
Members Absent (excused): Sarah Abentroth, Patty Dorsher, Kari Holter, Shannon Jongeward, Don Rasmuson, and Patricia Reed

Members Absent:

Resigned: Mark Danes and Brandon Wallace

New Members:

Ex-Officio Present/Absent: Trish Muir (Pat Hanson Absent)

Guests: Laurie Betting, Todd Feland, Odella Fuqua, Pete Haga, Carrie Herrig, and Maureen Storstad

President Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Guest Speakers: Grand Forks City Government – Proposed Increase in City’s Sales Tax – Todd Feland, City of Grand Forks Administrator is speaking on the proposed increase to the city sales tax; as UND is an integral part of Grand Forks he is speaking to this group.

Announcements/Question Period:

- If you have not already done so please pick up your 31 Days of Glory tickets.
- Tomorrow, October 13, is a Special Denim Day for Diabetes.

Diane Hillebrand moved, Mark Danes seconded motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2016 as distributed.

Contact Jennifer or Diane if interested in joining Staff Senate; membership is at 48.

Lesli Riskey provided an update on the Homecoming Parade. Lesli will start organizing at 3; come help even if you haven’t signed up. Working with the theme that UND is the front porch everyone sees when they come to Grand Forks. If you want to walk in the parade line up begins at 9 am. We are not allowed to throw candy; we are to hand it out or throw to the curb. You are not to wear any Sioux clothing.
Denim & Diamonds, Carrie Jackson said they still need volunteers. Need donations turned in by October 13. Currently have received $17,000 in donated items. If you know of someone who needs tickets there are still 56 outstanding tickets. If you have tickets you can’t sell, please bring them to Carrie by Friday.

Carrie: We have about a month to sell 31 days Get money to me after you collect.

Constitution Bylaws & Elections, Diane Hillebrand: Broadband vs Division for Elections – Diane showed a slide showing how our current membership breaks down. Opened up for thoughts or comments and discussion. There were a couple questions.

Officer Reports - as needed

Staff Senate Committee Reports - as needed (please read committee reports prior to meeting sent with agenda)
   a. Parades – Lesli Riskey
   b. Denim & Diamonds – Carrie Jackson and Lori Shafer

University Committee Reports - as needed (please read committee reports prior to meeting sent with agenda)

Suggestion Box:

**Suggestion/Question:**
This isn't a suggestion but a thank you. I would like to thank everyone again for our walking tacos that we had last week and rolls/etc as a UND Employee recognition week. It is really nice to be appreciated. Thank you!

**Suggestion/Question:**
Finding quality child care in Grand Forks can be a challenge especially for babies. Many UND employees find the best option for child care in in-home care settings. This can in many situations be a good option but sometimes the provider is not available to provide care (e.g. due to illness vacation etc.). Given this UND should offer a back-up care program with pre-approved providers that can be contacted in case of a need for backup. UND should also give staff and faculty priority at the UND child care center and open the same for children younger than 18 months.

**Response from Dawnita Nilles, Program Director at the University Children's Center (UCLC):**
“These conversations are important and worth pursuing. UCLC understands the need and importance of high quality early care and education. UCLC does see the need for care for children younger than 18 months but have many hurdles and constraints that must be overcome. I am definitely open to conversation and ideas. I would love to hear people’s suggestions and ideas. I would be willing to explore options. But UCLC is not willing to compromise the quality they are known for providing.”

Stop and Stretch

Business Items
   Strategic Planning Process – World Café – Co-Chairs Laurie Betting and Dana Harsell spoke and Carrie Herrig facilitated a brainstorm session focused on 6 areas.
   Laurie Betting is doing Lunch and Listen – she buys the lunch and listens.

Diane Hillebrand moved and Laurie McHenry seconded a motion to extend the meeting 10 minutes.
Motion carried.

Laurie McHenry moved and Diane Hillebrand seconded a motion to extend the meeting 5 minutes. Motion carried.
Matters Arising/Open Discussion Farewell to Brandon Wallace who is moving to Fergus Falls and Mark Danes. This was Mark’s last meeting; he is returning to private consulting.

Diane Hillebrand moved and Laurie McHenry seconded to adjourn at 2:45 pm.

Next Staff Senate Meeting
October 12, 2016 – 1:00 to 2:30 PM
Memorial Union, River Valley Room