

Staff Senate Mission Statement: NDSU Staff Senate addresses the needs and aspirations of university staff by promoting a progressive campus environment.

A message from NDSU President Dean Bresciani

NDSU is a truly dynamic institution, striving to better serve our students, state, nation and the world. As staff of this great university, you can take pride in many recent developments as we position ourselves for a bright future.

In May, we held a groundbreaking ceremony for the exceptional new STEM Classroom and Lab Building. This state-funded building will house flexible classrooms, labs and study areas, with a focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics-related courses, known as STEM. We are using what is called a “universal design approach.” No department or college will own a floor in the building, a wing in the building or even a classroom – the building is for everyone to use. We estimate that 4,000 to 5,000 students will use the building each day.

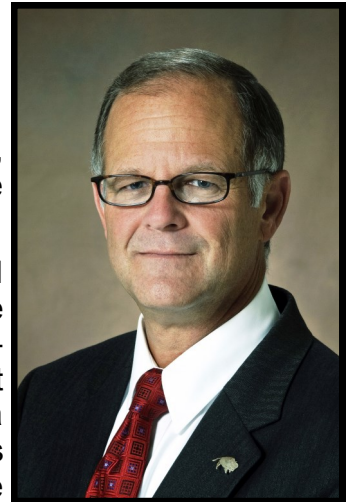
Beth Ingram joined the campus in July as NDSU’s new provost. She previously was at the University of Iowa, where she was associate provost and Henry B. Tippie professor of economics. She brings outstanding academic credentials and extensive leadership experience. She has served as a National Science Foundation panelist, has secured several NSF research grants and has been published in and a referee or reviewer for some of the nation’s most respected economic journals. Dr. Ingram’s breadth and depth of scholarly and administrative experience, as well as her clear commitment to faculty issues, make her an excellent fit as provost. I have great confidence in her ability to guide us forward on a steepening performance trajectory.

Kelly A. Rusch was hired in June as vice president for research and creative activity. Her role is to facilitate, coordinate and advance research at NDSU and foster economic development. Previously at Louisiana State University, she served in numerous leadership positions, including associate dean of the College of Engineering, interim chair of the Department of Construction Management and Industrial Engineering, co-chair of Louisiana State’s Commission on the Status of Women and founder and director of the Institute for Ecological Infrastructure Engineering.

I’m looking forward to your participation in NDSU Homecoming activities, scheduled for Oct. 6-11. Homecoming 2014 will be an exciting community celebration, with the parade and party planned for downtown Fargo on Friday, Oct. 10. That location is a vivid demonstration of our university’s strong connections with our many alumni and friends throughout the metropolitan area.

NDSU is an amazing place of creative, caring people whose focus is providing opportunity and success for our students. Thank you for helping to make our university the wonderful institution it is.

Dean L. Bresciani
President



A message from Staff Senate President Wendy McCrory



I have been at NDSU for 15 years and have been thankful for the staff that I have had the privilege to work with, both in the department in which I have worked, and others around campus who make my job easier. This year, I would like to focus on how each of us is better because of those we work with and those we support. Few of us work independently of the influence and assistance of others. Together we have built this university into the institution of choice for students, faculty and staff.

This year, we will continue to offer events to recognize members of the campus community. Programming for staff will continue through Discover U. To start the fall, the Public Relations Committee hosted events during this year's State Employee Recognition Week.

Our mission is *NDSU Staff Senate addresses the needs and aspirations of university staff by promoting a progressive campus environment. We will all work to make this happen for staff this year. We have a very dedicated group of senators ready to make that happen.*

Benefits and Discounts offered to NDSU employees

With employment at NDSU, there are additional benefits over the great tuition waver program. Some of those include discounted movie tickets, Red River Valley Fair and Valley Fair tickets. In addition, NDSU provides group sales on many tickets for FargoDome events and merchant discounts: Verizon Wireless, TLC Laser Eye Center, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, Sprint and more. Visit the NDSU HR website at: <http://www.ndsu.edu/hr/benefits/discounts/> to see all the discounts.

COSE Update

Submitted by Penny Hoesel



The mission of the Council of State Employees (COSE) is to enhance the morale and public image of state employees through the recognition of their personal, civic, and work contributions. The board meets quarterly at various locations around the state. NDSU hosted the July 28 meeting.

At that meeting, the board approved the launch of an updated website found at <https://sites.google.com/site/ndcose/>. You can find information about the board members, activities of the board, and information about discounts offered to State Employees at this site. Check it out.

One of the projects sponsored by the COSE board is the STAR award, given quarterly by a nomination process. Recipients for the second quarter of 2014 included Jodi Askew from the NDSU Bookstore, Mary Moseanko from Minot Job Service North Dakota, and Dawn Krieger from Bismarck West Central Human Service Center.

