Attendance:


Members Absent (excused): Sarah Abentroth, Elizabeth Becker, Jim Hanson, Kari Holter, Jenny Le Texier, Lesli Riskey, Teri Salwey, Kari Suedel

Members Absent: Andrew Johnson, Renee Nilsen

Resigned: Kari Gagner

New Members: Christopher Choate

Ex-Officio Present/Absent: Trish Muir

Guests: Mary Kay Askim-Lovseth, Laurie Betting, Scott Correll, and Odella Fuqua

President Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Guest Speakers: Space Utilization Policy Committee – Connie Frazier, Mary Kay Askim-Lovseth, Scott Correll and Odella Fuqua presented on the Space Management interim policy which is due to the MIRA budget model. This can be viewed on the website: http://und.edu/finance-operations/policy-office/new-revised.cfm

Announcements/Question Period – Community Relations Chair, Patty Reed reported: Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers to fill in next week. Contact Patty if you are available to help. There are 2 special Denim Days: Sept 29th for Red Cross Relief and October 13 for American Diabetes Association.

Chris Dingle moved and Amanda Filipy seconded the motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2016 as distributed. Motion carried.

Officer Reports - as needed

Treasurer’s Report – Pam Henderson reported in Sarah Abentroth’s absence that we should receive our funding from the President’s office soon. There was a question regarding the $0.22 remaining in the account for student scholarships. Can we do anything with it?

Membership – Jennifer Lunde reported we currently have 48 members.
Historian Report – Pam Henderson reported in Elizabeth Becker’s absence that she hopes to have the Newsletter out in early October.

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

Updates on Public Relations Committee and Community Relations Committee Kari Gagner has moved away; Mark Danes & Elizabeth Becker will co-chair the Public Relations Committee and Patricia Reed will chair the Community Relations Committee.

Bylaws, Constitution and Elections Committee – Diane Hillebrand provided the first reading of a proposed Bylaws change. Article V. Duties of the Officers, E. Treasurer involves removing 5. And 6. As these duties are no longer performed. Article VI Committees and Task Forces, B. Staff Senate Committees, 1. Constitution, Elections, and Bylaws Committee The committee name is Constitution, Bylaws and Elections Committee. Diane will email these proposed changes to the members following the meeting. Diane Hillebrand brought a recommendation from the committee to elect 2 senators to fill vacated positions until the election in the Spring, 2017: Kari Suedel & Christopher Choat. Motion carried.

Tyler Clauson reported on the Staff Appreciation activities: 425 were served at the luncheon; over 80 at the breakfast this morning.

Parades – Lesli Riskey reported on the Potato Bowl parade and the upcoming Homecoming parade.

Denim & Diamonds – Carrie Jackson and Lori Shafer circulated a sign-up sheet for the night of the event

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

Pam Henderson reported the Strategic Planning Committee will soon be meeting for 3 hours every other Wednesday. The committee has only met twice and there is not yet much to report. They will be reaching out for input in the next few months. There is a link on the President’s webpage to the committee’s work.

Stacey-Borboa Peterson reported on the University Legislative Affairs committee. They are meeting for the 1st time tomorrow. The Higher Ed committee met; they will be looking at a new structure for legislative affairs committee.

Suggestion Box:
Question: The parking ramp has become increasingly more dangerous to accidents since the new parking system has been started. The speed that drivers enter and drive through the ramp is quite high - I have seen large pickup trucks accelerate at a fast pace up the ramp going at least 20 mphs with no regard. This may be due to the entry bars no longer being used or just more careless people having passes this year but is there any way to decrease speed in the ramp? Maybe add speed bumps somewhere? Thanks!

Clayton Harrington's response: Unfortunately speed bumps in a ramp of the construction type ours is, Post Tension, is challenging for speed bumps because they create problems with specific spots in the ramp. We have noticed this issue as well and are looking into possible solutions. I expect that within the month we will have taken some action towards a solution. Several things are options at this point in time. Although data is still being collected some of the proposals include signage, changing flow of traffic, the bumps that are on lane dividers on the highway. Thanks for expressing your concern.

Stop and Stretch

Business Items

We now have a Social Media Presence – Facebook and Twitter for Staff Senate

President Kennedy’s Inauguration – October 10, 2016 – Staff Senate Involvement. Pam will send the link out again to sign up to walk.
Matters Arising/Open Discussion: A question was asked as to when the results of the Great Colleges to Work for surveys would be available. The answer was soon; the university is working on how to present the information.

President Henderson adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

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