
***Meeting Minutes***

***April 17, 2023 ~ 2:30 PM CT via Teams***

***The NDUS Staff Senate serves to represent staff employees from the eleven academic institutions and employees throughout the university system. The Senate identifies staff interests and issues; acts as a forum for the discussion of staff-related matters; and facilitates communication on behalf of the campus staff members with the NDUS Chancellor and the State Board of Higher Education.***

1. Call to Order:  2:30pm
2. Roll Call
3. BSC – Caitlin Magilke
4. CTS – Devin McCall and Heather Lentz
5. DCB – Carissa Pollman, April Abrahamson, and Jalee Lynnes
6. DSU – Samantha Wohletz, Johnna Douthit, and Laura Fetting
7. LRCS – N/A
8. MaSU –Terresa Agnes
9. MiSU – Michael Linnell and Janese Lehman
10. NDSCS – Lisa Braun, Mindy Bessler, and Nick craft
11. NDSU – April Helgass
12. UND – Paula Cox
13. VCSU – Kelsie Carter
14. WSC – LeeAnn Clark
15. Approval of Agenda – Lisa Braun motion to approve; April Helgaas second – all in favor; no opposition
16. Approval of Past Minutes: March minutes. – Correction: under section VI #3 of HB 1446 Discussion should be changed from NDSSS to NDSCS – motion to approve as edited; Paula cox motions to approve as edited; Lisa Braun seconds as edited. Kelsie Carter has edited March minutes to reflect update.
17. Reports
18. Campus Updates
	* + - 1. Michael Linnell – April 19 to submit campus updates to website or email Samantha Wohletz
				2. Meeting will be held April 20th, 2023
19. SBHE Staff Advisor Report: Michael Linnell
	* + - 1. Met in March 2023 in Bismarck
				2. HB 1446 failed in senate and motion to reconsider failed
				3. HB 1003 headed to conference committee tomorrow (April 18)
				4. EPSCORE and North Dakota will co-lead with Montana on the five-state research consortium which is a national level plan.
				5. Dissolved COVID-19 taskforce
				6. Discussion regarding Williston State having a partnership with U of Mary and 4-year degrees.
				7. What should we be fighting for as a board to the Presidents? Human capital is number 1 priority
				8. NDUS continuing to support the 6/4 raise in Bismarck
				9. Gov. Burgum appointed two new members for SBHE – Tim Mihalik, who was seeking a second term, will be new chair of the board starting in July and Curtis Biller, an HR consultant from Fargo, will be replacing outgoing member Nick Hacker.
				10. Discussion on banning TikTok – starting in July – on university systems. May be receiving more information from CTS.
20. HRC Update: Jenae Hunter
	* + - 1. N/A
21. Business Agenda
22. Taskforce Chair Updates -
23. Legislative: Laura Fetting

Session is winding down and anticipated to be a busy week

2343 SB – still in the works

1446 HB- failed

2358 SB – failed

1411 HB – pass

2140 SB – pass

1040 HB – benefit plan – no effect

2439 – HB – benefit plan – no effect

2274 – COVID status – exception for NDUS – sent to governor

2015 – OMB – hearings ongoing in house

1. Tuition Waiver: Brian Schill

N/A

1. Retention of Staff Project: Michael Linnell

Working on organizing and finalizing data report to present to NDSSS

1. Summer Meeting at NDSU
	* + - 1. Kay Hopkins – possible dates: June 13-14 or 14-15; June 20-21 or 21-22 – Laura Fetting will be creating a poll
2. Employee morale-open discussion, idea sharing
	* + - 1. BLUEEQ free webinar on solving leadership burnout
				2. Staff BINGO event each semester
				3. May the 4th Be With You trivia event
				4. Faculty and staff get together at local coffee house for a meet and greet
3. Open Discussion  - NA
4. Future Meetings: May 8, 2023
5. Adjournment  - motion to adjourn – Paula Cox makes a motion to adjourn; Teresa Agnes seconds at 3:05 p.m.