



Staff Senate Minutes

February 9, 2022

3-4:30 PM

Members Present: Zachary Aubol, Dan Boese, Renee Carlson, Paula Cox (Vice President), Jordan Eberhardt, Monica Evavold, Jade Gourneau, Carissa Green, Brenda Halle, Alissa Hancock, Sarah Heitkamp, Jamey Holweger, Jasmine Hurley, Corey Klatt, Kaitlin Lockett, Melissa Mager, Cheryl Misialek, Lisa Moore, Cindy Murphy, Kyle Myers, June Novacek, Jennifer Proulx, Brian Schill (President), Julie Simon, Carla Spokely, Zauna Synnott, Michael Ulrich, Laura Vatnsdal, Andrea Velaris, Megan Wasylow, Cathy Westerhausen and Mike Wozniak.

Members Absent: Kyle Dye, Chris Glenn, Naomi Hansen, Kayla Hotvedt, Erika Johnson, Brian Larson, Kyle Markwardt, Kris McNab, Linnea Nelson, Tyler O'Hara, Peggy Schulz, Andria Spaeth

Ex-Officio Present: Peggy Varberg

Guests: Jed Shivers

1. Call to Order at 3:02pm

Announcements: Looking for volunteers to be on the Strategic Planning committee.

Approve minutes from January 13, 2022 and November 10, 2021 Staff Senate Meeting – Jamey Holweger made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed from 11/10/21 AND 1/13/22. June Novacek seconded the motion. No discussion, minutes are approved as distributed.

2. Officer Reports

- a. Vice President: **Paula Cox** – The plaque listing President and Vice President and also the plaque for Senator of the year to be hung in the Memorial Union. Sarah Heitkamp will meet with Paula to decide on location for the plaques to be hung.
- b. Historian: **Dan Boese** – no report
- c. Membership: **Carla Spokely**– no report
- d. Secretary: **Cheryl Misialek** – no report
- e. Treasurer: **Julie Simon** –31 Days of Glory has been wrapped up. \$6,120 was cleared after expenses.
- f. Member at Large: **Cory Klatt, Mike Wozniak** – no report

3. Committee Reports

- a. Engagement: **Paula Cox & Jordan Eberhardt** – Some of the activities are on hold because of the increase in Covid. Still hoping for Trivia in March.
- b. Community Relations: **June Novacek & Renee Carlson** – Wrapping up Tubs of Love. Please bring tubs to EERC. Committee is moving forward on applications.
- c. Constitution, Bylaws, & Elections: **Megan Wasylow** – Elections are coming up. Committee is looking at terms for current Senators. 2 Senators will be at the end of their 2 terms and going off of Staff Senate. In March, we will be putting out more information for possible Senators. If you know of anyone that would be willing to be on Staff Senate, let them know.

- d. Legislative: – no report
- e. Public Relations: **Andria Spaeth** – no report
- f. Staff & Professional Development: **Zauna Synnott** – would like to propose 2 deadlines for Seeds for Staff Success, in February and October. Should this go to Exec first?
- g. Staff Recognition: **Jenn Proulx** – Awarded 2 UShine awards. Voting on the January and February UShine recipients. Planning underway for Spring Fling in April

4. University Committee Reports

- a. Pandemic Committee: Omicron in decline, total UND positive cases in 50s: <https://veoci.com/v/p/dashboard/jr2p5p3tmp> Jed Shivers shared a graph showing Covid numbers from the beginning of the pandemic to January 2022, and how ND compares with a few other states.
- b. U-Senate: Updated Senate on Staff Senate; no questions
- c. Budget/COI/Safety/Other committees

5. Staff Senate President Report

- a. Suggestion box: “I would like to suggest that in the future more entry level employees be added to search committees like [VPSA, Associate VPAA].” Peggy Varberg will bring this suggestion to the President for consideration.
- b. Tuition Waiver: no update
- c. SS Leadership met with Pres. Armacost: discussed SS events, employee recognition, etc If you have any concerns or questions, please get them to Brian and/or Paula.

6. Business Items

- a. Tubs of Love underway – Get your tubs to EERC
- b. Volunteer policy on hold

Elections will be in April for Staff Senate. Technically there are 2 elections. One for Staff Senate and another election for Executive Committee within Staff Senate. The President will be sending a letter to divisions and supervisors encouraging support for Staff Senate. Current Senators should encourage at least one person to apply for Staff Senate.

The Registrar has talked to the Provost about the 15 minute time to move between classes on MWF. This will currently stay in place.

Feast of Nations is March 5. Can buy tickets on the Feast of Nations website. Deadline for tickets is February 25 at Noon.

Founders Day is Thursday, February 17.

7. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm

Next Staff Senate Meeting

March 8, 2022 – 3-4:30 PM

Zoom