

Minutes

Wednesday, April 7th, 2021

ZOOM

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:31am by Latterell
- II. Attendance Report by Amanda Reil – 7 Excused, 13 absent, 34 present, 3 work conflicts, 2 medical, 11 guests.
- III. Consent Agenda – Motion to approve the consent agenda by Leach/Lambertz. Motion passed
 - A. *152.2 - Membership in Professional and Service Organizations*
- IV. Motion to approve the Meeting Agenda by Swank/Hopkins. Motion Passed
- V. Campus Kudos by Cindy Breyer – Kudos awarded to Navneet Deosi who was nominated by Amy Kain.
- VI. Speaker: Bruce Bollinger with a legislative update – No presentation.
- VII. Student Government Report by Matthew Friedmann – Thank you for nominating students to participate in student government. We had 23 senators on the ballot. Now we are focusing on effort to oppose SB2030 through collecting signatures for a petition and writing to newspapers. The end of year student government banquet is next week. We have been happy to partner with groups to sponsor grants and working with the groups across campus.
- VIII. Faculty Senate Report by Florin Salajan – We are also focusing on opposition to SB2030. We have written testimony, resolutions and open letters opposing the bill. The Council of College Faculties have also met and prepared a petition to convey their concerns to SBHE. This will be forwarded to campus. Do not use campus computer or email to engage with this topic, but please contact your legislators and consider joining our petition. If SB2030 passes in the house, it will then go to the Senate. If the Senate opposes it, it will then go to a conference committee. None of these are guaranteed outcomes. There are chilling effects on academic freedom and a cascading effect on the ability of researchers to choose their own research. The ramifications are wide and impact everyone. Discussion about vaccinations and plans for a return to campus are also ongoing.
- IX. Motion by Swank/Leach to approve the Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 Staff Senate Meeting Minutes. Motion passed
- X. Treasurer’s Report by Tina Exner - Appropriated \$748.49, Local \$6625.42, Scholarship \$239.80
- XI. Public Relations Officer Report by Olivia Buller – Thank you and appreciation for all of the engagement on the FaceBook page. Please send updates and desired posts to Olivia.
- XII. Committee Reports
 - A. Elections by Elizabeth Cronin – Election results are in. Everyone running has been elected or re-elected. 4 new members will be joining us in May. Next month will be elections for executive positions. President Elect (3-year position). Opening for Secretary. 3 members at large. 3 reps for campus space, 1 library, 2 for University Athletics, 1 Learning Space and Advisory, 1 State Staff Senate (3-year term).
 - B. Legislative and Bylaws by Jeremy Kopp – Continuing to watch SB2030. Legislature is considering raises for state employees, 1.5 & 2% are the current numbers in consideration. Also considering a 2% raise to retirement, 1% from employee and 1% from state.
 - C. Information Technology by Ben Bernard – No report.
 - D. Scholarship by Kay Hopkins – No report.
 - E. Staff Development by Cora Crane – No report.
 - F. Staff Recognition by Maggie Latterell – We are beginning to review nominations and will be working with Campus Engagement to do a rewards event.
 - G. Campus Engagement by Fred Hudson – upcoming blood drive at the end of April is full. We appreciate the support. Working on projects to show staff support for groups experiencing attacks and have partnered with University Relations on their No Hate campaign. We have created a set of pins that we will be giving out both this spring and next fall. Designs are included below. We will have a table at the Union and be handing these out across campus. We are happy to have help if you are interested.



H. Gunkelman Award by Megan Ramsett – Nominations closed on March 29th. There are 33 nominees. The winner will be selected soon.

I. Environmental Sustainability by Carin Engler – We still have \$100 left. Let me know if you have any ideas on how to spend it. We can print recycling sticker to put on bins in your area if you need them.

