

**Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, November 15, 2005
9:00 am – Westlie Room**

Members Present: Linda Benson, Julie Drum, Donna Harvey, Pat Hubel, Jolina Miller, Renee Olson, Scott Peterson, Karlee Rauschenberger, Kim Schwinler, Catherine Walker, Kim Withus, Kimberly Witt. Merri Jo Connole, Sheldon Dokken, Timothy Healy, William Klimpel, Jerry Smith, and Gary Wolf,

Members Absent: Caren Barnett, Cathy Horvath, Chad Carr, Lou Whitmer, Wes Matthews (ex-officio), and Kim Thompson, (ex-officio)

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

Reports: Hubel read the minutes from October's meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report: \$761.06.

Compensation Committee – brief discussion/update on what the committee has done to date. Most meetings have been informational to lay foundation of how salaries are determined, etc. The committee is discussing a possible survey but may have adequate data already from employee survey of 2002 and 2004.

Linda Benson met with Britney Blackmore, Student Association president, and one item they discussed was MSU childcare. Hubel read the resolution from the Student Senate. Drum requested background on the issue. Campus childcare has been an ongoing point of discussion for over 20 years. There had been a portion of student activity funds being set aside to begin a daycare; however, the funds were used for exercise equipment for Swain Hall at the time of renovation. Many options are being reviewed. For example, there is a possibility of a daycare at Job Corps.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Klimpel to support the childcare initiative. Vote carried. If there is to be a Staff Senate representative on the committee, Karlee Rauschenberger has volunteered.

A second resolution was read by Hubel. This resolution from the Student Senate concerns the library; students are requesting additional hours of library operation. Harvey provided insight into the operations and issue from the MSU Library's perspective.

Old Business: Barnett has been involved with the smoking issue and will present information at the next meeting. She had a meeting with First District Health on the issue.

New Business.

Annual Decorating Contest. Motion to have it again carried, and Dokken volunteered to chair the judging.

It was brought up that there has been discussion of the 2nd Floor of Administration offices being open over lunch hour.

Staff Senate Scholarships were discussed briefly. Motions carried to complete.

Other Business. Next meeting is December 20, 2005.

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