March 2017

Dear Senators,

As your Chair, I would like to take a moment to thank each of you for your hard work this year. In just six short months, we have been able to accomplish new goals for increased visibility, improved engagement and smoother processes for our organization. Every single time we have needed input from you or volunteers for a specific event, you have all been quick to respond and eager to help.

The bylaws are now structurally sound and I believe our meetings are more informative and provide a good resource for sharing information on campus. The financial support from the President has allowed us to host employee centered events and do more to strengthen our reputation. President Smatresk funded our request for additional support with a Graduate Assistant and it has made a tremendous difference as to how we communicate and respond to the work of our organization. The Cabinet members continue to support our Lunch and Learns and actually look forward to what we plan to do each month to improve staff members. We will continue to grow and improve as we tackle the constituency pools and our upcoming elections and I have no doubt the momentum we feel this year will continue into the next.

March is Staff Appreciation Month and I hope now, more than ever, you feel appreciated, empowered and proud of the position you hold in Staff Senate. I am forever grateful for your work and your friendship.

Christi Hestand

Staff Appreciation Month Events

Ice Cream Social 2:00-4:00 pm on March 7, Union Corner Store
Staff members are invited to join us for a come-and-go style ice cream social located on the first floor of the Union, across from Barnes and Noble.

Frisco Tour and Reception 10:00 am-2:00 pm on March 10, New College at Frisco
Enjoy a fun-filled behind-the-scenes tour of the New College at Frisco! A reception with light lunch will immediately follow the tour. If you would like to attend, sign in to my.unt.edu, select the Human Resources tab, and select “Training Development”, “Training Enrollment”. Search by course number UP17FT, click “View Available Sessions”, and then register for this session. Transportation will be provided via buses to the first 36 people who sign up.

Pop Over for Popcorn 2:00-4:00 pm on March 16, Union Corner Store
Staff members are invited to pop over to the Corner Store, located on the first floor of the Union, and pick up a bag of popcorn on Thursday, March 16! This event is come-and-go style.

Health Fair 10:00 am-3:00 pm on March 23, Union Suite 333
Learn more about your health benefits and wellness as you visit with vendors at this tabling style event.

Fun Run 8:00 – 9:30 am on March 25, Denton Campus
Staff members are invited to come and enjoy a walk/run (1, 3 and 5K) on campus. The Fun Run will take place in front of the Pohl Recreation Center and will begin at 8:00am. The first 50 staff members who complete the Fun Run will receive a free t-shirt and free one day pass to .arch by course number UP17FR, click “View Available Sessions”, and then register for this session.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon 11:30am-1:00pm on March 30, Coliseum
Join us for the cornerstone event of Staff Appreciation Month! Staff receiving the following awards will be honored: Steve Miller Outstanding Employee, Rising Star, Diversity, UNT Spirit, Customer Service, and Student Success. Door prizes await – bring business cards to enter drawings! The luncheon will also be served at Discovery Park, and live streaming of the event will be available.

Have a Suggestion?
Staff Senate welcomes your questions and ideas! Please visit staffsenate.unt.edu and complete the on-line form located under Ask Staff Senate!