



## Staff Senate Minutes

May 18, 2022

3-4:30 PM

**Members Present:** Zachary Aubol, Ivy Baird, Vaafusuaga Boese, Priya Chimote, Paula Cox (Vice President), Jordan Eberhardt, Chris Egeland, Kristin Ellwanger, Monica Evavold, Carissa Green, Eric Gutzwiller, Brenda Halle, Alissa Hancock, Taylor Hanson Wald, Sarah Heitkamp, Jamey Holweger, Jasmine Hurley, Anna Marie Kinney, Kris McNab, Cheryl Misialek, Lisa Moore, Kyle Myers, Linnea Nelson, June Novacek, Brian Schill (President), Andria Spaeth, Carla Spokely, Zauna Synnott, Michael Ulrich, Megan Wasylow, Cathy Westerhausen, Mike Wozniak.

**Members Absent:** Renee Carlson, Chris Glenn, Naomi Hansen, Erika Johnson, Corey Klatt, Brian Larson, Kaitlin Lockett, Cindy Murphy, Jennifer Proulx, Peggy Schulz, Julie Simon, Andrea Velaris,

**Ex-Officio Present:** Peggy Varberg

### 1. Call to Order at 3:02pm

### 2. Announcements:

- Work Well is sponsoring a Recsports League for Faculty & Staff this summer. There will be Badminton, Cornhole and Pickleball leagues.
- Burgers on the Boulevard will be outside of the Memorial Union this summer.
- Thanks to All Senators, both current and past, for their involvement in Staff Senate!
- Transfer of Gavel from Brian Schill to Paula Cox.

### 3. Approve minutes from April 27, 2022 Staff Senate Meeting – Jamey Holweger motioned to approve the minutes as distributed. June Novacek seconded the motion. No discussion, minutes are approved as distributed.

### 4. 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

### 5. Committee Reports

- a. Engagement: Jordan Eberhardt – The last Coffee with Kathy for the academic year was yesterday. Mike Wozniak has agreed to be Co-chair. Encourage new Senators to join the Engagement committee.
- b. Community Relations: June Novacek & Renee Carlson – St. Joseph Social Care is the May recipient of Jeans Give Back.
- c. Constitution, Bylaws, & Elections: Brian Schill –

- d. Legislative: – looking for a Chair and/or Co-chairs. We are entering a legislative year.
- e. Public Relations:– looking for a Chair and/or Co-chairs.
- f. Staff & Professional Development: **Zauna Synnott** – Seeds for Staff Success applications are in. Need to review.
- g. Staff Recognition: **Jen Proulx** – no report

## **6. University Committee Reports**

- a. U-Senate: Updated Senate on Staff Senate; no questions; much discussion about potential CRT legislation. – Attended gathering at President's house with University Senate & Student Senate representatives.
- b. Budget/COI/Safety/Other committees – Looking for 2 members for Parking Committee.

## **7. Staff Senate President Report**

- a. Position Descriptions from all officer positions – will be sent out detailing position responsibilities
- b. July Social Gathering – Will be at Memorial Union from 12:00-1:00pm. Meeting will follow from 1:00-3:00pm. Reminder to pay for lunch when you RSVP.
- c. Annual Reports – annual reports are due soon
- d. Tuition Waiver: waiting on meeting with Higher Ed Board President
- e. SS Leadership met with Pres. Armacost – Paula & Andria met with President Armacost. If you have any concerns or questions, please get them to Paula and/or Andria.

## **8. Business Items**

- a. Senator elections
  - Parking Committee – Brian Schill motioned to forward Andria Spaeth and Troy Noeldner's applications to the Parking Committee. Monica Evavold seconded the motion. Discussion was closed. Vote went out. Motion carried. Will send on to the Parking Committee.
  - Members at Large - Brian nominated Monica Evavold, Monica declined. Megan Wasylow nominated Kristin Ellwanger, Kristin accepted the nomination. Megan nominated Alissa Hancock, Alissa declined. Brian nominated Sarah Heitkamp, Sarah declined. Megan nominated Taylor Hanson Wald, Taylor accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed. Brian nominated Mike Wozniak for Member at Large. Megan seconded the nomination. Motion carried. Congratulations Mike! Brian nominated Taylor Hanson Wald for Member at Large. Jamey Holweger seconded the nomination. Motion carried. Congratulations Taylor! Cheryl Misialek nominated Kristin Ellwanger for Member at Large. Zauna Synnott seconded the nomination. Motion carried. Congratulations Kristin!
- b. Suggestion Box: This isn't a suggestion, but can someone share what is going on in the Quad behind the CF Library? The answer from Brian Larson was: We have a project to extend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave pedestrian mall to the west which also includes preserving and enhancing the existing Soaring Eagle prairie. I attached an overview map of our construction work area this summer as a rendering showing the final design (facing east). These were attached with the agenda.
- c. Hold Staff Senate meetings in person or hybrid? Vote? –
  - a. Zoom was started because of Covid, doesn't feel like meetings are fully functioning
  - b. hard to vote with hybrid
  - c. More remote workers that wouldn't be able to attend if not hybrid.
  - d. When meetings are back to back, easier to attend on Zoom, no travel time.

## **9. Matters Arising/Open Discussion**

Brian Schill presented Certificates to Staff Senators for their participation for this past year.

**10.Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm

**Next Staff Senate Meeting**  
June 8, 2022 – 3 p.m.  
**Memorial Union (rm. 214 AB)**