

MEETING: Staff Senate MINUTES

DATE: 3/1/2016

TIME: 9:30 a.m. CST

LOCATION: Holmberg

Senators: Heidi Hall (President), Lisa Anderson, Kevin Evans, Crystal Grenier, Mike O’Toole, Ashley Pedie, ~~Robyn Poitra~~

Additional Staff Present: Erin Williams, Sandy Hageness

TOPIC	DISCUSSIONS	DECISIONS
1. Called to Order		Called to order at: 9:32a
2. Approve Minutes	Minutes from January and February	MOTION: Kevin Evans SECOND: Lisa Anderson Motion Carries
3. Dean’s Updates	Budget Talks. The Dean’s council submitted their ideas for cost cutting to the chancellor of NDUS. Dean’s council still looking to get DCB reserves up. ND Legislature will be hosting their meeting at DCB on April 18 th . Dr. Migler hopes showing the group how bad our residence halls need updating will get us some funding. Sodexo also has interest in helping to improve our dinning and residence hall areas.	
4. Old Business	Step into the new year: We currently have 23 signed up for the walking challenge. Heidi left Laura a voicemail in regards to how to handle the prizes. February 8-22nd: Staff vs. Faculty Canned Food Drive; Staff won! We were able to load 5 boxes to donate. Thanks to student senate for judging and helping load and carry the boxes out for the food pantry.	Lisa will ask Laura how she wants the prizes purchased and money deposited. Student Government helped Tim Schroder from BFP load up 5 boxes worth of food.

<p>5. New Business</p>	<p>St. Patrick's Day Potluck: March 17th in the Conf. Room. Heidi will be sending out an invitation and create posters for that week to hang around.</p> <p>April: Closing the Walking Challenge. Holidays/Events: Earth Day (22nd), Administrative Professionals Day (27th), Arbor Day (29th)</p>	<p>Kevin will look into reserving the conference room for an earlier time to avoid another group or meeting to run over our time slot. This will also allow for food to stay warm and set up. All faculty, staff and students on campus are welcome as well as those helping to set up the rummage sale.</p> <p>Staff Senate will be willing to volunteer time to help with the Earth Day Fun Run, but need to find out the organizer for the event.</p> <p>Heidi is going to ask Stephanie Blumhagen if she will make her Apple Bread and bring to the April Forum in honor of all the Administrative Professionals on campus.</p>
<p>6. Other</p>	<p>Discuss terms of officers at April's meeting and find out who is going to continue serving on Staff Senate. Go over by laws and organizational chart and see if we can get a TRIO member on SS. Some concern with how the Staff and Faculty Excellence award winners are picked. Staff Senate would like to talk to Dr. Migler about our ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use Survey Monkey to have all faculty, staff, and students pick the most deserving candidates, instead of a committee. ○ Another idea is to have the Staff Senators decide who the winner should be after a discussion of the 	

	<p>nominees. That way each area would have a representative to describe the additional work that their area may be contributing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff Senate, Faculty Senate and Student Government should get involved and vote for a candidate from their respective senates, with SG picking one faculty and staff. 	
7. Next Meeting dates:	<p>April 5th, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m. (Terms, By-Laws, Constitution, etc.) May 3rd, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m. (Election of Officers)</p>	
8. Adjournment		Adjourned at: 10:40a

Submitted by: Ashley Pedie

