

STAFF SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Staff Senate Minutes
August 9, 2017
MU River Valley room
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Staff Senate Attendance
August 9, 2017

Members Present: Sarah Abentroth, Trinity Bohlman, Barry Brode, Zachary Buchhop, Tyler Clauson, Lisa Earls, Amanda Filipy, Stephanie Flyger, Amber Flynn, Diane Fugleberg, Carissa Green, Shannon Jongeward, Gregory Kelly, Jenny Le Texier, Jennifer Lunde, Whitney Maine, Amy Malheim, Jeremy Malheim, Janelle McGarry, Laurie McHenry, Brianne Melicher, Lani Moen, Tina Monette, Angie Morgan, June Novacek, Jen Proulx, Patricia Reed, Lesli Risky, Teri Salwey, Lori Shafer, Jayson Sharp, Pam Shea, Courtney Souvannasacd, Zauna Synnott, Austin Theisen, and Laura Vatsndal

Members Absent (excused): Christopher Choate, Chris Dingle, Jade Gourneau, Kari Holter, Carrie Jackson, Renee Nilsen, Leo Saucedo, Megan Wasylow, and Andrew Wynne.

Members Absent: Jessica Dunphy, Jim Hanson, and Kara Helmig,

Resigned: Elizabeth Becker

Ex-Officio Present: Joy Johnson

1. Call to Order-President Amber Flynn called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm
2. Guests-there were no guests
3. Announcements/Question Period-Amber talked about the fifth week of the Staff Intramural league on behalf of Chris Choate. It was a great way for staff to network. She is talking to the Wellness Center about a possible fall league.
4. Approval of July 12, 2017 Staff Senate Minutes-Amber moved to table the approval until the September meeting. Tyler Clauson seconded it.
5. Officer Reports - as needed-no officer reports
6. Staff Senate Committee Reports – Amber will send out committee lists to the committee chairs.

Patricia Reed gave an update on the Denim Days. The new sign up will go out and payroll deduction is available for Denim Days. There will be another Meals on Wheels ride along in October.

Barry Brode stated that he would be setting up a meeting for the Staff and Professional Development Committee. The Deadline for Seeds for Staff Success is September 15. Amber asked if applicants needed to be a benefitted employee. Zachary Buchhop pulled up the application and it stated that they needed to be. Barry said this would be something they would address in an upcoming meeting.

Sarah Abentroth gave an update on the budget.

Lesli Risky brought up that they were starting to make plans for the upcoming parades. September 9 is Potato Bowl and October 7 is the Homecoming Parade. Zachary Buchhop would be sending out the signup sheet.

Amber gave an update on Staff Recognition Committee on behalf of Chris Dingle. State Staff Recognition Week is September 11-15. There will be an overnight staff breakfast and luncheon. Chris will be in touch with members of the committee to set up a meeting.

7. University Committee Reports - as needed-no University Committee reports
8. Suggestion Box-no suggestion box items
9. Stop and Stretch
10. Business Items
 - a. Budget, Realignment and Allocation Committee-Sarah Abentroth gave an overview of the committee. Carissa Green and Jeremy Malheim showed interest in the seat. Amber will send out applications and vote on it during the September meeting.
11. Matters Arising/Open Discussion
 - a. Headshots-University Relations has set up days to do drop in headshots. It will take place in Room 411 at Twamley. Those Days are as follows: August 17, September 12, October 18, November 16 and December 5 from 9am-3pm.
 - b. Parades/Fundraising brainstorm-Amber broke everyone up in groups to come up with ideas. Discussion ensued.
 - c. Whitney Maine brought up that the International Center has been sending buses to Winnepeg for day trips and was wondering if there was any interest for a Staff Senate day trip.
 - d. Amber's office at the Wellness Center will be moving to the Memorial Union 2nd floor.
 - e. Amber also let everyone know that if there was to be changes in offices to let Megan Wasylow know of them.
 - f. Laurie McHenry brought up the benefit for Sara Nissen on Saturday at the Gorecki at 5 pm.
 - g. Jennifer Lunde gave a shout out to Barry Brode for his Facebook posts.
12. Adjournment-Amber adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm

Next Staff Senate Meeting
September 13, 2017
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
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