# NTID Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

Meeting #5 – March 1, 2019

**In Attendance:**

Senate Members: Sean Flanagan, Cheryl Bovard, Jenna Stein, Sarah Schneckenburger, Jeremy Zehr, Katie Zuris

Excused: Tabitha Jacques

**Agenda**

Approval of minutes from 1/25 Meeting

Old Business

 Skip - YouTube Channel?

 Jenna and Katie – Bylaws – have they been updated and posted to our website?

 Sarah- Contacted Suzi Murad? Survey was highlighted in the President’s report.’

 Jeremy – Status of Web Presence

 Cheryl – Elections Update

New Business

 Survey results

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Motion to change 1/25 notes to read "possible changes to bylaws"

Motion passed.

Motion to accept minutes. Accepted

**Old Business**

* Skip approached James about a YouTube channel but has not gotten a response yet. Has been working with marketing and communications regarding this. There is a loophole, if we were to make content and we posted it through NTID it has to go through marketing, add captions and access. But if posted on our own account NTID can repost it.

 We should first do it on our Facebook so NTID can repost it.

We can also choose to follow the process. We have content to hand off. But if we produce our own they can handle the transcript and the other details needed to be included.

As for YouTube it will be on Facebook rather than YouTube. There are some NTID community pages but we have to figure out who would be the admin on the Facebook page.

YouTube could be useful if we wanted to upload links. But Skip would rather stick to Facebook.

* Uploading notes to the NTID senate page has been streamlined. Notes will be emailed to Cathy Clarke as PDFs to be uploaded.
* Cheryl has a meeting regarding elections next week and will update at the next meeting.

**Changing Bylaws Discussion**

* Adding when and which makes Article III clearer. Maybe to invite to discuss burning issues or situations that are specific.
* Section 2, the proposal is to add two subsections. A and B. Currently A is part of the original section. Moving that to be a subsection and B would be a minimum of two senators be deaf and or hard of hearing.

Elections

* Issue with this April's election. Because we have voted to require two senators to be deaf or hard of hearing, we have to screen out any exempt hearing candidates. The first section in the bylaws says any NTID staff as recognized by HR is eligible to be on the senate. Are we then hurting ourselves by saying they are eligible but not.
* Section 6 - vacancies. Do we change the wording for vacancies? Or do we table this as old business until after the April elections.

 No proposal to change section 6.

* Adding two subsections to section 2 - adding B to section two, a minimum of two senators that are deaf or hard of hearing.
* Article five proposal addition, at minimum the chair or vice chair must be filled by a senator of deaf or hard of hearing.

**Vote on changes to bylaws will be March 22nd in Old Business.**

**New Business**

* Survey Results

 Feedback - survey was confusing or not applicable to some.

 Feedback was good, lots of responses we cannot do anything about.

A number of responses were questions regarding HR issues. Discussion about planning an open meeting for NTID HR to be available for questions.

 Fridays are good for a get together.

 Should we meet during finals week?

After Cheryl's meeting with Chris we will be better able to determine dates for elections, as well as a date for an NTID gathering.