

**Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, October 18, 2005
9:00 a.m. - Jones Room**

Members Present: Caren Barnett, Linda Benson, Julie Drum, Donna Harvey, Cathy Horvath, Pat Hubel, Jolina Miller, Renee Olson, Scott Peterson, Karlee Rauschenberger, Kim Schwinler, Catherine Walker, Kim Withus, and Kimberly Witt.

Visitors: Tricia Black

Members Absent: Chad Carr, Merri Jo Connole, Sheldon Dokken, Timothy Healy, William Klimpel, Jerry Smith, Lou Whitmer, Gary Wolf, Wes Matthews (ex officio), and Kim Thompson (ex officio).

Call to order: President Benson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Hubel read a thank you note from Student Activities Coordinator, Tricia Black for participation in the 2005 Homecoming Parade.

Treasurer's Report: Hubel read report. Balance of \$617.76. The cost of the picnic was \$491.51. The MN Army Reserve donated \$350 to the Staff Senate.

President Benson called for corrections/revisions to last month's minutes. Karlee Rauschenberger presented information regarding the issue of staff waivers for courses. If staff waivers are used, student fees are not included. Therefore, staff would not be eligible as student members for free food that is being sponsored by Student Association for students (who are paying fees).

Old Business: President Benson noted that the parade had been a fun event and thanked everyone who participated.

Suggestion was made that at the picnic, smaller prizes be given at the registration table when individuals are getting their tickets.

Horvath noted there were decorations remaining from the parade and that individuals should pick them up from ITC.

Tricia Black discussed the issue of student activity fees. When staff waivers are used, these fees are not included. She asked for suggestions regarding events which were to be for students who have paid fees when food is being provided. All other Student

Association events are open to all, and she encouraged participation and attendance. Witt noted she would check with the Business Office on how to get student activities fees waived if a staff member is taking a class but is not eligible for the staff tuition waiver and is not involved in student activities.

Black asked if Staff Senate would like to have a student representative (non-voting) for meetings.

Black was asked about the status of the issue of childcare on campus. There will be an 11 a.m. meeting (October 18, 2005) for discussion. Bids are in regarding the activities center. The bids are \$95,000 higher than expected, but there is hope this project will be completed by next fall.

No other old business.

New Business:

Discussion ensued regarding the wearing of red and green on Fridays. As the bookstore does not carry red and green merchandise exclusively, MSU logo apparel of any color would be appropriate.

October 27, 2005 is Community Day in the Atrium from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.. The information from the strategic planning focus groups will be presented. There will be free food, and tours of campus will be provided. Staff senate members should contact Deb Wentz if they are able to assist with these tours. There will also be discounts in the bookstore, and a choral group will be singing. Individuals who park in lots next to Student Union are asked to vacate the spots during the 11-2 period.

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