Consider nominating one of your coworkers today.

The next nomination deadline is October 1.



26th Annual Gunkelman Recognition Award

By Lynn Ehlen



2014 Gunkelman Award Winner

**LaVon Whipple (of Dining Services) with
President Bresciani**

The 26th annual Mary McCannel Gunkelman Recognition Award was presented to LaVon Whipple, Dining Services, by President Dean Bresciani at the ceremony held in The Harry D. McGovern Alumni Center on May 7, 2014. LaVon was selected for her contributions in creating an atmosphere of happiness for others to enjoy at NDSU.

The Mary McCannel Gunkelman Recognition Award was established in January 1987 by the late John L. Gunkelman and his family in memory of Mrs. Gunkelman, who was a 1942 graduate of the College of Home Economics. This award is to honor Mrs. Gunkelman and her belief that a student would be more apt to attain his or her full potential if he or she were working and living in an enjoyable environment. Mary exemplified this philosophy throughout her unselfish life as a wife, mother, and active citizen in the Fargo-Moorhead community. She further believed that the more enjoyable the campus and programs of NDSU, the better this university would be in the future.

Nominations made on behalf of 2014 winner, LaVon Whipple, reflect the values and giving spirit of Mrs. Gunkelman. Common threads throughout the nominations for LaVon were her positive, upbeat personality; ability to bring sunshine to all those she interacts with; and she always greets you by name and with a big smile. One nominator wrote that she is positive that LaVon and Mary McCannel Gunkelman would have been great friends.

Others nominated for this award included:

Student nominees – Keith Bistodeau, Erik Diederich, Lindsey Feyder, Juan Franco Coronado, and Garrett Hittle.

Staff nominees – Wendy Baumann, Marilyn Dowdy, Daniel Erichsen, Austen Germolus, Kelly Haugen, Wanda Hughes, Ronda Klubben, James Kirsch, Kelly Paynter, David (Pete) Peterson, Mary Pfeifer, Kaarin Remmich, Lea Roberts, Matthew Skoy, Bradley Steen, Shelly Swandal, Rosie Wagner, Sharon Wheeler, and Karla Young.

Faculty nominees – Robin Albert, Anthony Flood, and Rachel Richman.

The 2013-2014 Gunkelman Recognition Award committee was co-chaired by Shauna Pederson and Regina Ranney, and included Lynn Ehlen, Christina Exner, Trent Gilbery, Timothy McCue, Mary Sinner and Donna Theusch.

**Nominations for the 2015 award will be invited in March,
with the ceremony tentatively scheduled for May 4, 2015.**



2014 Gunkelman Award Nominees

with President Bresciani

Homecoming Committee

By Jobey Lichtblau

The NDSU Homecoming Committee has been working diligently to plan Homecoming 2014 events scheduled for October 6-11. We want our past plans to become reality this year and have scheduled the parade to begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 10th on Broadway in downtown Fargo. This year the parade will be followed by an outdoor concert downtown. We hope you join us for a week full of events and activities. For a full list of events and other detailed information visit the website at: www.ndsu.edu/homecoming.

HOMECOMING 2014 OCTOBER 6-11



Staff enjoyed the evening out at a Redhawks baseball game on Wednesday, August 27th as a welcome back courtesy of Staff Senate.



Bison Charge benefits offered

to full time / benefitted NDSU employees

As a full time benefitted NDSU employee, you have the option to sign up for Bison Charge. Bison Charge allows you to have your expenses taken out of your paycheck. You can charge around campus the same places Bison Bucks is taken. http://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/bisoncard/images/Bison_Bucks.pdf Use it for purchases at all NDSU Dining Services' operations, the NDSU Bookstore, Herd Shop, Copy Shop, Taco Shop, Panda Express, Wallman Wellness Center, CVS, NDSU Downtown Campus and ITS Laser Output. For more information, contact the Bison Card Center at 231.6252

State Staff Senate

By Wendy Gibson

The State Staff Senate meeting in Valley City was attended by Kelly Bisek, Viet Doan, and Wendy Gibson.



Upcoming meetings : Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov.17, and Dec.15 – all at 3 pm via IVN.

