

## Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13th

Location: Zoom

Time 2:00 pm

### Members Present

|   |                             |   |                                             |   |                            |   |                              |
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| X | Teresa Agnes– 1000-3000     |   | Allissa Bratager - (representing) 4000-5000 | X | Alyson Beckman – 1000-3000 | X | Ashley Kulland – 1000-3000   |
| X | Heather Johnson – 4000-5000 | X | Kristine Carl – 6000-7000                   | X | Leah Larson – 4000-5000    | X | Matthew Berglund – 1000-3000 |
| X | Megan Vig – 1000-3000       | X | Remi Herman – 1000-3000                     | X | Shannon Hofer 1000-3000    | X | Susan Cordahl – 1000-3000    |
| X | Teri Wright – 1000-3000     |   |                                             |   |                            |   |                              |

### Agenda

- MaSU Staff Senate meeting called to order by President Ashley Kulland at 2:01 pm.
- Agenda reviewed, no new additions to the agenda.
- September meeting minutes approved via email voting options.
- Treasurer's report: balance of \$606.63 on 10/1/2020.
  - Email requests for budget update sent to Steve, Courtney and Andrew; no updates received.
- Report from State Staff Senate – Ashley and Heather
  - State Staff Senate minutes will be received soon (meeting was yesterday) and will be forwarded.
  - Other campuses are completing a check-in survey with staff and students; survey is inquiring on the new academic year, if there are appropriate supports available, and implications of COVID. Dr. Kunz is also surveying her division on similar topics to see if there are concerns.
  - Discussion on value of sharing a similar survey with our campus.
  - Susan will bring survey idea to the Task Force; goal is that Task Force would share survey and lead follow-up efforts based on outcome of survey.
  - Measure 1 shared by Heather and article referenced--[https://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/higher-ed-board-would-grow-under-measure-1/article\\_34485ddd-4678-5640-b8db-2699aa18b591.html](https://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/higher-ed-board-would-grow-under-measure-1/article_34485ddd-4678-5640-b8db-2699aa18b591.html)
    - Measure increases size of SBHE and prohibits membership of public university employees.
- Old Business
  - Campus Reopening Taskforce Updates – Susan
    - Helped with signage for homecoming, no recent announcements from large group meeting.
  - 2019-2020 Contract language update re: presence in K-12 Recruitment – Ashley
    - No updates
  - Staff Shared Calendar – Ashley/Heather
    - No updates from ITS, Beth Swenson or Heather Hoyt.
  - Adopt-a-Highway – Susan
    - Thank you to everyone who helped.
    - Purchased a staff senate tote to save vests.
  - State Employee Recognition Week – Susan/Heather
    - Utilized a qualtrics survey for the Comet Kudos Wall; received 30+ recognitions from qualtrics survey.
    - A nice mix of recognition for faculty and staff. Not as much on-campus participation; may change location for next year from Fish Bowl to Old Main.
  - ND United – Ashley
    - Union responsible for representing us in higher education. If we can increase membership of ND United at MaSU, we have more leverage in voicing our concerns.
    - Heather will share ND United information in our newsletter.
- New Business
  - Staff Association Meeting in November
    - Motion by Megan to have Staff Association meeting on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, second by Teri, motion approved.
    - Heather will put together a qualtrics survey to gauge what agenda items to include. Ashley will share qualtrics out.
      - Heather will reach out to Courtney Peterson as guest speaker to share budget update.
    - Reserve auditorium and tech support so people can socially distance but still be able to join via Zoom.
  - Staff Senate Emails

- Motion by Heather to have Staff Senate email created to serve as common communication tool, second by Megan, motion approved.
  - Comet Pride buttons
    - Out for sale! Buttons are \$40 and can be purchased at the bookstore or business office.
- Committee Reports
  - Staff Recognition Committee – Shannon, Allissa, Remi
    - Remi visited Soholts and Back Alley for prizes, will follow-up with businesses for Comet Kudos donations.
    - Comet kudos is “resetting” so anyone who won last year, can win again.
  - Staff Professional Development Committee – Ashley, Teri, Megan, Matthew
    - October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am: TEAMS Chat Review and Skype Update (over zoom)
  - Public Relations Committee – Heather, Alyson, Remi
    - Please share pictures from Homecoming week activities with Heather.
  - Event Planning/Fundraising Committee – Heather, Susan, Alyson, Kris, Leah
    - Working with idea of a pre-packaged potluck.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, November 10th at 2pm  
<https://mayvillestate.zoom.us/j/99305939987?pwd=OWRQSDJaMEIzdjQzMWpMUXpHaFR6UT09>