

*Minot State University Staff Senate Meeting
February 15, 2005 – Fisher Room*

Members present: Judy Bacon, Caren Barnett, Linda Benson, Billy Boyeff, Karen Brunner-Wright, Sheldon Dokken, Donna Harvey, Cathy Horvath, Pat Hrichena, Kim Schwinler, Laurie Weber and Sherry Wheeling. Also present were Kim Thompson, ex-officio.

Visitors: Tricia Black and Mari Jarmin.

Officers reports: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. There is currently \$750.51. Bills to be deducted are for engraving and printing of the New Staff brochures.

Tricia Black met with us to request funding for the discounted movie tickets which are available to all staff, faculty and students throughout the regular school year. It is hoped that there can be enough funds raised to also be able to sell the tickets during the summer session. The tickets are sold for \$5 each from the bookstore. Karen Brunner-Wright moved to donate \$250 to the Student Activities Department for purchase of theater tickets as requested. Seconded by Sheldon and carried.

Old Business: Committee Reports:

Tobacco Free Committee: Caren Barnett reported that the committee is in the process of moving forward with their efforts towards a smoke-free campus, currently working on the IRB and survey. Everyone was encouraged to contact their legislators to urge them to approve the legislation (for a smoke-free workplace) as presented.

Fall Picnic: Linda reported that the date and time for this event have not yet been finalized.

Professional Development: It was noted that the RCJC presentation on 'Meth Awareness' was well attended and very informative.

Orientation: Sheldon and Laurie presented copies of the 'New Staff Perks' brochure. Laurie reported that more offices will be going live with People Soft in the coming months.

Kim Thompson informed us that Dr. Fuller is planning two open forums regarding the VP and Dean searches during the months of March and April. Also, as a member of the Inauguration Committee, Kim reported on this upcoming event. It will be held during the last week in April, and it will give the University an opportunity to showcase the various departments and student achievements. This privately funded event is hoped to attract the community: reflecting on where we have been, where we are at, and what the future may hold for the University.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am. The next regular meeting will be March 15 at 9 am in the Jones Room.