



Staff Senate Minutes

May 12, 2021

Via Zoom

3-4:30 pm

Members Present: Zachary Aubol, Dan Boese, Renee Carlson, Chris Dingle, Briss Donis-Van Asch, Kyle Dye, Jordan Eberhardt, Monica Evavold, Carissa Green, Alissa Hancock, Sarah Heitkamp, Jamey Holweger, Kayla Hotvedt, Jasmine Hurley, Erika Johnson, Corey Klatt, Brian Larson, Kaitlin Lockett, Melissa Mager, Kyle Markwardt, Cheryl Misialek, Lisa Moore, Cindy Murphy, Linnea Nelson, Tyler Niederwerder, June Novacek,, Jennifer Proulx, Brian Schill (President), Peggy Schulz, Julie Simon, Eric Souvannasacd, Andria Spaeth, Carla Spokely, Zauna Synnott, Laura Vatnsdal, Andrea Velaris, Megan Wasylow (Past President), Cathy Westerhausen and Mike Wozniak.

Members Absent: Paula Cox (Vice President), Chris Glenn, Brenda Halle, Naomi Hansen, Kyle Myers, Tyler O'Hara

Ex-Officio Present: Peggy Varberg

Guests: Cara Halgren, Jed Shivers

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.
2. **Staff Senate Presidential Gavel Pass:** Megan Wasylow to Brian Schill
3. **Welcome new Senators!**
4. **Announcements** – Andria Spaeth shared a video of President Armacost introducing the new Work Well Challenge. Chris Dingle reported on the changes in Housing and which dorms are going to be taken down.
5. **Staff Senate Intro/Refresher**
 - a. Introductions of new Senators
 - b. Mission/Vision
 - c. [Constitution/Bylaws](#)
 - d. [Robert's Rule of Order](#)
 - e. Expectations of a Senator
6. **Approve minutes from April 14, 2021, Staff Senate Meeting-** Megan Wasylow made a motion to approve, June Novacek seconded the motion. No discussion. Minutes are approved as distributed.
7. **Officer Reports**
 - a. Vice President: [Paula Cox \(absent\)](#) – no update
 - b. Historian: [Dan Boese](#) – Please upload your photo on the Directory page
 - c. Membership: [Carla Spokely](#) – no update
 - d. Secretary: [Cheryl Misialek](#) – no update

- e. Treasurer: [Lisa Moore](#) – no update
- f. Member at Large: [Chris Dingle](#) – no update

8. Committee Reports

- a. Engagement: [Jordan Eberhardt](#) – Had the last “Coffee with Kathy.” There has been good attendance, Hope to continue in the Fall. May the 4th Bingo – 45 signed up, 30 in attendance
- b. Community Relations: [June Novacek](#) – The May “Jeans Give Back” recipient is Lutheran Social Services.
- c. Constitution, Bylaws, & Elections: [Megan Wasylow](#) – no report
- d. Legislative: [Kyle Markwardt](#) – Health Policy research
- e. Public Relations: [Andria Spaeth](#) – no report
- f. Staff & Professional Development: [Zauna Synnott](#) – May 15th is the deadline for Seeds for Success. \$500.00 per year. Looking at setting up an endowment. TTaDa has online and recorded sessions – good information
- g. Staff Recognition: [Andria Spaeth](#) – Presenting March & April UShine awards tomorrow. Annual UShine recipient to be announced soon.

9. University Committee Reports

- a. Pandemic Committee- meets every Thursday AM. Yellow level for Fall
- b. U-Senate Legislative Committee – Tuition waiver for dependents statewide

10. Staff Senate President Report

- a. ND State Staff Senate: Tuition Waiver Committee met – still on work in progress
- b. University Senate / U-Council: facilities master planning - ongoing
- c. Suggestion box

11. Business Items

- a. Tuition Waiver Credit Cap for employees – 3 credits a semester/9 credits year. Look at the cost to UND. Do we need a sub-committee? Table for now. Speak with your colleagues to get their views.
- b. Draft Health Policy Research Resolution – 1st reading
- c. Qualtrics surveys re: committees and meetings coming in email
 - i. Committee Assignments
 - ii. July Meeting time 3-4:30pm vote
 - iii. Need 2 staff each for U-Senate Budget committee and Conflict of Interest/Scientific Misconduct committee
- d. Officer Elections for Members at Large (3 seats) – Andria Spaeth nominated Chris Dingle. Chris declined at this time. Andria Spaeth nominated Erik Souvannasacd, Erik accepted. Brian Schill nominated Monica Evavold, Monica declined at this time. Andria Spaeth nominated Mike Wozniak, Mike declined at this time. Megan Wasylow nominated Zac Aubol. Zac declined at this time. Carissa Green nominated herself with the challenge to others to nominate. Mike Wozniak accepted the nomination. Megan Wasylow nominated Jennifer Proulox. Jennifer accepted.

Brian Schill asked for a motion to be made to extend the meeting by 10 minutes, Megan Wasylow made a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes, Jordan Eberhardt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Officer Elections for Members at Large (3 seats) continued – Carissa Green withdrew her self nomination. Qualtrics survey to vote for Members at Large – Erik Souvannasacd, Mike Wozniak, Jennifer Proulox. Vote link went out via email. Congratulations to Erik, Mike & Jennifer!

- e. Committee Chair Elections – Will review at next meeting after Qualtrics survey for Committee members.
 - i. Staff Recognition (chair or co-chairs)
 - ii. Staff & Professional Development (co-chair?)
 - iii. Community Relations (co-chair)
 - iv. Legislative (co-chair?)
 - v. Public Relations (co-chair?)

12. Adjourn – 4:38pm

Next Staff Senate Meeting

June 9, 2021 – 3-4:30 PM

Zoom