Staff Senate Minutes  
December 13, 2017  
**Wellness Center**  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**Members Present:**  Sarah Abentroth, Barry Brode, Melissa Casanova, Christopher Choate, Tyler Clauson, Chris Dingle, Emily Dougherty, Jessica Dunphy, Lisa Earls, Amber Flynn, Diane Fugleberg, Jade Gourneau, Carissa Green, Jim Hanson, Kari Holter, Shannon Jongeward, Gregory Kelly, Brian Larson, Jenny Le Texier, Jennifer Lunde, Whitney Maine, Jeremy Malheim, Janelle McGarry, Laurie McHenry, Tina Monette, Angie Morgan, June Novacek, Jen Proulx, Jayson Sharp, Pam Shea, Courtney Souvannasacd, Zauna Synnott, Austin Theisen, Laura Vatnsdal, Megan Wasylow, and Andrew Wynne.

**Members Absent (excused):**  Trinity Bohlman, Amanda Filipy, Carrie Jackson, Amy Malheim, Jennifer Lynch Hurst, Brianne Melicher, Renee Nilsen, Patricia Reed, Teri Salwey, and Lori Shafer.

**Members Absent:**  Kara Helmig, Lani Moen, Lesli Riskey, and Conrad Smith.

**Resigned:**

**Ex-Officio Present:**  Pat Hanson

**Guests:**  Janice Hoffarth

1. **Call to Order** by President Amber Flynn at 1:02 PM

2. **Announcements/Question Period**
   a. **Announcement of VP position**
      Lisa Earls will fill the interim VP position through April 2018.
   b. **Staff Takeover event** has been rescheduled to December 14 at the Ramada, 4:30pm-7pm.

3. **Approval of November 8, 2017 Staff Senate Minutes**
   Laurie McHenry moved to approve the minutes. Jim Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Officer Reports** - as needed
   None

5. **Staff Senate Committee Reports** - as needed
   None

6. **University Committee Reports** - as needed
   Janice Hoffarth gave a report on the Master Planning Steering Committee. They met on December 13th and heard from the consulting firm on options for a 30 year campus overall plan. More will come out to the campus in February. They have reviewed all space on-campus that is being used. The committee was given three options and able to give input on what they like and don’t like. Any thoughts, questions, or concerns can be sent to Janice.

7. **Suggestion Box**
   a. **Who do we need to contact to get some sand on the sidewalks on either side of Cambridge Street?** Not only has this campus taken away some of our closest parking spots, but now we have to skate to our offices on the sidewalks. I had a young man fall down just behind me this morning. Thankfully he was ok but he even complained how tired he is of all the icy walkways.
b. Considering the budget cuts and job eliminations that have been forced University wide why would the Facilities Dept decide to fill a $68,000 per year Assistant Director of Custodial and Landscaping position that has been vacant for over four years and then give that Assistant Director two $48,000 per year manager positions for housing and custodial?

8. Stop and Stretch

9. Business Items
   a. Passing of the Gavel – effective January 1
      Amber passed the gavel to Tyler Clauson, who will resume the President’s role January 1, 2018.

10. Matters Arising/Open Discussion
    a. Treasurer position
       Sarah will be going on maternity leave for part of the remainder of the Senate year and would also like to get someone new trained in on the treasurer responsibilities for while she is gone, as well as to then take over for the future. If interested, please contact Sarah with any questions, or Tyler and Pam.
    b. Emily Holth – Staff Senate Mission, Vision, Values
       Staff Senate has been encouraged to look at our mission, vision and values. We will be working with Emily Holth to conduct several activities to look at these during the spring semester.
    c. Staff Engagement
       We will be starting conversations at Staff Senate on how we can engage more staff at UND within all divisions, departments and colleges. If you have any ideas, please share them at Staff Senate.

11. Adjournment
    Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Next Staff Senate Meeting
January 10, 2018
Meeting: 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Memorial Union River Valley Room