Happenings in a nutshell

Staff Senate President Whitney Maine reminder that a new calendar year means staff are eligible for Seeds for Staff Success Grants in 2020

"Like" our Facebook Page - to gain access of useful information for UND staff! Go to it often and scroll down to catch up.

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**January 16 from 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Business After Hours hosted by First International Bank & Trust (1970 S. Columbia Rd. STE 110).

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UND Staff Senate President Update
Whitney Maine
Happy New Year!

Congratulations to all of December's 31 Days of Glory winners! All proceeds from raffle sales go toward Seeds for Staff Success Grants. We are thankful for everyone who purchased a ticket to support these grants. As we start a new calendar year, all staff members are again eligible for up to $500 this year in grants toward workshops, training, coursework, textbooks, etc. What leadership and professional development opportunities are you interested in pursuing this year? Staff Senate wants to help you achieve your goals for 2020!

Senators

A full listing of all 2019-2020 Senators and the Staff Senate Executive Committee are posted on our website.
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?? Check out the attachment to this email for some awesome links to reference!!

EVENTS & DEADLINES

January

GGFYP LUNCH & LEARN - SERVING THOSE WHO DELIVER SERVICE

January 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Center for Innovation (4200 James Ray Dr.). Check out the group's website or Facebook page for updates with topic and location. Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals Lunch & Learn is organized by its Professional Development Committee and hosted monthly at locations around Grand Forks. This event is free to members but requires a small fee to non-members.

UND is a Corporate Member, so UND staff can sign up with no charge!
THE CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

January 16 from 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. hosted by First International Bank & Trust (1970 S. Columbia Rd. STE 110). Since all UND employees are Chamber members, the Business After Hours event is FREE, fun, and great for networking! "Business After Hours" takes place monthly at various member businesses. It is one of the largest Chamber networking events, with an average attendance of 250 Chamber members.

1 Million Cups

January 22 8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 1 Million Cups hosted by Fire Hall Theatre (412 2nd Ave N, Grand Forks, ND 58203). Hear from two local entrepreneurs who own local franchises.

February

STAFF SENATE MEETING

February 12 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Nursing 210. These meetings are open for anyone to attend. Meetings and agendas are found here. Denny Elbert will be speaking for the first half hour of our meeting on "Leadership Styles Inventory."
Community Relations

June Novacek & Kari Holter, Co-Chairs

Staff Senate Community Relations Committee met in December and selected the 2020 Non-profits recipients for Denim Spirit Day. Below are some of the great organizations your donations help!

CVIC
Altru YMCA
Circle of Friends Human Society
GF Senior Citizen Center
St Joseph's Social Care
Spectra Health
ARC
Prairie Harvest

Be comfortable and wear denim and/or UND colors or clothing that day, to show your spirit. Your contributions help these organizations that have a great impact in our community and others. Even if you wear denim every day, donate a dollar for these charities.

Want to save yourself the hassle of trying to remember if you paid every Friday or forgot your dollar? Sign up for payroll deduction and follow the instructions.

Engagement

Laura Vatnsdal & Melissa Casanova, Co-Chairs

Do you have any fun ideas for a UND Takeover? Email UND.staffsenate@und.edu

Our next event will be in February. Here are a few hints: arrows, anchor man, set, locator. Stay tuned!

Legislative

Tyler O'Hara, Chair

After receiving excellent feedback from all of our colleagues across campus, the Legislative Affairs Committee now has many topics to begin our initial research phase, including among others; sick leave for dependent family members, flexible holiday vacation, tuition discounts for all NDUS schools, and increased paternity/maternity leave. We continue to want to know what
you want us to work on! What issues should we 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 to 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

A huge thank you to Dr. Cassie Gerhardt for speaking about Leadership at our last Staff Senate meeting!

Mini Leadership Series speakers coming up

February 12 – Denny Elbert – “Leadership Styles Inventory”

March 11 – Bubba Schweigert – “Leadership & Team Building”

The Mini Leadership Series happen 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 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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