## State Staff Senate - 2015-16 Annual Report

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## **Activities of NDUS SSS**

- LRSC produced NDUS SSS promotional video for use by any campus after paying a small fee
- 2015-2016 ND State Staff Senate Goals
  - Create a working group to address article in paper insinuation there are too many staff across the state.
  - o Inclusiveness of all 12 entities of ND SSS find a way to include everyone.
  - Enhanced communications to tell our story and possibly enhance website promotion and sponsor open forums.
  - Discuss parliamentary procedures and educate.
  - Follow insurance transition.
  - Feature 1 or 2 campuses at each of our meetings. This would give campuses an opportunity to showcase individual campus activities.
- Received training on Parliamentary Procedure
- NDUS SSS received membership on three Presidential Studies
  - Shared Services
  - Tuition Model Review
  - Cost Containment
- Reviewed campuses' bullying policies to determine need for NDUS policy—Found that existing
  policies seems to cover what they need to at this point (mostly within other harassment
  policies)
- Provided informational tables at SBHE meetings across the state to showcase work of NDUS SSS and individual campus staff senates
- Invited Chancellor Hagerott to speak at NDUS SSS meeting and answer questions from senators
- Discussed employee, spouse and dependent tuition waivers
- Explored if NDUS SSS meetings can be recorded
  - o Meetings can be recorded, but will be subject to open records
  - Decided not to record meetings at this point
- Reviewed individual campuses' policies on NDUS SSS membership in order to ensure consistency among campuses and with NDUS SSS bylaws—it was found that campuses were slightly different in how long terms were and whether or not the person could be re-elected
- Discussed budget reduction affecting campuses
- Planned face-to-face meeting that is coming up in June in Williston
- Completed elections of officers