The 2014-2015 Officers will include:

Emma Tufte, President
Diane Hillebrand, Vice President/President Elect
Kristi Swartz, Past President
Sarah Olson, Secretary/Treasurer
Josh Nichols, Communications Officer
Janice Hoffarth – Staff Advisor to the SBHE

Thank you to those who volunteered to serve on the Legislative Committee:

Devin McCall, MiSU
Katie Peterson, WSC
Sharley Kurtz, UND

Scholarships

By Angela Seewald-Marquardt

The Staff Senate Scholarship Committee awarded \$3,900 for the 2014-2015 academic year. Twenty-two recipients will benefit from these scholarships. The staff recipients are Erika Beseler Thompson, Jena Bjertness, Stefanie Meyer, and Nurun Nahar. The dependents of staff scholarships were awarded to Jordan Brummond, Jaclyn Ellingson, Heidi Erickson, Cassandra Hillen, Allyson Krogh, Erin Krogh, London Lloyd, Morgan Opp, and Tanzim Tabassum. The general student scholarships were awarded to Jasper Asplin, Hannah Barrett, Caitlin Bussard, Jordan Engelke, Katie Field, Katelyn Kostad, Jennifer Regimbal, Michelle Sauvegeau, and Patricia Zikmund. **Congratulations to these scholarship recipients!**



Scholarship funds were raised through a raffle sale and vendor show. Thank you to all Staff Senators and TRiO staff members who sold raffle tickets! Without your efforts, these scholarships would not be available! Look for more information regarding the upcoming raffle to raise scholarship funds for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Thanks for supporting Staff Senate's Relay for Life



By Laura Dallmann and CeCe Rohwedder, team captains

Staff Senate participated in the April 26-27 American Cancer Society Relay for Life, organized by NDSU students and held at the Wallman Wellness Center.

Our students did a fantastic job organizing this event and providing a variety of activities throughout its duration, including a special dinner for cancer survivors and their families (with homemade cupcakes!), live music throughout the event, Zumba, grocery bag bingo at 2 a.m. and yoga at 5 a.m.! It was very touching to see the students' passion and excitement, to hear their stories, and to understand how they felt called to support those who have or are currently fighting cancer, and to help raise money to fight this disease. We are truly blessed with wonderful students in our campus!

The Staff Senate team, comprised of Daniel Erichsen, Niki Lynnes, Kris Mickelson, Evie Myers, Cynthia Selstedt, Nancy Suttle, and co-captains Laura Dallmann and CeCe Rohwedder, raised \$2,403 (in 1st place upon the conclusion of the event among the 40 teams that participated!), and we want to thank all who donated and supported us. Overall, the NDSU Relay for Life raised \$22,663.01!

Even though this year's event has concluded, the fundraising continues, as does the work to end cancer. More information is available at www.relayforlife.org and donations can be made at any time.

The American Cancer Society has recently teamed up with Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C), and we all got in on the fun! On Friday, Sept. 5, the American Cancer Society hosted a viewing party during the SU2C star-studded telecast.

If you would like to join next year's Staff Senate Relay for Life team, we'd love to have you – just let us know and stay tuned for more details to come! Together we are making a difference!

The **Campus Kudos** award is given to NDSU staff, faculty and students who go above and beyond to serve other NDSU campus members.

The following NDSU staff members are recipients of this award:



Rich Lodewyk; Broadcast Lecturer in Communications



Thomas Cocozzello; Information Technology Services



Nathaniel Gonser; Information Technology Services and
Michael Aho; Information Technology Services



Amanda Sosa



LaVon Whipple; Dining Services



Doug Nowatzki; Dining Services



University System Attorney to Discuss Measure 3

North Dakota University System General Counsel Murray G. Sagsveen is scheduled to present “Facts about the State Board of Higher Education, Constitutional Measure 3, and Accreditation” on Wednesday, **Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in NDSU’s Festival Concert Hall.**

Measure 3 is a proposal on the Nov. 4 ballot to replace the current citizen-led, eight-member State Board of Higher Education with a three-member paid commission, restructuring the governance of the university system.

Sagsveen, who also holds titles of chief of staff and ethics officer for the system, is a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, and the University of North Dakota School of Law in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He is a Certified Association Executive, as well as a graduate of the Minnesota Executive Program at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota.

Sagsveen’s presentation is sponsored by the NDSU Faculty Senate and the NDSU Office of Accreditation, Assessment and Academic Advising.

NDSU is recognized as one of the nation’s top 108 public and private universities by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education.

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NDSU STAFF SENATE MEETINGS

All staff are welcome!

THE MESSENGER

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October 1, 2014	9:30 AM	Prairie Rose Room, Memorial Union
November 5, 2014	9:30 AM	Plains Room, Memorial Union
December 3, 2014	9:30 AM	Plains Room, Memorial Union
January 7, 2015	9:30 AM	Prairie Rose Room, Memorial Union
February 4, 2015	9:30 AM	Plains Room, Memorial Union
March 4, 2015	9:30 AM	Plains Room, Memorial Union
April 1, 2015	9:30 AM	Plains Room, Memorial Union
May 6, 2015	9:30 AM	Plains Room, Memorial Union
June 10, 2015	9:30 AM	Plains Room, Memorial Union

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NDSU Non-discrimination Statement (retrieved 10/16/12 from EDGO Website):

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