Staff Happens
December 2018

Celebrating Staff Senate's 20th Anniversary Year
Staff Takeovers Are Back!

All UND staff are invited to celebrate the end of the semester and 20 years of Staff Senate.

- Trivia!
- Fun!
- 25¢ Wings!

Tavern United | Wednesday, Dec. 12 | 4:30-7:00pm

RECOGNITION

Meet your Senators

Courtney Souvannasacd is on her second year on Staff Senate, currently
serving as the Legislative Chair. She loves to ride her bicycle through Grand Forks with her family. They ride to events downtown and to the North Dakota Museum of Art, Concerts in the Garden event. She loves to garden. She and her friend volunteered to help at the Grand Forks community garden for two seasons and it spurred an interest in growing her own vegetables.

The next Legislative Committee meeting is on December 14th in Memorial Union Governors Room.

A Full 2018-2019 Executive Committee listing can be found here as well as a listing of all 2018-2019 Senators can be found here.

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**November 2018 UShine Award Winner**

UND Staff Senate is pleased to announce that the November 2018 UShine Award recipient is Will Martin, Head of Digital Initiatives Systems & Services Director for UND Chester Fritz Library. He was nominated by Kelly Thromodson. The nomination stated:

Will's coworker, Stephanie, and her husband were in a very bad car accident on the way to Minneapolis to attend a concert. They were both transported to Melrose hospital in central Minnesota where thankfully they were not seriously injured. They did both suffer minor cuts and bruises and Stephanie also sustained cracked ribs and later she was diagnosed with a minor concussion. With the car being in pieces and a total loss, no hotel nearby, and both in no shape to drive, they were stuck in the middle of Minnesota with no rental car and no way to get back home. Stephanie sent out an SOS to the senior management team asking for this huge favor of driving to Melrose to pick them up and Will volunteered! Not everyone is willing to drive 3.5 hours (one way) to pick up a colleague but Will did. Will is a dedicated UND employee and this selfless act went above and beyond!
Nominate one of your outstanding coworkers for the U-Shine Award here.

ENGAGEMENT

Like and Follow the UND Staff Senate Facebook Page

See who got “caught” and what they have to say! We catch a UND staff member each Wednesday to get to know each other better. In the past month, we “caught” Bubba Schweigert, Kristen Borysewicz, Jan Orvik, and Irena Anderson, We appreciate all of you!! Who will we “catch” next??

We welcome you to “like” and follow the UND Staff Senate Facebook page for daily posts involving UND and community events/information highlighting engagement, development, and recognition for all UND staff. The goal for our Facebook page is to be a useful tool and to provide a fun environment for all UND employees.

EVENTS & DEADLINES

Staff Senate Meeting

December 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in EERC, Discovery room.
These meetings are open for anyone to attend. Meetings and agendas are found here.
Tubs of Love

Donations accepted until December 12. UND Staff Senators are excited to continue in our Tubs of Love campaign, now in its 9th year, and have selected the Circle of Friends Humane Society and the Sunshine Hospitality Home as our recipients this year. Tubs will be located at Aerospace (Odegard), Airport, Ryan Hall, EERC, Facilities, Medical School, Merrifield, Memorial Union, Skalicky, Twamley, Wellness Center, Chester Fritz Library, Housing, Law School, Engineering, McCannel Hall, Education Bldg., Gamble Hall, Columbia Hall. Please find a tub near you to deposit your donation. A Staff Senator can also accept your donation.

Staff Takeover

December 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Tavern United (1000 S 42nd St.). All UND staff are invited to celebrate the end of the semester and 20 years of Staff Senate.

Seeds for Staff Success

Application Deadline: December 15. All UND staff can apply for Seeds
for Staff Success. The next deadline to apply is December 15, 2018 (allocation for Spring Semester, January 1 through May 12). Click here for the application and eligibility requirements.

GGFYP Lunch & Learn - Be a Relatable Human One Flub at a Time

December 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Center for Innovation (4200 James Ray Dr.). Greater Grand Forks Young Professional's Lunch & Learn is organized by their Professional Development committee and hosted monthly at locations around Grand Forks. This event is free to members and a small fee to non-members.

The Chamber Business After Hours

December 20 from 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Achieve Therapy and Valley Bone & Joint Clinic (3035 DeMers Ave). Since all UND employees are Chamber members, Business After Hours is FREE, fun, and great for networking. "Business After Hours takes place monthly at a different member business. It is one of the largest Chamber networking events with an average attendance of 250 Chamber members."

DEVELOPMENT

Getting involved in these organizations provides a great opportunity for networking and growth!

The Chamber

DID YOU KNOW???? All UND employees are Chamber members; no membership form required! This means we have access to discounted rates (such as the monthly Brown Bag Seminar luncheons) and free events (such as the monthly Business After Hours event). The Grand Forks Chamber website is found here.

Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals

UND covers the cost of membership for Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals. Under "Payment Options" at the bottom of the application form, select "No Charge: Employed by a Corporate Member," as shown in the picture to the left. Anyone is invited to their monthly Lunch &
Greater Grand Forks Women’s Leadership Cooperative

The Greater Grand Forks Women’s Leadership Cooperative is a non-profit organization that seeks to champion for the personal and professional lives of women by providing a holistic approach to leadership and well-being. They hold a variety of events including educational speakers and networking events. Membership is just $99 per year (July – June). Learn more about how to join, who they are, and their upcoming events, from their website found here.

STAFF SENATE COMMITTEES

Seeking...

Community Relations continually accepts Denim Day payroll deduction. The form can be found here. Participation costs just a few dollars a month, and the money collected goes toward great causes!

Tubs of Love donation item ideas for Circle of Friends Humane Society: Bleach, hand soap, dish soap, sponges, tide pods, paper towels, toilet paper, q-tips, cotton balls, copy paper, duct tape, non-clumping kitty litter, towels, blankets, disposable zip bags, garbage bags, cat toys, and dog toys

Tubs of Love donation item ideas for Sunshine Hospitality Home: K-cups, coffee (regular and decaf), granola bars, any sealed snack foods, spices, items to stock their pantries, cases of bottled water, dish soap, laundry soap, dryer sheets, dishwasher pods, paper towels, and napkins.

Staff Recognition needs your U-Shine nominations. If you know a deserving staff member, nominate them here.

Mission & Vision

Mission:

To advocate for staff by supporting engagement, development, and recognition through shared governance and collaboration.

Vision:

To be the roots for all UND staff.

Suggestion Box
Staff Senate welcomes questions and ideas. Please click on the Suggestion Box to submit a suggestion.

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