainable technology panel discussion is right after this meeting in Century Theatre (IT, Facilities, Student Gov, etc). Bring your questions and concerns.
 - L. Senate Coordinating Council by Amanda Booher – No report.
 - M. State Staff Senate by April Helgaas – All the NDUS Presidents used to be evaluated at the same time, but now they’ve divided them up. The 2 year colleges just finished theirs. There’s a State HR committee and we have a representative on that board, and it was brought up that some campuses haven’t been following the rules regarding FMLA (they’re rewriting the rules) and campuses are pushing back (NDSU is already compliant, so it won’t affect us much). In regard to the Friday after Thanksgiving being a holiday in the future, it sounds like it will be a push again next year. Andy Wakeford spoke on the ongoing

discussion of getting a status similar to Faculty Emeritus for staff members. There was also talk of emergency kits in state fleet vehicles.

N. Joint Committees

1. Campus Space and Facilities by Ben Bernard – No report.
2. Library by Jessica Rose – No report.
3. University Athletics Diane Axness – Recap of last year was 8 Championships and athletes had an average of 3.4 GPA. Teammakers has raised \$5 million. Athletics is looking at renovations and getting private funds for these projects. Still working on athlete attendance policy and they are looking at new NCAA rules in regards to retention.
4. Learning Space Advisory Committee by Wendy Leach – No report.

O. Ad Hoc Committees

1. Administrator Training Initiative by Gennifer Baker – No report.

XIII. Executive Committee by Elizabeth Cronin – No report.

XIV. President's Cabinet by Elizabeth Worth – No report.

XV. NDSU Day of Honor – Will be held January 10th. The committee is currently collecting submissions.

XVI. Old Business

- A. Lost and Found by Gennifer Baker – No report.

XVII. New Business

XVIII. Announcements – Maggie wants to thank everyone for all the socks. The January item drive will be deodorant. Naomi announced there will be a new online portal for general maintenance requests as another option to calling in.

XIX. Meeting adjourned at 10:28am by Amanda Booher.

Scheduled meetings:

- Staff Senate: Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 9:30 – 11 AM in the Plains Room, Memorial Union

- Executive Committee: Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 9:30 AM in the Badlands Room, Memorial Union

ATTACHMENT I

Legislative Committee update by Danielle Pinnick

ND United held a forum on November 28 and some legislators attended. Here are some topics discussed:

- Medical insurance for grad students
- Advocating as state employees
- Concerns about changes to our health plan
- Reinstating oil extraction tax
- Income generating bill
- NDSU interest groups have met with legislators
- Support for raises for public employee and opposing changes to health care plan
- Formation of Cass County caucus
- Mistake to cut the income tax
- Danielle stressed that political action should be taken with your own resources
- Diane Axness mentioned a new app that allows you to track bills through North Dakota