Staff Happens
June 2019

RECOGNITION

Transition of Senators

We want to thank all of the senators for a great year last year. We had some amazing senators end their term. Thank you Sarah Abentroth, Chris Choate, Kara Helmig, Angie Morgan, Jen Proulx, Leslie Riskey, Lori Schafer, Renee Nilsen, and Teri Salwey for all of your talents and years of service on UND Staff Senate.

Welcome New Executive Team!

• President Whitney Maine
• Vice President Vacant
• Past President Tyler Clauson

Officers
• Historian Conrad Smith
• Membership Officer Melissa Casanova
• Secretary (interim) Carissa Green
• Treasurer Devona Janousek

Committee Chairs
• Community Relations Co-chair June Novacek
• Community Relations Co-chair Kari Holter
• Engagement Co-chair Laura Vatnsdal
• Engagement Co-chair Melissa Casanova
• Legislative Chair Tyler O'Hara
• Public Relations Chair Megan Wasylow
• Staff & Professional Development Chair Jade Gourneau
• Staff Recognition Chair Vacant

Member at Large
• Daniel Boese
• Chris Dingle
• Christina Mead

A full listing of all 2018-2019 Senators and the Staff Senate Executive Committee are provided on our website. Since we are in the middle of transition for 2019-2020 membership, we will update these lists as soon as we have the information available.
Gavel Pass

Jeremy Malheim became the Staff Senate President on May 8, 2019 and Tyler Clauson became the Past President.

We have just recently been notified that Jeremy Malheim will depart UND, leaving Whitney Maine at the helm with help from Past President Tyler Clauson; which means, Staff Senate will hold another election for a new Vice President… More to come!

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ENGAGEMENT

Staff Senate Facebook Page

We are looking for UND staff to catch! Are you, or do you know a staff member who would be a good candidate? Please email us recommendations at UND.staffsenate@UND.edu

What do we mean, "catch?" We "catch" someone each week by posting a picture with a staff member holding the "caught" sign. Their picture is posted on Facebook with a cool description about them, and their picture is also posted in our Staff Happens Newsletter. We are learning about UND staff, getting a face with their name, and appreciating them for their hard work.

Who are good candidates?
**UND Staff who have been here a super long time!!
**Brand new UND staff!!
**Any UND staff to get a face with a name!!**  
**If you want all UND staff to know anything about your department.**  
**If UND staff will be impacted by anything happening in your department.**  
**UND staff who are retiring (pictured with someone staying).**  
**Group photo with UND Staff Senators in your department!**

*We welcome you to encourage your coworkers to like and follow the UND Staff Senate Facebook page. The goal for our Facebook page is to be a useful tool and to provide a fun environment for all UND employees.*

### EVENTS & DEADLINES

#### June

**SPECIAL DENIM SPIRIT DAY**

**June 7, 2019** Special Denim Day proceeds will go directly toward the Altru TEARS Walk to Remember, Walk to Support scheduled for September 15 at 12 pm at the UND Wellness Center.

TEARS (Together we Educate About the Realities of Suicide) Suicide Awareness was established to support individuals and families who have lost a loved one to suicide and also to provide important education in hopes of preventing suicide in our Grand Forks community and surrounding region.

Be comfortable and wear denim and/or UND colors to show your spirit. Give what you can to your Denim Day site coordinator or send your donation directly to Janelle McGarry, Twamley Hall Room 409, Stop 8253. Your contributions help this organization, which has a great impact on our community and others. Even if you wear denim every day, please consider donating a dollar for this event.

Please make checks payable to "Denim Day," mark "June 7 Special Denim Day" on the envelope, and send to Twamley Hall no later than June 14, 2019.

You can start payroll deduction for Denim Spirit Day anytime by filling out a simple form. Participation costs just a few dollars a month, and the money collected goes toward great causes!
STAFF SENATE MEETING

June 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Education building, room 5. These meetings are open for anyone to attend. Meetings and agendas are found here.

THE CHAMBER BROWN BAG SEMINAR - BUILDING AMAZING CUSTOMER RELATIONS

June 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Chamber Board Room (202 N. 3rd St.). Since all UND employees are Chamber members, this event is $20 per person ($30 for non-members) and includes lunch. For more information and to register.

GGFYP LUNCH & LEARN

June 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Check out their website or Facebook page for updates with topic and location. Greater Grand Forks Young Professional's Lunch & Learn is organized by its 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

June 20 from 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. hosted by Hugo's/Hugo's Wine & Spirits and Forx Rentall (event will be at 306 13th St. NE, East Grand Forks, MN). 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 a various member businesses. It is one of the largest Chamber networking events, with an average attendance of 250 Chamber members."
SPECIAL DENIM SPIRIT DAY

**July 5, 2019** Special Denim Day proceeds will go directly toward the American Heart Association Heart Walk. The Heart Walk is the American Heart Association’s premier event for raising funds to save lives from this country’s No. 1 and No. 5 killers - heart disease and stroke. The 2019 Red River Valley Heart Walk will be on Sept 12, 2019 in Fargo ND.

Be comfortable and wear denim and/or UND colors to show your spirit. Give what you can to your Denim Day site coordinator or send your donation directly to Janelle McGarry, Twamley Hall Room 409 (location change), Stop 8253. Your contributions help this organization, which has a great impact on our community and others. Even if you wear denim every day, please consider donating a dollar for this event.

Please make checks payable to “Denim Day,” mark “July 5 Special Denim Day” on the envelope, and send to Twamley Hall no later than July 12, 2019.

You can start payroll deduction for Denim Spirit Day anytime by filling out a [simple form](#). Participation costs just a few dollars a month, and the money collected goes toward great causes!

STAFF SENATE MEETING

**July 10 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](#).

STAFF SENATE COMMITTEES

Community Relations

[Denim Spirit Day](#) is every Friday! Special Denim Spirit Day is the first Friday of each month.

Fundraising/Engagement
The Engagement Committees mission is to facilitate networking, involvement and collaborations. We want to create a sense of togetherness among coworkers and colleagues, throughout the campus and community.

**Public Relations**

If you want to be in the loop, Staff Senate communicates to you the most through Facebook and Staff Chat. "Like" and "Follow" our [UND Staff Senate Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com) and sign up for [Staff Chat](https://staffchat.und.edu) emails! Our [Staff Senate website](https://www.staffsenate.und.edu) is packed with resources and everyone is also welcome to be at the Staff Senate meetings.

**Staff & Professional Development**

Applications for Fall 2019 Seeds for Staff Success awards are due August 15. Funds must be used between August 19, 2019, and December 31, 2019.

**Staff Recognition**

[NOTICE and NOMINATE](https://www.staffsenate.und.edu) your co-workers for USHINE! Monthly recipients receive $50!
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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