

***Minot State University Staff Senate Meeting
January 18, 2005 – Jones Room***

Members present: Judy Bacon, Caren Barnett, Linda Benson, Billy Boyeff, Karen Brunner-Wright, Sheldon Dokken, Tim Healy, Cathy Horvath, Bill Klimpel, Scott Peterson, Sherie Saltveit, Audrey Sidener, Kim Schwinler, Laurie Weber, Sherry Wheeling, Kim Withus, and Kim Witt. Wes Matthews and Kim Thompson, ex-officio.

Members absent: Chad Carr, Donna Harvey, Pat Hrichena, and Gary Wolf.

Visitor: Linda Llewellyn

Officers Reports: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Judy reported that there is currently \$750.51 in the Staff Senate account.

Old Business: Committee reports:

Tobacco Free Committee: Caren reported that the committee will be meeting this month and still plans to send out a survey to all campus personnel.

Scholarship: With 19 applications being received, the winners of the \$50 scholarships were Lou Whitmer, Tyler McKinna, Trisha Roberts and Eric Woodbeck.

Fall Picnic: Linda reported that the evening of August 19 had been suggested as the date for this event.

Legislative: Bill informed everyone of his trip to the legislature on January 17 and of the current discussions concerning the Governor's request for an increase in pay for ND Higher Ed. employees. Buttons and brochures were passed out and he encouraged everyone to mail the post cards to their legislators in support of this movement.

Professional Development: It was noted that the RCJC will be holding *Meth. Education and Awareness* seminars on Feb. 3 at 9:30 am and 2:30 pm. Audrey distributed information concerning the proposal whereby Staff may earn qualifying points towards either the Professional Development or Academic Track, which would be awarded with gift certificates from the Bookstore and/or Dakota Square. CEL and HR offices will oversee the award process. Tim moved to accept the proposal and Kim Witt seconded. Motion carried.

Orientation Committee: Laurie presented a draft of a brochure explaining the various perks offered from the departments on campus for employees as discussed at last months meeting. Bill moved to print 50 color brochures for new employees. Seconded by Sheldon and carried.

New Business:

Linda reported that MSU Bottineau's Staff Senate had invited her and Wes Matthews to attend their January 6th meeting. It was noted that Student Health will be conducting on-campus blood pressure screenings in the Student Union Snackbar on Mondays from 2-3 pm.

Everyone was informed that the Swain Hall Fitness center is open on Monday through Friday from 8 – 3 pm, Saturdays from 9 – 3pm, and closed Sundays and Holidays.

Wes updated everyone on People Soft. He informed us that all of the data did not convert, and to check our paychecks and to notify the payroll department if the amounts are significantly different from the previous months checks.

Karen moved and Audrey seconded to adjourn at 9:30 am.

ALL STAFF ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL STAFF SENATE MEETINGS!