UND Staff Senate President Update

Whitney Maine

Please join us for the April 8 Staff Senate meeting via Zoom. Senators will elect the next Staff Senate Vice President (president-elect), and we'll be discussing ways Staff Senate and Work Well can assist staff members adjusting to working remotely.

Interested in becoming a Senator? We are currently accepting nominations for new Senators until April 6. Staff Senators represent and advocate for their units, serve on University committees, meet regularly with University administrators, and engage our campus community. You can learn more about our mission and add your name to the ballot by visiting our website.

April 22 is Administrative Professional Appreciation Day. Thank you to all of our administrative professionals for keeping our campus a great place to learn and work!
Staff Senators

April is the last month of our term cycle. We want to thank all of our senators for a great year! Tina Monette will be finishing up her second term, we appreciate all of her hard work on Staff Senate over the past years!

March 2020 UShine Award Winner

UND Staff Senate is pleased to announce that the March 2020 UShine Award recipient is SHELLY PECKA, Administrative Secretary at UND. She was nominated by Ali Blackmun, whose nominations stated:

“Time and time again Shelly goes above and beyond for our student employees. She often will bring them treats, gift bags, makes them feel extra special on their birthdays the list goes on and on. Recently one of our students was having some car troubles and the cost to fix it was roughly 3 times of what the part costs and the amount was a lot of money for our student. Shelly went above and beyond to help our student by calling her husband and explaining to him what was wrong and how much the student would be charged. Her husband agreed to help our student no questions asked. He came to town, brought the car out to his shop and while fixing the issues a hose broke. They live out in the country in rural East Grand Forks, he ran back to town to get the new part, it was not available in East Grand Forks so her husband drove all the way to Crookston to get the part that broke while he was fixing the original problem. The care and compassion shown not only by Shelly but her husband as well really reflects the type of person she is and her care and concern for our students is a great priority to her. We all appreciate the little things she does time and time again but this one thing really went far above and beyond any expectation.”

We agree! You SHINE!

Each UShine award winner receives a certificate during a surprise presentation with fellow coworkers recognizing their effort and a one-time $50 bonus added to their next paycheck!

Notice and nominate one of your outstanding coworkers for the UShine Award at any time! We are in need of nominations again!
Staff Senate Facebook Page

Please encourage your coworkers to like and follow the UND Staff Senate Facebook page. The goal for our Facebook page is to be a useful communication tool and to provide a fun environment for all UND employees. The more we interact with the page, the more fun we can have!

Did you know Tuesdays! Do you know about all of the cool things you can have access to??

EVENTS & DEADLINES

April

STAFF SENATE ELECTIONS

Staff Senate is accepting Senator Nominations until April 6, 2020, 5:00 p.m.. If you are interested in becoming a senator, or want to nominate someone, please go to the 2020 Staff Senate Nomination form. The April election ballot will be sent through email, please be on the lookout for this email and vote for your future staff senators!
SPECIAL DENIM SPIRIT DAY - UND ANGEL FUND

April 3 will be Special Denim Spirit Day for UND Angel Fund.

The UND Angel Fund provides support for students in challenging times. We never want a student to leave UND because of a situation that is beyond their control.

The UND Angel Fund has provided financial assistance to students in time of crisis. A winter coat, new textbooks to replace those damaged in a fire, or a plane ticket to attend a funeral have all gone a long way for students in crisis. By contacting the UND Student Affairs Office, our students can receive the help they need through the generous support of UND staff, faculty, and alumni.

Be comfortable and wear denim and/or UND colors or clothing that day, to show your spirit. To send in donations mail to Jade Gourneau, Twamley Hall Room 204, Stop 7155.

Checks should be made out to “Denim Day.” Please mark “April 3 Special Denim Day” on the envelope and send to Twamley, no later than April 15.

Want to save yourself the hassle of trying to remember to send in your donation. Sign up for payroll deduction and follow the instructions.

STAFF SENATE MEETING
April 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. These meetings are open for anyone to attend. Meetings and agendas are found on the Staff Senate web page.

May
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May 13 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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SEEDS FOR STAFF SUCCESS DEADLINE

Seeds for Staff Success grant applications are due May 15, 2020. Awards are to be used during the period of May 13 to August 18, 2020.

STAFF SENATE COMMITTEES

Community Relations
June Novacek & Kari Holter, Co-Chairs

Now with everyone working remotely this is a great time to sign up for Denim Spirit Day Payroll Deduction and still make an impact on our community!

Click here to sign up for payroll deduction and follow the instructions.

Engagement
Laura Vatnsdal & Melissa Casanova, Co-Chairs

How are you engaging with coworkers? Here is a website with some great ideas to stay connected with your coworkers while you work from home.

(UND does not sponsor the team building website)

Legislative
Tyler O'Hara, Chair

We want to know what issues we should address as a group and with University Administration? Let us know anonymously through the Staff Senate suggestion box, via paper suggestions in Staff Senate meetings, or via email at UND.staffsenate@UND.edu.

Public Relations
Christina Mead, Chair

Help get us to 1000!! "Like" and "Follow" our UND Staff Senate Facebook page and sign up for Staff Chat emails! Our Staff Senate website is packed with resources and everyone is also welcome to be at the Staff Senate meetings.

Staff & Professional Development
Jade Gourneau, Chair

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Staff Senate Leadership Series

April 8 - CANCELED - Major Michael Humble, U.S. Army - "Servant Leadership" & "Finding Success in Failure"

May 13 - Denny Elbert - "Leadership Style Inventory"

This Mini Leadership Series happens the first half hour of our Staff Senate meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Staff Recognition
Andria Spaeth & Jennifer Lunde, Co-Chairs

The UShine Award is presented monthly to a UND staff member who went above and beyond, with an annual award chosen each May!

UND faculty, staff, students, and the public are encouraged to nominate and recognize a UND staff member who did something special or extraordinary to assist a colleague, supervisor, student or family.
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 or to read previous questions with answers!

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