

*Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, July 20, 2004
9 am Jones Room*

Members Present: Carin Barnett, Sheldon Dokken, Kimberly Witt, Donna Harvey, Laurie Weber, Karen Brunner-Wright, Bill Klimpel, Gary Wolf, Chad Carr, Billy Boyeff, Kim Schwinler, Shane Larson, Scott Peterson, Linda Benson, and Judy Bacon. Also present were Kim Thompson and Wes Matthews, ex-officio members.

Visitors: President David Fuller.

Members Absent: Audrey Sidener, Sherry Wheeling, Kim Withus, Cathy Horvath, Timothy Healy, and Sherie Saltveit.

Call to order: President Linda called the meeting to order at 9 am.

Reports: Minutes from the last meeting were approved as previously read. Judy reported that there is currently \$968.88 in the Staff Senate account. New hires and departures, including two retirees, for the months of March through July, were read.

Old Business: The Fall Homecoming activities/picnic was discussed. Sheldon Dokken reported that the Beaver Boosters are planning on holding a picnic at that time, and that we will have the opportunity to help, along with other community and campus organizations. The theme of this year's Homecoming will be **'Beaver Pride: Priceless.'** Karen Brunner-Wright, Kimberly Witt and Sheldon Dokken are on the Fall Picnic/Homecoming committee, and will be meeting to plan the Staff Senate float for the parade – any suggestions would be appreciated. Donna Harvey agreed to help with the Float Committee.

Dr. David Fuller, MSU's new president, met with Staff Senate and indicated his desire to work with the staff, faculty, and community to fulfill the vision of the University. He is anxious to get to know the campus personnel, and plans to visit the various departments and offices over the next few months, and welcomes the opportunity to talk directly to the people.

Laurie reported on discussions regarding the formation of a NDUS Staff Senate, and that with the cancellation of a June and July IVN meeting, an August meeting was not likely. She will keep us posted as to any progress in this area.

Wes Matthews informed everyone that the startup of the twice monthly payroll went smoothly, and that the introduction of the Connect ND/PeopleSoft software will be phased in throughout the campus over the next two years.

Bill Klimpel moved that the issue of tuition waivers for staff spouses and dependents be revisited again. Karen Brunner-Wright seconded, and the motion unanimously carried.

Bill Klimpel will meet with a faculty senate committee to address this mutual area of concern.

Kim Schwinler and Kim Witt informed Staff Senate that beginning Fall 2004 classes for the Masters of Science in Management are only being offered on-line. A problem arises since employee tuition waivers are not given for online classes. A motion was made by Kim Schwinler to request tuition waivers for staff for on-line courses that are not available in a normal classroom setting. Sheldon Dokken seconded, and the motion carried. Kim Witt agreed to check on this and will have more information for the next meeting.

The next Staff Senate meeting will be September 21 at 9am in the Jones Room. Gary Wolf will be making a presentation concerning RCJC, and Kim Thompson will be taking pictures.

Karen Brunner-Wright moved to adjourn at 9:45 am.

All staff are invited and encouraged to attend all Staff Senate meetings.