



Staff Senate Minutes

April 27, 2022

3-4:30 PM

Members Present: Zachary Aubol, Vaafusuaga Boese, Renee Carlson, Paula Cox (Vice President), Jordan Eberhardt, Monica Evavold, Chris Glenn, Jade Gourneau, Carissa Green, Brenda Halle, Alissa Hancock, Jamey Holweger, Jasmine Hurley, Corey Klatt, Melissa Mager, Kris McNab, Cheryl Misialek, Lisa Moore, Cindy Murphy, Linnea Nelson, June Novacek, Jennifer Proulx, Brian Schill (President), Zauna Synnott, Julie Simon, Andria Spaeth, Laura Vatnsdal, Andrea Velaris, Megan Wasylow, Cathy Westerhausen, Mike Wozniak.

Members Absent: Kyle Dye, Naomi Hansen, Kayla Hotvedt, Erika Johnson, Brian Larson, Kaitlin Lockett, Kyle Markwardt, Kyle Myers, Tyler O'Hara, Peggy Schulz, Carla Spokely, Michael Ulrich

Ex-Officio Present: Peggy Varberg

Guests: Jed Shivers, Dr. Beth Hellwig

1. Call to Order at 3:02pm

2. Announcements: 2022 Staff Years of Service Recognition Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 10, 11:30-1:00, Memorial Union, Large Ballroom

Approve minutes from March 9, 2022 Staff Senate Meeting – Andria Spaeth motioned to approve the minutes as distributed. June Novaacek seconded the motion. No discussion, minutes are approved as distributed.

3. Officer Reports

- a. Vice President: Paula Cox – no report
- b. Historian: Dan Boese – no report
- c. Membership: Carla Spokely – no report
- d. Secretary: Cheryl Misialek – no report
- e. Treasurer: Julie Simon – no report
- f. Member at Large: Cory Klatt, Mike Wozniak – no report

4. Committee Reports

- a. Engagement: Paula Cox & Jordan Eberhardt – Archives event for Faculty & Staff was well attended. Coffee with Kathy is scheduled for May 17th, will send out another notice for sign-up.
- b. Community Relations: June Novacek & Renee Carlson – Valley Senior Living is this month's recipient of Jeans Give Back.
- c. Constitution, Bylaws, & Elections: Megan Wasylow – Ballot is still live to vote for Staff Senate. Closes Friday, 4/29
- d. Legislative: – looking for a Chair and/or Co-chair.
- e. Public Relations: Andria Spaeth – no report

- f. Staff & Professional Development: **Zauna Synnott** – Thanks to Laura for suggestion of having Frank White speak. Seeds for Staff Success deadline is 5/15 for summer session.
- g. Staff Recognition: **Jen Proulx** – Thank you to the volunteers for helping with Spring Fling.

5. University Committee Reports

- a. Pandemic Committee: Suspended
- a. U-Senate: no update.
- b. Budget/COI/Safety/Other committees – Looking for 2 members for Parking Committee.

6. Staff Senate President Report

- a. Suggestion box: Q: “What is the most recent information you have regarding tuition waivers for dependents/spouses at other NDUS schools?” A: There is a potential for waiver or reduction of federal loans. FLFP: Federal Loan Forgiveness Program. It has been in place for a number of years and has been enhanced by the Biden administration. <https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>.
- b. Tuition Waiver: Proceeding. Working on setting up a meeting with Dr. Casey Ryan, ND Higher Education Board
- c. SS Leadership met with Pres. Armacost: President would like to see employees from Staff Senate on the Parking and Strategic Planning committees. If you have any concerns or questions, please get them to Brian and/or Paula.

7. Business Items

- a. Vice President Election – Both candidates read their VP statements to the Staff Senate. Vote was sent on Qualtrics and in person. Results came in, Congratulations Andria Spaeth is the new Vice President/President Elect.
- b. Officer nominations/elections:
 - i. Historian vote– Megan Wasylow nominated Vaafusuaga Boese, Cheryl Misialek seconded the motion. Vaafusuaga accepted. Vote went out. Congratulations, Vaafusuaga Boese.
 - ii. Membership Officer vote – Andria Spaeth nominated Carla Spokely, Megan Wasylow seconded the motion. Carla accepted. Vote went out. Congratulations, Carla Spokely.
 - iii. Secretary vote – Andria Spaeth Cheryl Misialek, Paula Cox seconded the motion. Cheryl accepted, vote went out. Congratulations Cheryl.
 - iv. Treasurer vote – Cathy Westerhausen nominated Julie Simon, Jordan Eberhardt seconded the motion. Julie accepted. Vote went out. Congratulations Julie Simon.
- c. Recognize outgoing senators and Staff Senator of the Year
 - i. Thank you to the outgoing Senators! – Jade Gourneau, Melissa Mager and Laura Vatnsdal
 - ii. Congratulations to the Staff Senator of the Year! – Zauna Synnott.

8. Matters Arising/Open Discussion

- a. Reminder – Commencement is Saturday, May 14. First in person since 2019. Looking for volunteers to help with commencement.
- b. Megan Wasylow motioned to move the next Staff Senate meeting to May 18 at 3:00pm. Monica Evavold seconded the motion. Motion passed.

9. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm

Next Staff Senate Meeting
May 18, 2022 – 3 PM, HYBRID mtg
Memorial Union (rm. 318 AB) and Zoom