Staff Senate Minutes
October 11, 2017
MU River Valley room
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Members Present:

Members Absent (excused):

Members Absent (unexcused):

Guests: Pat Hanson

1. Call to Order by President Amber Flynn at 1:02 PM.
2. Announcements/Question Period
   October 23-27 It’s on Us Week of Action. UND is an official It’s On Us Partner School. There will be events all that week, including Learning & Development Sessions on “Supporting Students and Co-Workers after Sexual Violence” and Green Dot Training.
   Accounting Department is doing their annual coat drive through October 26th.
3. Approval of September 13, 2017 Staff Senate Minutes
   Laurie McHenry made a motion to approve the minutes from September 13, 2017. Jeremy Malheim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Officer Reports - as needed
   Budget Report was sent out. There are a few categories with negative balances, however Staff Senate does have the approved budget, the funds just haven’t been transferred yet.
5. Staff Senate Committee Reports - as needed
   Hurricane Relief Special Denim Day in collaboration with Minot State University raised $1,390! This is the most we have ever received on a special denim day. Total donation for Hurricane Relief was $1,837.
   Fundraising Committee is hosting three smaller social events. The first one will be UND Takeover Speedway during Happy Hour on Tuesday, October 17th immediately after work from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. There will be raffles at the event! The committee is still working on the details for the other two events.
   Parades were a success!
6. University Committee Reports - as needed
   None
7. Suggestion Box
   No new suggestion box items this month.
8. Stop and Stretch
9. Business Items
   a. Election of two senator positions
      Pam Shea made a motion from the Constitution, Bylaws and Elections committee to approve two new senators, Emily Dougherty and Melissa Casanova, to fill the vacated positions thru April 2018. Motion carried.
10. Matters Arising/Open Discussion
    The College of Arts and Sciences is sponsoring a charter bus to Winnipeg on Saturday, October 14 and there is additional room on the bus for faculty and staff. The bus will leave at 8:45 AM and return to Grand Forks at approximately 8:30 PM. The destination is the Forks area in Winnipeg, and participants are encouraged to go to the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. You must have a valid passport to enter Canada. Contact the International Center with any questions.
    Any ideas or suggestions for parking on campus can be submitted through the Staff Senate Suggestion Box, directly to Mike Pieper or to Pam Shea and Tammy Hendrickson, the staff reps on the Parking Committee. The committee will be meeting again at the end of October.
    The budget committee currently has two spots for Staff members. The term limit is for four years, which is long for any one person to commit to, especially when our Staff Senate terms are only three years. The University
Senate Executive Committee is going to review this term limit, and hopefully reduce it down to two year terms. Once this is decided, Staff Senate will appoint a new member. Amber Flynn announced that she will be leaving UND at the end of December. Tyler Clauson will take over the role of President in December. We will be calling for nominations for a new Vice President at the November meeting, and then will have each candidate submit a written statement and do the election in December.

11. Adjournment
Amber adjourned the meeting at 1:26 PM.

Next Staff Senate Meeting
November 8, 2017
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
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