



Staff Senate Minutes

July 12, 2017

**Wellness Center**

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, Amanda Filipy, Stephanie Flyger, Amber Flynn, Jade Gourneau, Carissa Green, Carrie Jackson, Gregory Kelly, Jenny Le Texier, Whitney Maine, Amy Malheim, Jeremy Malheim, Janelle McGarry, Laurie McHenry, Tina Monette, Angie Morgan, Lesli Risky, Teri Salwey, Lori Shafer, Jayson Sharp, Courtney Souvannasacd, Zauna Synnott, Austin Theisen, Laura Vatsndal, and Megan Wasylow

**Members Absent (excused):** Elizabeth Becker, Lisa Earls, Diane Fugleberg, Jim Hanson, Kara Helmig, Kari Holter, Shannon Jongeward, Brianne Melicher, Lani Moen, Renee Nilsen, June Novacek, Jen Proulx, Patricia Reed, Leo Saucedo, and Pam Shea.

**Members Absent:** Zachary Buchhop, Jennifer Lunde, and Andrew Wynne.

**Resigned:** Don Rasmuson

**Ex-Officio Absent:** Pat Hanson

### Guests:

Sarah Nissen

1. Call to Order-President Amber Flynn called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm
2. Guests
  - a. Sarah Nissen, Marketing & Creative Services-presented about the new branding strategy that is being rolled out. She talked about the four brand pillars-North Dakota, Doers, Ready and Impact. Those lead to the brand promise as a guarantee to our stakeholders. Our external tag line is Leaders in Action. We are going through a major redesign of our website that will should be up by next spring. To contact them go to [und.edu/marketing](http://und.edu/marketing) or contact [sarah.nissen@und.edu](mailto:sarah.nissen@und.edu)
3. Announcements/Question Period-Chris Choate gave an update on the intramural volleyball league. We had 25 participants. It was a good turn out even with the inclement weather.
4. Approval of May 10, 2017 Staff Senate Minutes-Barry Brode motioned to approve minutes, Jeremy Malheim seconded.
5. Approval of June 14, 2017 Staff Senate Minutes-Lesli Risky motioned to approve minutes and Jeremy Malheim seconded.
6. Officer Reports – Megan Wasylow informed us that we are at 49 senators. Amber advised the group that if they knew of someone who was interested to let Pam know when she gets back, so we can get back to 50 senators. Amber also reminded senate that if they were going to be absent to email or call Megan Wasylow.
7. Staff Senate Committee Reports – Barry Brode spoke about the Seeds for Staff Success applications. They approved many applications the last go around and the upcoming deadline for applications is September 15.

Chris Dingle and Tyler Clauson informed us that the June U-shine award went to Angie Carpenter and has been delivered.

**8. University Committee Reports – nothing to report**

**9. Suggestion Box**

- a. Volunteer Time Off-a program that allows employees to participate in volunteer activities during work time for a set number of hours a year.

**10. Stop and Stretch**

**11. Business Items**

- a. Member at Large elections-Opened up for nominations- Megan nominated Kari Holter, she accepted the nomination in absentia, Tyler nominated Janelle McGarry and she accepted the nomination, Carrie Jackson nominated Jade Gourneau and she accepted the nomination. Amber closed the nominations. Chris Dingle motioned to accept the nominations and Megan Wasylow seconded. Motion carried. Laurie McHenry motioned to elect the slate of nominations and Jenny Le Texier seconded, Motion carried.
- b. Denim and Diamonds event-with the struggle to find a chair for the Fundraising Committee the executive committee voted to not continue the Denim and Diamonds event and move to have 31 Days of Glory twice a year. Sarah Abentroth brought up selling them online to make it even easier. We are looking at putting money into an endowment from fundraising. Amber asked to open it up to a vote to discontinue Denim and Diamonds and the motion carried. Moving forward the Fundraising Chair would work with Sarah to set up the 31 Days of Glory tickets.
- c. Fundraising and PR chair nominations-Amber opened up the floor for nominations for Fundraising Chair- Whitney Maine nominated Chris Choate and he accepted. Chris Dingle motioned to elect Chris Choate Fundraising Chair and Jeremy Malheim seconded, Motion carried.

Amber opened up nominations for PR Chair, Jenny LeTexier nominated Lesli Risky and she accepted. Barry motioned to elect Lesli as PR Chair and Jade Gourneau seconded. Motion carried.

- d. Committee Sign-up-sign up for committees so that committee chairs can set up meetings.

**12. Matters Arising/Open Discussion**

- a. Senate goals for 2017-2018-The North Dakota Staff Senate met and came up with goals for the 2017-18 year. During that time, staff morale was a major topic of discussion. Minot State has implemented a release time of three hours a week for wellness. It would be easier for us to implement now that Minot State has opened up the door for us. Chris Dingle said the concept is a good one but tracking would be an issue. Sarah brought up that it need to be across the board so it does not create animosity in departments.  
We will also be looking at our Mission Statement so that it better aligns with the Strategic planning being implanted. Amber and Barry will be meeting with a consultant to look at the mission statement and possibly rewriting it.
- b. Carrie brought up senators off campus and how do we plan to deal with it. Amber informed us that if we meet at the Memorial Union that we are able to do a conference call but the Wellness does not have the capability. Laurie brought up Stage.net but did not know if we had access to it. Courtney brought up another system as well, that she had used in the past.

**13. Adjournment- Amber adjourned the meeting at 2:24 pm**

Next Staff Senate Meeting  
August 9, 2017  
Meeting - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM  
MU River Valley Room