Staff Senate

Staff Senate Minutes
April 11, 2018
Memorial Union River Valley Room
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Staff Senate Attendance
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Members Absent: Sarah Abentroth, Jade Gourneau, Jim Hanson, Kari Holter, Brian Larson, Jennifer Lynch Hurst, Amy Malheim, Brianne Melicher, Lani Moen, Jen Proulx, and Lesli Riskey.

Resigned:

New Members Present:

Ex-Officio Present: Joy Johnson

Guests: Mike Pieper

1. Call to Order-President Tyler Clauson called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm
2. Announcements/Question Period-Pam Shea talked about the GGFYP orange bag event. They are looking for new or used clothing, toiletries and household items. She had bags available and the can be dropped off at the Alerus Center on April 28 or items can be dropped off to Pam Shea.
3. Approval of March 14, 2018 Staff Senate Minutes-Amended minutes were moved by Laurie McHenry to approve and seconded by Lisa Earls. Minutes passed
4. Business Items
   a. Constitution, Bylaws & Elections Committee
      i. Officer Elections – VP candidates Jeremy Malheim and Megan Wasylow each read their statements and voting was done by ballot. Jeremy was elected to be the Vice President for the 2018-2019 Staff Senate year, Secretary-Nominations were opened up. Amanda Filipy nominated Carissa Green, she accepted the nomination. Courtney Souvannasacd moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Carissa. June Novacek seconded. Motion was passed. Treasurer-Tyler nominated Devona Janousek for treasurer, she accepted the nomination, Amanda Filipy moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Devona, Lisa Earls seconded, Motion was passed. Membership Officer-Laura Vatnsdal nominated Melissa Casanova, she accepted, Lori Shafer nominated June Novacek she accepted, Chris Dingle moved to close nominations and Jennifer Lunde seconded, Melissa Casanova was chosen through ballot. Historian-Chris Dingle nominated Conrad Smith, he accepted the nomination, Lisa Earls moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Conrad, Patricia Reed seconded, Motions passed.
   b. Staff Senator of the Year-Pam Shea was chosen by vote for Staff Senator of the year. Tyler presented her with a clock.
c. Staff Senate Mission, Vision, and Values-Tyler read the new mission statement the executive committee decided on. We will continue to work on vision and values with Emily in the coming months. Emily will be coming to a full Staff Senate meeting in the near future.

   i. **Mission** – To advocate for staff by supporting engagement, development and recognition through shared governance and collaboration.

5. Officer Reports - as needed-there were none.
6. Staff Senate Committee Reports – Chris Choate talked about the third and final takeover event. It was a big success with roughly 100 people. The event has grown every time. Constitution and Bylaws finalized the elections on Friday. Pam will be getting in touch with the newly elected senators and inviting them to the meeting in May.
7. University Committee Reports - as needed-there were none
8. Suggestion Box
   a. Why do we have to do UND Takeover at Bars? Can we not find an alternative? UND and ND have an awful reputation as being a #1 drinking state as it is! Do you offer people rides if they are drinking too much?
      i. These events have been at establishments that are both restaurants and bars and they have all been in close proximity to campus. We are making a conscious effort in advertising food specials at these establishments for our events. We expect that people act responsibly and not drink too much but certainly options are in place for people if they feel they need a ride, for example: Uber, Lyft, cab services or even rides home from colleagues are all options. Moreover, there is no pressure put on people to consume alcoholic beverages at these events and again, we expect that people will act responsibly.
      Also, there are some other options from this committee like Staff Intramural League, last summer we had volleyball at the Wellness Center but other ideas are forthcoming and have included: kickball in the quad, horseshoes at University Park, or even attending the live concerts at the ND Museum of Art.
   b. Are we going to have a document shredder pickup soon? I have a suggestion to have them go to the Chester Fritz parking lot or some other big area instead of behind the union. Boxes of paper are heavy and isn't easy to carry if there is no parking. Thank you.
      i. The UND Office of Records Management has tentatively scheduled a “Free Shred Day” for Friday, May 4, 2018 from 11:00-2:00. Approval from the Office of Safety is pending for this request. Currently, the plan is to utilize 2nd Ave N behind the Memorial Union. This location allows for high visibility and has been popular in the past. However, this is a good suggestion and alternative sites will be considered in the future.

9. Matters Arising/Open Discussion-Spring Fling will be tomorrow (April 12)
   Pizza will be served at the May Staff Senate meeting. You will need to provide your own beverage.
10. Guest Speaker – Mike Pieper, AVP Facilities – Parking Discussion-Mike came to talk about what the Transportation and Parking Committee has been working on. He talked about the studies done on the parking lots and parking. He talked about the parking rates and the last increase. He also spoke about the different types of permits they are considering. He has received some good feedback from the committee as well as faculty and staff. He will be holding an open forum later to discuss the changes. He took questions from the senators.
11. Adjourn-President Tyler Clauson adjourned the meeting at 2:29pm

Next Staff Senate Meeting
May 9, 2018 - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
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