

Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, October 21, 2008
9:00 a.m – Jones Room

Members Present: Nathan Anderson, Mindy Rudnick, Matt Schaefer, Marcia Johnson, Mandy Bibow, Karla Bredahl, Pam Hopkins, Rosie Winczewski, Brenda Roedocker, Renae Yale, Scott Peterson, T.J. Lipsey, Lisa Johnson, Lilah Diederich, Karen Humphreys, Kathy Nelson, Linda Benson.

Absent: Libby Claerbout, Ann Rivera, Amy Woodbeck, Marlene Hargrave, Kylene Kraft, Chad McNally, Tim Healy.

Ex Officio Members and Visitors Present: Lori Willoughby, Dr. David Fuller, Ron Dorn, Ken Story, Mark Lyman, Sara Rowe Clutts.

Call to Order: President Nathan Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Marcia Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Lilah Diederich.

Approval of Agenda: Brenda Roedocker made a motion to approve. Rosie Winczewski seconded.

Reports: Matt Schaefer did not have a VP Report for the Senate. Mindy Rudnick gave the Treasurer's Report.

- There were no changes to the Staff Senate General Fund which had a cash balance of \$774.89. The Kick-Off fund had a cash balance of \$633.00. We had expenses of \$33.19 for copies, and tent rental of \$600. There were \$686.90 in recycling token to use also.

Visitor Comments: Ron Dorn was at the meeting to discuss Minot State's proposal to the North Dakota Legislature for a flat rate tuition called "Grow North Dakota". The proposal would allow all students attending Minot State to pay the same tuition rate as a Resident Student, in hopes to attract more out of state students. Dr. Fuller suggested the Staff Senate make a motion to support the proposal. Linda Benson made a motion that the Senate support the Grow North Dakota proposal. Rosie second.

Dr Fuller addressed the Staff Senate on the findings of the Higher Learning Commissions previous visit for reaccreditation. He said Minot State received mostly positive remarks and that the University had good planning in place. Minot State did need to improve in the area of Enrollment Services, and expected a progress report in 2011.

Ken Story, president of the Student Government Association spoke to the Staff Senate about the upcoming election Measures 1 and 2. Linda Benson made a motion that the Staff Senate show their disapproval of Measures 1 and 2. Rosie second. MC

Mark Lyman was present to discuss Minot State's upcoming segment on the Economic Report run on FoxNews Channel. The production crew would be on campus on October 30th to tape footage for a five minute segment on Minot State to run nationally.

Old Business:

Homecoming: Nathan gave a thank you out to everyone who helped with the Staff Senate Homecoming float.

New Business:

Joint Meeting: The Staff/Faculty Senate Joint Meeting would be held on October 30 at 3pm. Location was not yet decided. Staff Senate members would be notified when information became available.

Sustainability Committee: Anyone interested on serving on the Sustainability committee should contact Nathan or Linda Benson.

CEO Cancer Gold Standard: Paul Brekke and Karen Barnett are working to achieve the CEO Cancer Gold Standard for Minot State University. Only one other university in the country has achieved the accomplishment. The university must become completely tobacco free, and anyone wishing to learn more can view the website, www.cancergoldstandard.org.

Compensation Task Force: The CTF will be holding an open forum to discuss the results of their survey. A date, time and place will be passed on when available.

ITAC Surveys: ITC will be distributing two surveys to campus to see what kind of training faculty and staff are looking for in the IT field.

NDUS Staff Leadership Conference: The NDUS Staff Leadership Conference will be held Nov 14th. Nathan and Linda Benson will attend. Anyone who has any issues they would like discussed can email Linda or Nathan.

Librarian Role: Mandy Bibow and Lori Willoughby recently discovered that a Librarian can sit on either the Staff or Faculty Senate. Faculty Senate has changed their by-laws to include the Librarian in their Senate, and the two feel the Staff Senate needs to change their by-laws to reflect the change made by the Faculty Senate. Rosie made a motion to take some time to research the by-laws and make a decision from there. Lisa Johnson made a motion to table the issue until the next meeting. Lilah second.

Campus Safety: Dr Fuller asked Nathan to put a reminder in the agenda every month that people keep their Notifind information up to date.

Lilah brought up the topic of Parking lot maintenance. She has had several people talk to her about the increase in fees and permits, however there has not been any significant changes in the maintenance of the parking lots. The senate decided that was an issue for the parking committee.

Meeting Adjourned 10:35. Next meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2008.

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