



Staff Senate Minutes
May 9, 2018
Memorial Union River Valley Room
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Members Present: Sarah Abentroth, Trinity Bohlman, Jessica Cadreau, Melissa Casanova, Christopher Choate, Tyler Clauson, Chris Dingle, Emily Dougherty, Jessica Dunphy, Lisa Earls, Amanda Filipy, Diane Fugleberg, Jade Gourneau, Carissa Green, Jim Hanson, Kara Helmig, Kari Holter, Carrie Jackson, Devona Janousek, Shannon Jongeward, Gregory Kelly, Brian Larson, Jennifer Lunde, Jennifer Lynch Hurst, Amy Malheim, Whitney Maine, Jeremy Malheim, Janelle McGarry, Laurie McHenry, Brianne Melicher, Lani Moen, Tina Monette, Angie Morgan, Renee Nilsen, June Novacek, Jen Proulx, Patricia Reed, Lesli Risky, Teri Salwey, Lori Shafer, Jayson Sharp, Pam Shea, Conrad Smith, Courtney Souvannasacd, Zauna Synnott, Austin Theisen, Laura Vatsdal, Megan Wasylow, Kim Werner, and Andrew Wynne.

Members Absent: Sarah Abentroth, Trinity Bohlman, Brenda Haugen, Shannon Jongeward, Jennifer Lunde, Brianne Melicher, Angie Morgan, Jayson Sharp, Zauna Synnott

Resigned: Shannon Jongeward, Andrew Wynne

Ex-Officio Present: Pat Hanson

Guests: Lisa Earls, Carla Spokely, Alice Brekke

1. Call to Order-President Tyler Clauson called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm
2. Announcements/Question Period-VPFO Alice Brekke came to say thanks to all of the Staff Senators and all the Staff for their continued support. She updated us that her replacement, Jed Shivers will be starting next Wednesday. He is committed to open communication and cooperation. The Lieutenant Governor Brent Sanford will be talking at the Ina Mae building tonight.
3. Approval of April 11, 2018 Staff Senate Minutes-Megan Wasylow moved to approve and Jeremy Malheim seconded. Motion carried.
4. Business Items
 - a. Introduction of new senators
 - i. Introduction of Executive Team (Tyler-President, Pam-Past President, Jeremy-President Elect, Carissa-Secretary, Devonna-Treasurer, Conrad-Historian & Melissa-Membership Officer)
 - ii. Introduction of Committee Chairs (Constitution, Bylaws and Elections-Pam, Community Relations-Patty, Fundraising-Chris, Legislative-Courtney, Public Relations-Megan, Staff and Professional Development-Vacant, Staff Recognition-Vacant)-Angie Holkervick self-nominated for Staff Recognition committee chair, and Jade Gourneau will be the new Staff and Professional Development chair
 - iii. Committee Overviews-Each of the committee chairs gave a brief overview of their committee. Everyone must serve on at least one committee.
 - iv. Member-at-Large Positions (overview by Pam)-3 Member at Large positions, provide an additional voice from Staff Senate to the Executive Committee. They help on some of the committees and may be called upon to run a meeting in the chair's absence. They will be voted on in June.
 - v. Ice Breaker
 - b. Newly developed Staff Senate Mission
 - i. **Mission – To advocate for staff by supporting engagement, development, and recognition through shared governance and collaboration.**

- ii. Working on Vision and Values with Emily Holth-be on the lookout for Staff Senate Opinion Survey-looking for input from all the Staff Senate members.
5. Officer Reports – there were none
6. Staff Senate Committee Reports – Chris Dingle will be meeting with Staff Recognition Committee after the meeting. He also thanked all the volunteers who helped with the Spring Fling luncheon. Chris Choate talked about the intramural league and the Staff Takeover events. Megan Wayslow informed everyone about the Facebook page and the direction she will be taking it. She will be posting not only Staff Senate information and events but events around campus and the surrounding community. Lesli Risky also gave the date for the Potato Bowl/Homecoming Parade as September 22.
7. University Committee Reports - as needed
8. Suggestion Box
 - a. Have the option to not use all your vacation/sick time during pregnancy and be able to take leave without pay. The current FMLA is 12 weeks but in order to use that you have to drain your vacation and sick leave. Which leaves you with 0 when you come back. How do you take that time off to go to appointments with kids when you are at a 0 balance upon return? My suggestion is that you should be able to at least keep 40 hours of each as an option if you want.
 - b. I have questions with the possible changes in parking. I overheard that the parking will go up and any additional car we have to pay extra for? My husband is in the military and often times takes my car so I would have to pay extra to drive OUR other car And also I have had my car in the shop a few times this year and had to have a rental for a week at a time, how does it work for rental cars? Do I have to pay for each rental car I have because I am not sure if I can afford that every time?

RESPONSE: The only for FY2019 would be that you could only have 3 active cars per permit vs. 5 active cars permit this year. No, but currently you could receive a parking violation if more than one car in on campus at the same time under the same permit No change, you would still need to log into the system to add the rental car license plate # to your permit, or stop into the parking services office for assistance.
9. Matters Arising/Open Discussion-Pay attention to where the Staff Senate meeting will be. Interim Dean Steve Light has asked us to meet at Gamble Hall. We will be meeting there for the next Staff Senate meeting.
 - a. July Potluck will be at the Wellness Center Room 120/121
 - b. Staff Recognition will be September 10-14
10. Adjourn-President Tyler Clauson adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm

Next Staff Senate Meeting
June 13, 2018 - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Gamble Hall