

# Staff Development and Program Annual Report for 2013-2014

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## **Staff Development**

- We put on 2 successful half day Discover U's-November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Rollie Johnson came in November and spoke about "Becoming a Better You"- Attendance was 108
- We sent out listserv emails, made fliers, and put an article in "It's Happening at State". Interested parties can sign up via the staff senate website.
- We had an issue with people signing up for this one and thought it might be because we weren't offering credit cards as a payment method. We changed that last minute and got more people to sign up. We will keep this option in the future even though there is a cost.
- In February we stayed in-house with our speakers by having Steve Winfrey and Matt Skoy talk about "Mindset"-Attendance was 74
- For this one we also sent out emails, made fliers, and put an article in the "Messenger". Interested parties can sign up via the staff senate website.
- Both sessions went well
- We had a suggestion to bring back mini-sessions again. We also have several ideas for future speakers saved.
- In September 2013, we also helped facilitate the "HOW" workshop again. They brought back both sessions I & II for free to the campus. Each session was limited to 60 participants. We filled about half that.

## **Program**

- September- President Bresciani discussed the new funding model from State Appropriated funds. The formula is performance based with standards that are almost inarguable. Over all, the funding is much more equitable. Freshman and graduate student enrollment have increased. President Bresciani also encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming State of the University address on October 10, 2013. The NDSU's success continues to be impressive and grow.
- October- Lt. Stone from the University Police Dept. gave a brief history of the department since 1995. He's in charge of the uniformed officers at NDSU. You need anyone for special occasions, please, don't hesitate to contact him. Other important numbers include University Police's dispatch center at 701-231-8998 and the Text a Tip Line at 701-526-6006 which can be used anonymously. He gave a comparison in equipment and personnel in the department from 1995 until now. He discussed training processes and support they provide.
- November- Wade E. Kline, Executive Director of Metro Council of Governments (COG), explained the Metropolitan Area Planning process. He explained the process of evaluating current transportation usage and projecting future transportation needs.

- December- Mike Ellingson, Director of Facilities Management and chair of the STEM Building project gave an update on the STEM building project. The STEM building is going to be a teaching-only building with no administrative offices. The use will primarily be for undergraduates, particularly freshman and sophomore use but not exclusively. The hope is to start construction after graduation in May of 2014 and completion by July of 2015. Use of the building could begin as early as fall semester of 2015.
- January- Steve Sobiech, Acting Executive Director of Enterprise Computing and Infrastructure and the IT Help Desk Manager, gave an update on various items on campus including wireless access, storage options and NDSU controlled e-mail. The wireless network at NDSU has been updated throughout campus. Wireless usage had increased drastically over the last several years. Equipment has been or is in the process of being updated to deal with this increased use and the life cycle of equipment. Steve also pointed out that NDSU employees are able to grant guests access without going directly through IT. There is a web site (<http://www.ndsu.edu/its/internet/wireless/#c277413>) that allows employees to do this without going through the Help Desk. He also reviewed the storage options for personal and shared work files. When using remote servers, FERPA regulations and export controls needs to be taken into consideration. NDSU is still working with NDUS to work out the details of managing our own e-mail and incorporating students into the same services.
- February- Becky Bahe, Advisor, Thomas Claussen, National Board Liaison, Elisabeth Walsh, Bid Team Chair, and Michael Raymond, Safety Security and Facilities Chair presented information about the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH) conference. NACURH is the largest student run, world-wide, organization. NDSU has been very involved in the organization for several years and has hosted the regional conference in the past. NDSU is currently applying to host the NACURH 2015 conference. The conference gives students many opportunities for learning. The theme being proposed is "What is your story?" There could be 2,500 students on campus for the conference which is being proposed for May 22-25, 2015. Staff Senate can give support to NACURH by writing a letter of support and if we get the bid and then staff can volunteer to help support the event.
- March- Amy L. Nash spoke about the Downtown Community Partnership. It is a member driven, non-profit organization to improve the downtown environment. They look at all aspects of improvement and promotion of the downtown community. Amy is the sustainability coordinator. She takes a comprehensive look and approach to the partnerships in the community to promote sustainability.
- April- Relay for Life by Sara Lepp, Larissa Kunde, and Faye Stromberg, a cancer survivor. The Relay for Life event is being held in the Wellness Center from April 26, 2014 at 6 PM until April 27, 2014 at 6 AM. Faye Stromberg shared her story as a cancer survivor.
- May-Elections
- June-HR personnel talking about benefits