

NDSU STAFF SENATE

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2015

Members present: Wendy McCrory, Gennifer Sprecher, Angela Bachman, Tammy Helweg, Jeri Vaudrin, Diane Harrison, Laura Dallmann, Kelly Bisek, Wendy Gibson, and Colette Erickson.

Member(s) absent: Tina Exner and Vince Anderson.

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:34 AM by President, Wendy McCrory.
- II. Consent Agenda – No items for business.
- III. MOTION by Kelly Bisek / Jeri Vaudrin to approve the meeting agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. MOTION by Diane Harrison / Angela Bachman to approve the April 1, 2015 Staff Senate meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED.
- V. MOTION by Laura Dallmann / Kelly Bisek to approve the March 16, 2015 Executive Committee meeting minutes as amended. MOTION CARRIED.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report by Tina Exner via e-mail.
 - Agency: \$1,058.40
 - Appropriated: \$1,197.01
 - Local: \$7,523.11
- VII. Membership Report by Diane Harrison – There are currently 51 senators. After elections there are still several openings.
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Bylaws by Laura Dallmann – Dallmann is waiting to hear about Policy 713 approval. Bachman suggested changing the bylaws description of the Public Relations officer to indicate that press releases go through University Relations. Bisek suggested considering changing the broadband groups and the election process.
 - B. Campus Relations (formerly Valentine’s Ball) by Wendy McCrory – No report.
 - C. COSE by Laura Dallmann – The next COSE meeting will be in Jamestown on April 30, 2015.
 - D. Election by Kelly Bisek – Elections were successful but we still have open positions. Discussion was held about running the elections and when to excuse the outgoing senators. The Personal Response Systems are scheduled for elections during the May meeting.
 - E. Gunkelman Award by Tina Exner via e-mail – The Gunkelman Award ceremony planning is going well. The winner has been chosen and the committee is in process of finalizing the event and sending out the notifications of invitations.
 - F. Information Technology – No report.

- G. Legislative by Jeri Vaudrin – See ATTACHMENT 1 for details.
- H. Public Relations by Angela Bachman – There are still tickets available for the RedHawks game in August.
- I. Scholarship by Kelly Bisek – Bisek indicated that there is not enough help to review the applications. McCrory will get help for the committee.
- J. Staff Development / Program by Gennifer Sprecher – There are still slots open for the morning session but the afternoon session is full. These sessions are for senators including incoming senators.
- K. Staff Recognition by Kelly Bisek – The recognition event went very well. Dallmann suggested recognizing Staff Senate on the program for administering the recognition awards portion.
- L. State Staff Senate by Kelly Bisek – No report.
- M. Ad-Hoc Committees
 - 1. Environmental Sustainability Committee by Gennifer Sprecher – See ATTACHMENT 2 for details.
- IX. President’s Cabinet by Wendy McCrory – See ATTACHMENT 3 for details.
- X. Old Business
 - A. Lost and Found Items Locations by Gennifer Sprecher – No report.
 - B. Staff Senate Polo Shirt by Wendy McCrory / Diane Harrison – Tabled.
 - C. Relay for Life by Laura Dallmann – No report.
 - D. Staff Senate Office Duties and Responsibility Descriptions by Wendy McCrory – Tabled.
- XI. New Business
 - A. Taking Classes at Other Institutions by Wendy McCrory – McCrory explained the breakdown for the tuition waiver and fees for employees that attend classes at other institutions.
 - B. Listserv Membership by Wendy McCrory – Tabled.
 - C. Leave Pool by Vince Anderson – Tabled.
 - D. FORWARD Insurance Coverage Issues by Angela Bachman – Tabled.
 - E. Equity and Diversity Committee by Angela Bachman – Tabled.
 - F. SWOT Analysis by Laura Dallmann – Tabled.
- XII. Advisor’s Comments by Colette Erickson – Tabled.
- XIII. Announcements – Tabled.
- XIV. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM by Wendy McCrory.

Legislative Report

by Jeri Vaudrin

Senate passed HB1003 on the floor this morning with a vote of 45/2.

Bonding for the aquatic center was added back and Dunbar Hall replacement was conditionally funded if state revenues exceed projection. Sen. Holmberg said the Senate version, with changes, reflects an 8.9% increase while the House proposal, he said, shows an 19.4% increase. He went on to say that the new funding formula was not fair to 2 year colleges so they went back to the original formula. Cost of living is added through "supplemental" amounts. Anything to do with the Auditor's office and Attorney General's office was moved under their budgets and not addressed. Sen. Holmberg indicated that there was misinformation out there about the attorneys being moved to Bismarck. He stated that this was not their intent. HB1303, which was the attempt to move tuition increases solely under the Legislature was addressed by capping tuition at 2.5% with a "safety valve". His example was if Mayville changes their tuition model and it comes to more than 2.5%, then they would have to come to the Legislature for permission. The final point he brought out to the floor was that Section 6, each institution and entity under SBHE control would be required to use the same email, file server administration, database administration, application server and hosting services.

The Senate video can be found online under 64th Legislative assembly, video for April 15, 2015.

Notes from Environmental Sustainability

April 1st, 2015

Amy Nash updated the few of us that were there with what she knows is going on and/or coming up. The next meeting will have someone from facilities, someone from the City's recycling program, and someone from MinnKota Recycling. We will be able to ask questions and are encouraged to think of questions beforehand.

Since the students also have a club, they have talked about fundraising so that we can get more containers for recycling in buildings. They also hope to get them in more obvious places, example, down in the basement of the Union, the recycling containers are on the exterior of the dining area so that might possibly stop people from recycling because the containers are too far away. They also thought that maybe some money could be donated from places like Xcel and Cass County Electric if they proposed ideas to those companies.

By next week's meeting, Amy said she should have the website up and running so that updates and information can be put on there, along with meeting minutes.

Some suggested we should find out who on campus is working on "green" stuff to include researchers.

Info on bike share program...just yesterday (3/31/15) they logged around 1700 rides that lasted over 2 mins. The launch of our program has surpassed the launches in other cities like New York and Boston because the average rides PER bike are 13-15 per day for our campus and were only 8 or 9 rides at those other cities.

President's Cabinet

April 13, 2015

Legislature good news – financial support for NDSU. NDSU will be able to dedicate resources to academic affairs.

Conference committees are continuing to meet. System attorneys are still looking to move to the AG office. Auditors will move to the State Auditor's office. The state auditor will not be doing any internal audits. External audits of universities will indicate no internal audit has been done.

SB 2150 addresses student conduct hearings. The bill allows for attorneys to be involved in cases where a student could be suspended or expelled. This leaves our educational system of conduct open to be resolved in the courts. Currently if a student is suspended/expelled they have an opportunity to appeal. During this time the suspension is held off until the appeals are completed. Also, NDSU has a policy that if further evidence is available after the appeals have been heard and the student is suspended/expelled, the case can be re-heard. SB 2150 would have the suspension occur immediately and the student would appeal after that.

HB 1003 has included language to move all NDUS school's IT under central control.

HB 1020 supports Ag and Ag Extension. The Senate added more funds to the bill. Funds for a vet diagnostic lab and seed cleaning are included.

Keith Bjerke reported \$7M in matching grants has been funded. This is down from the \$10M from the last biennium but greater than the \$5M that was originally proposed.

Dr. Alvarez announced this week is Student Staff Appreciation Week.

Bruce Bollinger announced Mike Borr as the new Director for University Police and Safety.

Provost Ingram has looked into two new software programs to assist with retention efforts. They are EAB and Grades 1st.

Matt Larson spoke of a potential move of the Western Wrestling Conference going to the Big 12.