



**Staff Senate Minutes**  
September 14, 2022  
3:00-4:30 PM

**Members Present:** Ivy Baird, Vaafusuaga Boese, Paula Cox (President), Jordan Eberhardt, Chris Egeland, Kristin Ellwanger, Chris Glenn, Carissa Green, Brenda Halle, Alissa Hancock, Jamey Holweger, Jasmine Hurley, Anna Marie Kinney, Kaitlin Lockett, Cheryl Misialek, Lisa Moore, Kyle Myers, Linnea Nelson, June Novacek, Brian Schill (Past President), Julie Simon, Andria Spaeth (Vice President), Zauna Synnott, Megan Wasylow, Cathy Westerhausen.

**Members Absent:** Zachary Aubol, Renee Carlson, Priya Chimote, Monica Evavold, Eric Gutzwiller, Naomi Hansen, Taylor Hanson Wald, Sarah Heitkamp, Erika Johnson, Corey Klatt, Brian Larson, Kris McNab, Cindy Murphy, Jennifer Proulx, Carla Spokely, Michael Ullrich, Andrea Velaris, Jennifer Weigel, Mike Wozniak.

**Ex-Officio Present:** Peggy Varberg

**1. Call to Order** at 3:03pm

**2. Guest Speakers Jim Mochoruk and Lynette Krenelka presented on the Strategic Plan.**

**3. Announcements:**

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Higher Education and Beyond conference is on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Please attend if you are able.
- I would like to thank the senators that joined me in the Potato Bowl parade. There were about 8 of us walking.

**4. Approve minutes from August 11, 2022 Staff Senate Meeting** – Cheryl Misialek motioned to approve the minutes as distributed. Kristin Ellwanger seconded the motion. No discussion, minutes are approved as distributed.

**5. Officer Reports**

- a. Vice President: **Andria Spaeth** – Andria & Brian are on Strategic planning committee. It is going in a good direction for staff.
- b. Historian: **Vaafusuaga Boese** – no report
- c. Membership: **Carla Spokely**– no report
- d. Secretary: **Cheryl Misialek** – no report
- e. Treasurer: **Julie Simon** –has been working on Seeds for Staff Success scholarships
- f. Member at Large: **Kristin Ellwanger, Taylor Hanson Wald, Mike Wozniak** – no report. Thanks to Mike for organizing the participation in the Potato Bowl parade!

**6. Committee Reports**

- a. Engagement: **Jordan Eberhardt** –Coffee with Kathy will be 10/4, Spooky (Halloween) Trivia will be 10/27, Turkey Bingo is 11/17, and Staff Takeover is 12/8 at Northside Cafe.

- b. Community Relations: **June Novacek & Alissa Hancock** – working on Payroll deduction for Jeans Give Back. Challenge to get people to sign up. Valley Senior Living is the September recipient of Jeans Give Back.
- c. Constitution, Bylaws, & Elections: **Brian Schill** – no report. Committee hasn't met yet.
- d. Legislative: **Brian Schill** – will meet after November elections for the upcoming legislative year. Met with Chancellor Hagerott and 2 of his staff regarding tuition waivers. Would like more information/data. State Staff Senate wants to put tuition waiver on hold while working on Recruitment and Retention. We would like to push through on the tuition waiver changes.
- e. Public Relations: - no report
- f. Staff & Professional Development: **Zauna Synnott** – have awarded Seeds for Staff Success scholarships. Next deadline is 10/15.
- g. Staff Recognition: **Jen Proulx** – Catching up on UShine. Need more help for the State Employee Recognition week - September 26-30. Catering is really busy with this being Homecoming week also.

## **7. University Committee Reports**

- a. U-Senate: Enrollment is up.
- b. Budget/COI/Safety/Parking/Other committees?

## **8. Staff Senate President Report**

- a. Leadership meeting with President Armacost – Theme is the Year of Gratitude
- b. Staff Retention for the SBHE – looking at parental leave policy

## **9. Business Items**

- a. Staff Chat – is it broken? How do we get information out to staff. How do we get people on Staff Chat?
- b. Staff Senator – what are ways to be recognized as being a Senator. Going above and beyond of position description on annual evaluations?

## **10. Guest Speakers: President Armacost, Laine Lyons, and Crystal Alberts discussed the Repatriation**

## **11. Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm

### **Next Staff Senate Meeting**

October 12, 2022

3:00 – 4:00 pm

**Memorial Union (room Ballroom 214B)**