

Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, April 18, 2006
9:00 am – Jones Room

Members Present: Caren Barnett, Linda Benson, Merri Jo Connole, Julie Drum, Donna Harvey, Cathy Horvath, Pat Hubel, William Klimpel, Jolina Miller, Scott Peterson, Kim Schwinler, Catherine Walker, and Kimberly Witt.

Visitors: Dr. Fuller

Members Absent: Karlee Rauschenberger, Sheldon Dokken, Wes Matthews (ex officio), Kim Thompson (ex officio), Renee Olson, Timothy Healy, Kim Withus, Chad Carr, Jerry Smith, Lou Whitmer, and Gary Wolf.

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

Reports: Minutes were approved. Budget was reported by Hubel (through Benson) as being \$199.02.

The committee reviewing First Year Housing in residence halls has began meeting.

The Smoke-free Policy will go into effect June 1, 2006. There was no formal report as details are still being worked out. Dr. Fuller commented on the policy, stating that it had received positive endorsement from the University Cabinet. There has been no decision about what will be done if people are smoking in non-designated areas.

Dr. Fuller also commented on the work of the Compensation Task Force. He noted that there are wide-spread discussions on the campus. He noted that it seems right to provide everyone with the cost-of-living adjustment or people are, in effect, moving backwards in salary.

As for the Vice President for Academic Affairs search, an offer had been made but terms could not be agreed upon with the candidate. One of the three had withdrawn since there was no tenure associated with the position. He felt that Dr. Whitmore's presentation was good.

Dr. Fuller noted that Senator Kent Conrad will speak at commencement this year. In the future, Dr. Fuller would like to see Minot State University having a student speak as well.

The senate voted on the representative for the North Dakota Human Resource Council from the names submitted by the staff at large. Susie Mack, from NDCPD, was selected by Staff Senate, and Benson will contact her.

Staff Senate Elections: Peterson motioned for Staff Senate Elections to be conducted Tuesday, May 9th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A table will be set up near the Post Office, Administration Building, second floor. Peterson motioned for this, it was seconded by Klimpel, and the motion carried.

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Harvey noted that the Library gets a representative. It was discussed that librarians are classified as staff at MSU. Peterson noted that if staff do not want to be nominated they need to inform the Election Committee.

Hubel noted that the registrar search committee has invited two individuals to campus. They are Tania Balais and Dr. John Enriquez. They are on campus 4/19 and 4/21.

Benson noted that she has been contacted by the Staff Senate president at Dickinson State. At DSU, Staff Senate is attempting to get emeritus status for their retired staff. As of July 12, 2005, Valley City State approved a policy granting emeritus status to their retired staff. However, Benson's findings confirm that Minot State University's retired staff already obtain the benefits that VCS provides for their emeritus staff.

Recycling Committee: Walker presented information. She noted that there are some bins that are and will be put on campus with lists beside them as to what is acceptable at the bin. It will be discussed at a meeting with Dr. Fuller next week.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.