J. Senate Coordinating Council by Margaret Latterell – No policies to discuss for April, next meeting in May.

K. State Staff Senate by April Helgaas – SBHE reported that they are dealing with Covid policies and had some discussion on the free speech bill. Purchasing card training is behind this year. Next meeting is April 12th. Survey went out to decide if a face-to-face meeting will be held. Survey was split 50/50, so discussion will probably be held at next meeting. If face to face occurs it will be in Bismarck.

L. Joint Committees

1. Campus Space and Facilities by Ben Bernard – No report.

2. Library by Alicia LaFerriere – No report.

3. University Athletics Shiloh Susag – No report.

4. Learning Space Advisory Committee by Phil Hunt – Discussion held on how to continue to use HyFlex in the future.

5. Student Voice Project by Amanda Booher – No report.

M. Ad Hoc Committees

1. Campus Food Insecurity Taskforce by Carin Engler – As of 3/24, 170 meals have been given through Swipe Out Hunger. We are averaging 20-30 visits per week. Since opening, we have had 200 visitors and this includes repeats. There is a limit of 2 visits a month, 1 bag a visit.

We are on our way to spend \$8000 of the \$20,000 from City of Fargo.

We are receiving donations regularly. Thank you! If you would like to hold a department food drive here are some popular items: rice, tomato/spaghetti sauce, snacks, microwavable rice/meal packets, crackers, seasonings, cereal, fruit in a cup/applesauce, tea. Pasta - the huge amount donated by Youth Works will be running out soon.

We do not need toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss as the Dakota Medical Foundation and Res Life donated sample sizes. We do not need tomato or chicken noodle soup either.

Meghan has done a fantastic job of coordinating volunteers, training them in, having them do shopping and covering the pantry when open. There will be posters soon and Meghan will work on some sort of post card or business card with Pantry info for offices like One Stop, Res Life, Bookstore, Trio, Ace. If you'd like some, let me know. Matthew Friedmann will be the next Graduate Assistant. Meghan will train him in this summer and he will take over in the fall.

On April 14, there is a presentation with the Foundation on food insecurity called More Than a Meal. Meghan is presenting. Our next food pantry meeting is also that morning at 9:00.

Motion to move this Ad Hoc to be part of the campus engagement committee by Engler/Hudson.

Motion Passed.

Motion by Engler/Swank to add a part 3 in the bylaws under Campus Engagement to read as follows: "At least one member of the Campus Engagement committee will also serve on the NDSU Campus Food Insecurity Task Force, which includes faculty, staff, students and administration." Discussion held.

Motion Passed.

2. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee by Jordan DiPalma – No report.

3. Shared Governance by Kristi Steinmann – Launched our survey a couple of weeks ago, 250 responses from online, unsure of number from printed results. Final results will be in later this week. We'll be meeting later to discuss the results.

XIII. Advisor Comments by Kristina Astrup – No report.

XIV. Executive Committee by Josh Schroetter – Last meeting covered the committee reports and exploration of options for staff senate belongings which we will continue to explore.

XV. President's Cabinet by Elizabeth Cronin – No report. Last two meetings were cancelled due to legislative commitments.

XVI. Old Business – None.

XVII. New Business – None.

XVIII. Announcements

A. By Krisanne Mogck – I am looking for volunteers to help staff the vaccine event on Wednesday, April 14th from 8 am -5 pm.

The following help is needed:

Greeters – 1-2 per shift stand at front entrance and make sure those entering have a set appointment for the vaccine clinic, and get them in line for registration.

Registration line – 1 to make sure students stay social distanced, assisting registration tables to keep students/staff moving.

Snack table – (2) pass out water and snacks to those who are recovering after their injection. Volunteers may be asked to assist with students needing ice packs, dizziness, and nausea.

Traffic flow – make sure students/staff are exiting by way of the North side of the vaccination floor.

Can you please reach out to your staff (student employees, and Grad students too) to see if they are available to cover 1, 2 or 3 hour shifts. Carin Engler- res life and RA, we are reopening RA applications, deadline June 1

XIX. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am by Latterell.