

NTID Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

Meeting #1 – October 24, 2018

In Attendance:

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

Ex officio Members: Gina Coyne (Representing RIT Staff Senate – Block 5), Chris Felo (Chair of NTID Staff Senate Task Force), Jonathan Hopkins (Representing NTID Diversity Senate)

Also in Attendance: Jenn Proseco (Guest)

Minutes:

Meeting called to order by Chris Felo, with a distribution of the bylaws and an explanation of the purpose of the NTID Staff Senate.

A suggestion was made to amend bylaws to include inclusion of members of RIT Staff Senate as ex officio members of the NTID Staff Senate.

Nomination and selection of officers

Clarification was made regarding the length of terms served by members of NTID Staff Senate. Exempt officers will serve a partial term, elections will be held in April of 2019. Non-Exempt officers will serve until elections in April of 2020.

The following Officers were selected:

Chair

Suggestion was made that the Chair be a member of the Deaf community. Suggestion was discussed and Tabitha Jacques was nominated. Motion to nominate and select Tabitha Jacques as Chair was approved unanimously.

Vice Chair

Cheryl Bovard was nominated to serve as Vice Chair. Motion to nominate and select Cheryl Bovard as Vice Chair was approved unanimously.

Secretary

Jeremy Zehr was nominated to serve as Secretary. Motion to nominate and select Jeremy Zehr was approved unanimously.

Next meeting time was discussed, as well as alternative meeting locations. Bylaws dictate NSS must meet once a month during the months of September to May. Next official meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 16 at 1pm, with a location to be determined. Also discussed was scheduling meetings for the rest of the year on that date, in order to accommodate schedules for Access Service Providers serving on the Senate.

Main Discussion at meeting centered around the formulation of NTID Staff Senate and the writing of its bylaws. Chris Felo summarized this history for all in attendance, and then the meeting was adjourned.

These notes are submitted for approval by Jeremy S. Zehr, Secretary, NTID Staff Senate