



Staff Senate Minutes
August 12, 2020
Via Zoom
3-4:30 pm

Members Present: Dan Boese, Tyler Clauson (Past President), Chris Dingle, Emily Dougherty, Samantha Eastman, Jordan Eberhardt, Kristin Ellwanger, Monica Evavold, Jade Gourneau, Brenda Haugen, Devona Janousek, Brian Larson, Melissa Mager, Kyle Markwardt, Cheryl Misialek, Lisa Moore, Cindy Murphy, June Novacek, Jennifer Proulx, Brian Schill (Vice President/President Elect), Julie Simon, Eric Souvannasacd, Andria Spaeth, Laura Vatnsdal, Megan Wasylow (President), and Cathy Westerhausen

Members Absent: Melissa Casanova, Paula Cox, Carissa Green, Sarah Heitkamp, Kari Holter, Jamey Holweger, Christina Mead, Tyler O'Hara, Peggy Schulz, Jayson Sharp, Carla Spokely, Zauna Synnott, and Michael Ullrich.

Ex-Officio Present: Peggy Varberg

Guests: President Andy Armacost, Zak Aubol, Heidi Flaten, Cheryl Grew-Gillen, Vice President Cara Halgren, Matt Sebby, and Vice President Jed Shivers

- 1. Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.
- 2. Announcements** – President Armacost says thank you for being a part of Staff Senate! Megan Wasylow promoted the UND Angel Fund.

3. Introductions – Lightning round: "Did you know..."

Emily Dougherty – if you have a library card you can access ebooks (up to 5 books at a time with 8 on hold); Brian Schill – has a book at the library! Lusty Scripts – history of punk and post punk music; Laura Vatnsdal – has her private pilot's license; Brenda Haugen – wrote a number of books at the library that are available to read; Megan Wasylow – we have free memberships to the Chamber and Young Professionals; Cindy Murphy – Did you know Krampade is made right here in Grand Forks? It's an electrolyte replacement sports beverage powder. Potassium is an essential electrolyte for muscle function, hydration, and recovery. Krampade is unique to the marketplace and is used by several former UND Hockey players in the NHL. I am co-owner of this small business and am happy to share information about the product and company.

- 4. Approve minutes from July 8, 2020 Staff Senate Meeting** – Brenda Haugen made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Andria Spaeth 2nd the motion, Motion carries.

5. Officer Reports

- Vice President: **Brian Schill** – finishing up the Annual Report.
- Historian: **Dan Boese** – updated Staff Senate website.
- Membership: **Melissa Casanova** – Not present. Nametags will be sent in the mail in the next couple weeks for new members along with certificates from last year's Senators.
- Secretary: **Paula Cox** – absent (Emily Dougherty taking notes in her absence)

- e. Treasurer: [Devona Janousek](#) – new fiscal year so plan for your expenses to plan the budget for the year.
- f. Member at Large: [Chris Dingle](#) – Not present; [Peggy Schulz](#) – not present. Brenda Haugen updated the Potato Bowl parade is cancelled and no updates on Homecoming parade yet.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Community Relations: [Kari Holter](#) & [June Novacek](#) – No report.
- b. (Past President) Constitution, Bylaws, & Elections: [Tyler Clauson](#) – No report.
- c. Engagement: [Emily Dougherty](#) & [Paula Cox](#) – No report – will be meeting soon
- d. Legislative: [Kyle Markwardt](#) & [Brian Schill](#) – Committee met last week; want to hear from full staff senate for what policy issues we'd like to take on at local/system level. Will be developing a survey for Staff Senate/greater university community to learn more. Peggy Varberg gave updates about FMLA where you can hold back 40 hours of annual and sick leave (and go unpaid) based on new measures passed with board. Dependent care – widening/broadening who we can use that benefit for/with; will need to be raised to state-level.
- e. Public Relations: [Brenda Haugen](#) & [Cristina Mead](#) – Updating newsletter; asking for ideas on who to use in the Facebook 'Caught' series – please email Brenda
- f. Staff & Professional Development: [Zauna Synnott](#) – Seeds for Staff Success deadline is August 15th. Still seeking co-chair.
- g. Staff Recognition: [Andria Spaeth](#) – Need more UShine nominations. Working on State Employee Recognition Month event approval (upgrading from the usual 'week')

7. University Committee Reports – No reports.

8. Staff Senate President Report – [Megan Wasylow](#)

- a. Pandemic Briefing Meeting/NDUS Task Force: acknowledgement that testing is free; testing for asymptomatic positives so please attend these events; tests are only as good as the day you take it so please go as often as possible. Drive-up testing is not being done anymore due to volunteer levels more aligned with walk-up testing and better align our testing with the National Guards' availability. Looking for volunteers to assist with future testing events. That survey will be sent as a follow-up email. UV light beta-testing in the works. Safe Campus app (please download) offers option to test temperature. New app being worked on/considered by the State that would offer more robust COVID-related reporting (stay tuned). Testing/contact tracing/hotel rooms – UND has a good system set-up already.
- b. ND State Staff Senate: Email about face coverings measure that passed, which was modeled after the UND policy (proud moment!).
- c. University Senate: Andria Spaeth was voted in as the third Staff Senate seat.
- d. Provost Search committee: Staff Senate asked to bring forward two staff to sit on this committee. Please have names submitted to Megan Wasylow by Friday 8/14.
- e. Suggestion Box: two parking questions; Parking Committee is planned to restart during this academic year to address 2021-2022 year. CARES Act funding cannot be used for parking permits for those who are still working on-campus. Review Jed Shivers' response on the Suggestion Box website.
- f. If you have questions from the Town Hall that you need more information or did not feel were addressed send them to Megan Wasylow.

9. Business Items

- a. Vote for Member at Large: Chris Dingle nominates Cindy Murphy. Brenda Haugen motions to close nominations and move to vote in Cindy Murphy. Chris Dingle seconds. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.
- b. Temporary Membership Officer: Postponed vote to the next meeting.

10. Matters Arising/Open Discussion – Chris Dingle asking if there are any official Potato Bowl update – Cara Halgren says there should be information released soon and Potato Bowl official website says ‘all events cancelled’. Tyler Clausen says with the Potato Bowl game is postponed until Spring.

11. Adjourn – Tyler Clausen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Devona Janousek 2nd the motion, motion carries and meeting adjourned at 4:09pm.

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