



Staff Senate Minutes
November 8, 2017

Collaborative Engineering Complex (CEC) Big Ideas Gym 141
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Staff Senate Attendance
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Members Present: Sarah Abentroth, Trinity Bohlman, Barry Brode, Christopher Choate, Tyler Clauson, Chris Dingle, Jessica Dunphy, Lisa Earls, Amanda Filipy, Amber Flynn, Diane Fugleberg, Jade Gourneau, Carissa Green, Jim Hanson, Kara Helmig, Kari Holter, Carrie Jackson, Gregory Kelly, Jennifer Lunde, Whitney Maine, Amy Malheim, Jeremy Malheim, Janelle McGarry, Laurie McHenry, Tina Monette, Angie Morgan, June Novacek, Patricia Reed, Lesli Risky, Teri Salwey, Lori Shafer, Jayson Sharp, Pam Shea, Conrad Smith, Courtney Souvannasacd, Zauna Synnott, Austin Theisen, Megan Wasylow, and Andrew Wynne.

Members Absent (excused): Shannon Jongeward, Jenny Le Texier, Jennifer Lynch Hurst, Brianne Melicher, Lani Moen, Renee Nilsen, Jen Proulx, and Laura Vatnsdal.

New Members Present: Melissa Casanova & Emily Dougherty

Ex-Officio Present: Pat Hanson

Guests: Dean Hesham El-Rewini & Brian Larson

1. Call to Order-President Amber Flynn called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm
2. Guest-Dean Hesham El-Riwini-talked about interesting ideas for engaging employees. He wants the staff and faculty to feel like they have a voice even though they are very busy and do not always have time to provide feedback. He holds a monthly Town hall to discuss openly ideas and solutions. He has setup a Staff Advisory board that deal with two components, 1. Asking Questions and two. Ways to do things better. He hosts a lunch with colleagues the last Friday of every month and tea with the Dean every Friday.

Dean El-Rewini also talked about the time he spends in the Provost's office.

3. Announcements/Question Period
 - a. 31 Days of Glory tickets are on sale-Sarah gave an update that we have sold 357 tickets up to this date. The hope is it does not take that much longer to sell the remaining tickets. A question was asked about how to verify that your name has gone in or if you are getting it as a gift? Sarah answered to make sure to print off a receipt.
 - b. Staff Takeover event December 4 at the Ramada, 4:30pm-7pm-
 - c. Amber informed everyone that Archives coffee shop would be having Faculty/staff happy hour on Fridays from 2-4 pm.
4. Approval of October 11, 2017 Staff Senate Minutes-Pam Shea moved to approve the minutes and Megan Wasylow seconded.
5. Officer Reports – Pam Shea will have one name to bring forward during business items. If anyone knows of someone willing to serve on Staff Senate let Pam know.
6. Staff Senate Committee Reports – Pat Reed gave an update on Community Relations. We are taking applications until November 15 for Denim Days. Denim Days applications have to be within the Grand Forks area. Criteria are that they provide food, housing or medical. We also need to know how many people they serve and if the charity is run purely on donations. We will have a maximum of 12 charities. This will go out in the U-letter and Staff Chat. It was asked if we have seen an increase of donations with electronic withdrawal. Pam said there has been an uptick with Payroll deduction.

Tubs of Love will be going out today. We have 18 buildings and only 17 tubs. She suggested putting the tub on the main floor and boxes on the other floors in the building. When they are getting full, get ahold of her and she can pick it up or you can bring to the Chester Fritz Library.

Chris Choate-Fundraising Chair-Speedway take over was a success. They were expecting 30 and got about 60 people. Over \$300 was raised on strictly raffles. Next one will be December 4 at the Ramada Inn.

Lesli Risky-Public Relations Chair- She went through the parade policy so it is updated. She would like to do something for the Facilities ground crew for their help with the float.

Courtney Souvannasac-Legislative Chair-will not be holding a meeting in the interim until the University Legislative Committee meets.

- 7.** University Committee Reports –Janice Hoffarth sent an update on the Master Planning Committee. They have hired a consulting firm to look at the Master planning.
- 8.** Suggestion Box
 - a. Staff Takeover-Someone asked if we could have a special denim day on the day of the Staff Takeover to go towards Seeds for Staff Success. Patricia Reed answered that it does not qualify for a special denim day.
- 9.** Stop and Stretch
- 10.** Business Items
 - a. Election of one senator position-Pam Shea brought one name forward, Brian Larson. He has been nominated by the Constitution and Bylaws committee and just needs to be put to a vote. Amber asked for a vote and all were in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Vice President Election-Amber's last day will be December 31. We need to bring forth someone to take over as Vice President until April when it can be voted on again. The floor was opened up for nominations. Tyler Clauson nominated Lisa Earls and she accepted. Tyler also nominated Barry Brode. He declined. Pat Reed nominated Pam Shea and she declined. Lisa Earls will be asked to make a statement at the next meeting when will vote on the new Vice President.
- 11.** Matters Arising/Open Discussion
 - a. Tyler and Amber met with the President and he offered to visit departments, to get to know the staff and faculty. He wishes to be linked with a Staff Senator in the department. If this were something, you would like to do please let Amber or Tyler know.
 - b. December potluck sign up went out
- 12.** Adjournment-President Amber Flynn adjourned the meeting at 2:11 pm

December 13, 2017
Potluck 12:00pm-1:00pm
Meeting: 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Wellness Center Classrooms 120/121

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