



*Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004
9 am RCJC Doctoral Center*

Members Present: Caren Barnett, Linda Benson, Karen Brunner-Wright, Chad Carr, Sheldon Dokken, Donna Harvey, Tim Healy, Cathy Horvath, Bill Klimpel, Pat Hrichena, Scott Peterson, Sherie Saltveit, Audrey Sidener, Laurie Weber, Sherry Wheeling, Kim Withus, Kim Witt, Gary Wolf, and Judy Bacon. Also present was Wes Matthews, ex-officio member.

Members Absent: Billy Boyeff, Kim Schwinler, and Kim Thompson, ex-officio.

Call to order: President Linda called the meeting to order at 9 am in the Doctoral Center of the Rural Crime and Justice Center in Memorial Hall.

Reports: Minutes from the past meeting were approved as previously read. Judy reported that there is currently \$968.88 in the Staff Senate account. Bills of \$242 for raffle tickets (which will be taken out of the raffle's proceeds) and \$66 for Beaver Pride cards were noted.

Staff Senate members Gary Wolf and Chad Carr gave an interesting presentation and overview of the projects, organization and structure of the RCJC. Members were informed of ongoing grants and research projects in the various areas of the center. Informative sessions requested by Staff Senate members for the benefit of staff and faculty might include education about the magnitude of the methamphetamine problem and the dangers of anhydrous ammonia in regards to theft by makers of methamphetamine.

Kim Witt reported that Staff Senate is entered in the Homecoming Parade as entry #12, Line-up to start at 9:45 am in the City Auditorium parking lot with the parade beginning at 10:30. Sheldon handed out the Beaver Pride cards/football schedules that were printed in conjunction with the Athletic Department; they will be handed out to spectators along the parade route and at the Homecoming game. Scott moved and Sheldon seconded to meet at Sheldon's house on Friday at noon to decorate the float. Then, Scott moved and Tim seconded to let the committee decide on the slogans to be used with the theme 'Beaver Pride...Priceless.

Kim Witt moved and Scott Peterson seconded to go ahead with the raffle of art work from MSU Art faculty with the proceeds being donated to the Bloms family. An initial 5000 tickets will be sold, and an additional 5000 are available to sell if necessary. The

ticket stubs and money must be turned in to Kim Witt. Posters will be put up around campus, and the public will be informed via the Noon Show, the Minot Daily News, and the Red and Green. Tickets are available from Kim Witt.

Linda informed everyone that the Staff Senate web page had been updated. She reminded members that Noel-Levitz campus surveys must be returned to Student Records by Sept. 24.

In regards to tuition waivers for staff for Master of Science in Management on-line courses, Kim Witt reported that there is an Advanced Studies grant available, with applications due in August and money given out in October. Further discussions concerning tuition waivers for staff enrolled in MSM on-line courses will take place on the administrative level. This issue will be addressed again in future meetings.

Laurie reported that there is a state-wide IVN meeting for NDUS Staff Senate members on Dec. 16 at 2pm.

The Professional Development Committee will field suggestions of topics for training sessions. The committee will forward the suggestions to CEL for on-campus in-service training sessions for staff development.

Bill shared that there are concerns about smoking near buildings' doors, and its effect on health issues. Caren related that a group has been formed to address the issue of smoking on-campus, and she will continue to report back to Staff Senate about this issue.

Pat moved and Sheldon seconded that Linda contact the Student Association and the Faculty Association presidents concerning establishing a committee to periodically discuss issues.

Wes reported that MSU staff have generously given up annual leave hours to Gwen Bloms. Wes also reported on progress with conversion to PeopleSoft, with Jan. 15 being the first payroll under the new system.

Pres. Linda thanked everyone for their work on the committees involved with homecoming and the benefit for the Bloms family. Audrey informed everyone that Dr. Fuller is going to try to attend at least a portion of Staff Senate meetings in the future as his schedule permits.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10 am.

The next meeting will be October 19 at 9 am in the Jones Room.