

Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, October 16, 2007
9:00 a.m. – Jones Room

Members Present: Chad Carr, Toni Schwartz, Linda Benson, Thomas Lipsey, Brenda Roedocker, Shan Haarsager, Tawnya Bernsdorf, Laurel Hyatt, Ann Rivera, Barb Johnson, Richard Berg, Lilah Diederich, Brenda Anderson and Cheryl Rystedt, Kathy Nelson and Linda Llewellyn.

Members Absent: Amy Woodbeck, Libby Claerbout, and Chad Fenner.

Ex Officio Members Present: Wes Matthews.

Call to Order: President Carr called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of Sept. 18th was made by Brenda Anderson, seconded by Rich Berg. Motion carried.

Officer's Reports: Toni Schwartz reported the balance in the Staff Senate's General Fund is \$1,044.40. Shan Haarsager will be forwarding the bills for the Homecoming float candy and paper products which comes to approximately \$60. The MSU at the Zoo fund balance is \$494.28.

Chad Carr reported on the following items from the President's Report of September 19, 2007:

- ✓ Enrollment counts are down
- ✓ Foundations of Excellence for First Year Students
- ✓ Swain Hall renovation from athletic to academic
- ✓ New signage and landscape designs
- ✓ State Board of Higher Education was on campus Sept. 19-20. Chad Carr, Toni Schwartz and Donna Just attended the SBHE breakfast on Sept. 20th.
- ✓ Emergency response system
- ✓ Proposal for Great Plains Knowledge and Data Center

There are no visitor comments at this meeting.

Old Business:

President Carr thanked all that helped with the Homecoming float and parade. He also thanked Plant Services for all their help and the use of the trailer and truck. Laurel Hyatt asked who to direct comments to regarding the parade route; she thought it was excellent. Ann Rivera said to contact Leon Perzinski.

New Business:

Laurel Hyatt, Amy Woodbeck, Shan Haarsager, Lilah Diederich, Brenda Roedocker and Brenda Anderson are on the Christmas Decorating Committee. Suggestion was made by Linda Llewellyn that there be a separate door decorating contest. President Carr was asked about holding the decorating contest earlier (before semester is over), and the cost of replacing the traveling plaque or

buying a plaque every year. He directed the committee to meet and present their ideas at the next meeting.

President Carr was asked by Ron Dorn that an officer of Staff Senate sit on the search committee for the Plant Services Director. He will ask Donna Just if she is interested in serving, or he will sit on the committee. Toni Schwartz is unable to serve.

Other items:

Discussion was held regarding the Halloween party at the Dome. Rick Berg motioned that Staff Senate not get involved as it doesn't fit Staff Senate goals. Seconded by Linda Llewellyn. Unanimous vote. Motion carries.

President Carr will bring the left over sodas and water (approximately 30) from the MSU at the Zoo to the next Staff Senate meeting.

Staff Senate needs to appoint a member to represent Staff Senate at the Student Government meetings. Ann Rivera volunteered. She will remind Student Government that they should appoint someone to attend the Staff Senate meetings.

Linda Llewellyn reported on her attendance of the Faculty Senate meetings.

Wes Matthews announced the need for two staff members to serve on the Compensation Task Force which will be ongoing. They do not need to be staff senate members. Their two year term would start immediately. Rick Berg suggested asking Lisa Johnson, and Lilah Diederich nominated Leon Perzinski. Toni Schwartz will call Lisa and Leon to see if they are interested in serving. Linda Llewellyn volunteered to serve if one of the above is not interested.

Motion by Cheryl Rystedt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. Next meeting scheduled for November 20th.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Schwartz

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