



**Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, December 19, 2006
9:00 am – Jones Room**



Members Present: Linda Benson, Rich Berg, Tawnya Bernsdorf, Merri Jo Connole, Julie Drum, Chad Fenner, Shan Haarsager, Patricia Hubel, Barb Johnson, Donna Just, Thomas Lipsey, Jolina Miller, Scott Peterson, Brenda Roedocker, Toni Schwartz, Cheryl Rystedt, Wes Matthews

Members Absent: Chad Carr, Laurel Hyatt, Renee Olson, Karlee Rauschenberger, Jerry Smith, Kristen Warmoth, Lou Whitmer, Kim Thompson

Call to order: Drum called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Reports: Minutes were approved with addition of student guest, Sharlese Robertson, who spoke on the Green Ribbon Campaign. Barring time conflicts, Hubel will plan to send the minutes to the Senators for any changes and post them to the web after one day. Budget was reported by Hubel as being \$188.39

New Business:

CTF - Matthews presented the Staff Senate with a visual demonstration of the 5-year recommendations of Compensation Task Force (CTF) as they related to staff salaries. On January 19, 2007, the CTF will provide a forum over the noon hour with the recommendations. Matthews will lead the forum. Matthews explained the issues of pay equity and salary compression.

New Senator – Chad Fenner has assumed the spot vacated by Cassie Artz.

Ecology Committee – Berg and Rystedt commented on the progress of the committee working on ecological issues on campus. Berg noted that there are lots of individuals from the MSU Science Dept. Dr. Fuller is involved and is working to get MSU up to the standards of other campuses in terms of environmental/ecological issues.

Old Business:

MSU at the Zoo – Discussions continue about the Staff Senate putting on the zoo function. Drum will be meeting with the president to discuss it further. He is waiting on other ideas, opinions, etc. A question as to if the function should remain an annual event at the zoo was brought forth. Another question was brought up concerning if the event should be for current faculty and staff only and alumni be excluded. Fenner noted that in order for good PR relations to be maintained, he felt the alumni needed to be included; however, Drum noted that the costs of the event far exceed the capacity of the Staff Senate. Benson noted that there used to be a faculty/staff potluck prior to the start of school and at one time, there was one during homecoming. The homecoming one was discontinued due to competing tailgate parties. Drum asked for email comments and questions that she could take to her meeting with Dr. Fuller. One suggestion that was



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made was that if this is an annual event, a committee outside the Senate may be an option.

Scholarship Update – Benson provided the Senate with the scholarship application and explained changes which were made after consulting MSU Financial Aid. Benson motioned that the application be distributed to all staff and that the application be made available on the web site. Connole seconded. Motion carried. The deadline is January 12th with the awards being made on January 16, 2007.

Decorating Committee – Drum noted that RCJC had won the contest last year and that the plaque that was awarded to them is missing. Multiple individuals noted they will perform some detective work to find the plaque. If it is not found, the Senate will need to determine if it should purchase a new one or if RCJC will be responsible.

Other Business

- Dawn Evenson will be retiring from MSU at the end of the month. She has been employed at MSU for 45 years.
- Roedocker is leaving her position in Advancement and taking a new position in the Nursing Department. Her position on Staff Senate will need to be filled.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10.

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