

## Environmental Sustainability Committee

The 2017-2018 committee was officially voted into the Staff Senate standing committees at the April 2018 Staff Senate meeting. Committee members are Connie Jadrny, CeCe Rohwedder, Megan Ramsett, Elizabeth Cronin, Colleen Aas, and Gennifer Baker.

Highlights of this committee's first few months are as follows:

- The committee spend its first few months clarifying its purpose. The committee's purpose is to:
  - Raise awareness of environmental sustainability initiatives and concerns on-campus and in our community.
  - Develop new strategies to educate the NDSU community on sustainability efforts.
  - Maintain a channel of communication with campus stakeholders.
- Staff Senate now has an **Environmental Sustainability webpage**. Content was written by committee members and is still being developed for this page. Publications Services developed an image that we can use for the website and other promotional items. The page will serve as a central point of information for the university regarding campus sustainability initiatives, sustainability tips for everyone on campus, and campus sustainability events.  
**Website:** [https://www.ndsu.edu/staff\\_senate/environmental\\_sustainability/](https://www.ndsu.edu/staff_senate/environmental_sustainability/)
- **Learning opportunities** in development. The committee has identified three panel discussion sessions to offer for the entire campus next year. Each panel discussion will focus on personal gains, financial gains, and/or ease of use. The details of these sessions are still in development but the topics include presentation of the new all-in-one recycling on campus with Q & A session, IT-related environmental sustainability information & tips with Q & A session, and relatively unknown resource conservation options with a Q & A session.
- **Outreach**, the committee has begun reaching out to different organizations on campus. The committee has met with the student run Environmental Sustainability Club and hope to continue fostering that partnership.
- **Feature stories and articles** – The committee has developed a plan for identifying and writing feature stories about environmental sustainability practices that are currently in place at NDSU. The feature stories will highlight resources and money saved by the university community, both at work and at home, as a result of these changes. The committee submitted an article promoting sustainability for the Spring 2018 edition of the Staff Senate Messenger.
- **Open committee membership** – The committee decided to open this committee to non-Staff Senate members. This allows students, faculty, and other staff to attend meetings, help with items as they have time, and become change agents for the university with less time commitment.