

# State Staff Senate – 2014-15 Annual Report

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## Activities of the NDUS SSS

- Watch and support bills in legislative session
  - Formed an ad hoc committee for this task
  - SSS was successful and met weekly during the Legislative Session, provided updates to Senators and brought forth a resolution.
- Inform campuses on Measure 3
  - SSS helped sponsor a forum at UND and helped distribute information about the measure.
- Promote Tuition Waiver Policy
- Promote Shared Governance
  - NDUS SSS now has eight senates who now have direct line to administration.
- Discussion on holiday pay for staff
- Open records and open meetings requirements for senates
- Updated bylaws with regards to SBHE representative election process
- Discussion on how NDUS SSS can be involved in Goal 4 of NDUS Strategic Plan: Maximize the Strengths of a Unified System
- Organized a booth for Legislative Showcase at the capital to represent NDUS SSS
- Monitored and discussed switch from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Sanford Health
- Drafted resolution regarding HB 1003 to voice NDUS SSS's position
- Planned face-to-face meeting
- Completed elections of officers
- Set 2015-2016 ND State Staff Senate Goals
  - Create a working group to address article in paper insinuating there are too many staff across the state.
  - Inclusiveness of all 12 entities of ND SSS – find a way to include everyone.
  - Enhanced communications to tell our story and possibly enhance website.
  - Discuss parliamentary procedures and educate.
  - Follow insurance transition.
  - Feature 1 or 2 campuses at each of our meetings.