



Staff Senate Minutes
November 4, 2020
Via Zoom
3-4:30 pm

Members Present: Dan Boese, Tyler Clauson (Past President), Paula Cox, Chris Dingle, Emily Dougherty, Samantha Eastman, Jordan Eberhardt, Kristin Ellwanger, Monica Evavold, Carissa Green, Jade Gourneau, Kari Holter, Jamey Holweger, Devona Janousek, Brian Larson, Melissa Mager, Kyle Markwardt, Cheryl Misialek, Lisa Moore, Cindy Murphy, June Novacek, Jennifer Proulx, Brian Schill (Vice President/President Elect), Jayson Sharp, Julie Simon, Andria Spaeth, Carla Spokely, Zauna Synnott, Laura Vatnsdal, Megan Wasylow (President), Michael Ullrich, and Cathy Westerhausen

Members Absent: Melissa Casanova, Brenda Haugen, Sarah Heitkamp, Christina Mead, Peggy Schulz, and Eric Souvannasac.

Ex-Officio Present: Peggy Varberg

Guests: President Armacost, Jed Shivers, Cara Halgren, Heidi Flaten, Zachary Aubol.

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm.
2. **Attendance and Zoom etiquette** – Let Megan Wasylow know if you need a camera. We need to all be engaged and present for the meetings.
3. **Announcements** – Faculty Lecture Series, free to all and staff are encouraged to attend. The last one was recorded.
4. **Introductions:** Lightening round/ Accomplishments you or your office have achieved this semester. Lots of great things shared and lots of great things happening at UND. Thank you Chris Dingle for the great question.
5. **Approve minutes from October 14, 2020 Staff Senate Meeting** – Devona Janousek moved to approve the minutes, Monica Evavold 2nd the motion to approve. No discussion. Motion carries unanimously.
6. **Officer Reports**
 - a. Vice President: **Brian Schill** – December potluck. Sent out a survey. Will hold the event for 30 minutes before the meeting and talk about some of the questions from legislative session or parking, healthcare or any other subject. We can just chat, you do not necessarily need to eat on camera.
 - b. Historian: **Dan Boese** – Updates on website continue. We can add flyers for events to add more pop to the site.
 - c. Membership: **Melissa Casanova (Paula Cox temporary)** – No new updates, just keeping the attendance list up to date on Teams.
 - d. Secretary: **Paula Cox** – No new updates.

- e. Treasurer: [Devona Janousek](#) – No report. Let Devona know if you have any questions on the treasurer’s report.
- f. Member at Large: [Chris Dingle](#) – Encourage people to purchase 31 days of Glory tickets. Megan Wasylow sent out a challenge to all senators to sell a minimum of 3 tickets. Email was sent out Monday forward that to colleagues. More the better lets sell out. Drawing at the Executive meeting on the 25th. Proceeds go back to staff Seeds for Success. [Peggy Schulz](#) – not present. [Cindy Murphy](#) - Nothing to report.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Community Relations: [Kari Holter](#) & [June Novacek](#) – Updated website. Current application for non-profits is up. June is working on contacting all from last year to apply. Tubs of Love will run in January. The recipient of the proceeds will be determined in December meeting.
- b. (Past President) Constitution, Bylaws, & Elections: [Tyler Clauson](#) – Will be looking over the bylaws of Legislative committee and will use as an example for other committees to follow.
- c. Engagement: [Emily Dougherty](#) & [Paula Cox](#) – Coffee with Kathy coming up on the 12th of November. She loved the flyer and registration link. The first 10 to register will attend. If you do not make the first one, we will be doing this monthly, so keep registering. Jordan Eberhardt did an excellent job on the flyers for both Coffee with Kathy and Bingo! The Bingo event will be held virtually on the 17th of November. You will be using physical cards to play bingo on. Please register on the link to get registered and receive your bingo cards. Next meeting is November 16th. Will launch the Facebook groups. We are looking for moderators so if you are interested, please let Paula or Emily know or if you have any questions.
- d. Legislative: [Kyle Markwardt](#) & [Brian Schill](#) – Have met with the State Staff Senate and interested in the Tuition Waiver questions for dependents. Right now can only attend UND. Would like the dependents to attend any NDUS college at the 50% tuition waiver rate. Change in bylaws sent to Tyler and maybe bring to next meeting for reading and approval.
- e. Public Relations: [Brenda Haugen](#) & [Cristina Mead](#) – Not present.
- f. Staff & Professional Development: [Zauna Synnott](#) – Committee met and lining up guest speakers for the Staff Senate meetings and campus wide. Our next meeting is on November 20th if anyone is interested in attending.
- g. Staff Recognition: [Andria Spaeth](#) – Waiting for votes to come in for the October USHine award and will put in the newsletter.

8. University Committee Reports – No reports.

9. Staff Senate President Report – [Megan Wasylow](#) – Really no updates on anything. Any comments on the town hall? Hockey came up, about 12 questions came up and directed to a specific area right at time of meeting. People felt that genuine questions were answered. Big thank you to Jed Shivers and Cara Halgren on selling 31 Days of Glory tickets. Phishing email came out from Megan Wasylow. I will never email from a gmail account. Might have something to do with the listserv.

10. Business Items – ND State Staff Senate discussion of creating a task force to open up the dependent 50% tuition reimbursement rates to all NDUS colleges. – Motion to vote was made by Carissa Green, 2nd by Andria Spaeth. Senate had a great discussion on this about data, who gets it and where. Megan sent a link out to vote, 23 aye, 2 nay, 1 abstain. Motion carries.

11. Matters Arising/Open Discussion - None

12. Adjourn – Emily Dougherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, June Novacek 2nd the motion, adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Next Staff Senate Meeting
December 9, 2020 – 3-4:30 PM
Zoom