

Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2008
9:00 A.M. – Jones Room

Members Present: Wade Regier, Mindy Rudnick, Rosie Winczewski, Linda Benson, Scott Peterson, T.J. Lipsey, Teresa Loftesnes, Mark Lyman, Pam Hopkins, Karla Bredahl, Paul Brekke, Karen Humphreys, Nathan Anderson, Brenda Munson, Marlene Hargrave, Tim Healy, Renae Yale.

Absent: Matt Schaefer, Mandy Bibow, Marcia Johnson, Kylene Kraft, Jessica Hudson, and Connie Teets.

Ex Officio Members and Visitors Present: Wes Matthews, Dr. Fuller, Lisa Brule, and Annamaria Holt.

Call to Order: Vice President Wade Regier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Teresa Loftesnes made a motion to approve the minutes.

Approval of Agenda: TJ Lipsey made a motion to approve the agenda.

Officer Reports: There was no Report from the Vice President.

Mindy Rudnick gave the Treasurer's Report.

- The Staff Senate General Fund had a cash balance of \$582.75, with expenses for postage of 4.84. These expenses would be moved to the Kick-Off fund since they were expenses pertaining to that event. The Kick-Off fund had a cash balance of \$437.81. Current year expenses include 33.23 for copies, 700.00 for tent rental, and 252.00 for water for the Kick-Off. There is \$587.50 in recycling tokens.

Dr Fuller Address: Dr. Fuller thanked the Staff Senate for their work with MSU at the Zoo. He discussed the upcoming homecoming events, and was encouraging Staff Senate members along with others from the community to attend the Community Block Party on September 23rd. He moved on to discuss Minot State's move to NCAA Division II status, stating he and Rick Hedberg would be traveling to the colleges in the NCAA Division II Northern Sun Conference. They will meet with the Presidents of the universities in the conference and work to gather support for Minot State to gain entrance into the conference. Dr Fuller announced that the University had received new grants for the current fiscal year for NDCPD, RCJC, INBRE departments along with a grant for Community Research and Service and the award of a Title III grant. He concluded his address to the Senate by discussing the increase in enrollment for the semester and the completion of the Broadway sign.

Area Reports:

Sustainability Committee: Pam Hopkins updated the Senate about the new recycling bins located around campus. The bin for the Administration/Student Union Buildings is located right outside the Bookstore, with signs explaining which items can be recycled in each section. There will also be about three or four other bins located in certain buildings around campus.

New Business:

Homecoming Parade: Scott and TJ have arranged for a truck and trailer to pull a homecoming float for the Staff Senate. This year's theme is "Beavers Give a Dam, Go Green" and the Staff Senate will be using the recycling bins to assist in the decorating of their float. They said they would begin decorating around 4:30 on Friday night before the parade if any Senate members would like to join them. TJ would ask Lilah if she knew where the Staff Senate sign is. Mindy said she would go get the candy for the parade and Leon is looking for volunteers to assist with the parade float line up which will begin just south of the Re-Store.

Professional Development Committee: Teresa Loftesnes updated the Senate on the progress of the Professional Development and Programming Committee. The committee is looking into compiling a quick reference guide for staff members along with training campus personnel on Google Analytics. They would also like some stories from Alumni, Students, and Faculty to use for marketing purposes and for presentations that alumni could offer on campus. Finally they would like to encourage more support for the musical program and events that happen on campus and any feedback they can receive would be welcome.

NDUS Chancellor's Visit: The Senate was asked to vote on whether or not to change the date of the November meeting to accommodate for the Chancellor's visit on November 19th. Teresa made a motion to change the date of the meeting from November 17th to the proposed date of the 19th. Rosie Winczewski second. The Senate voted and all were in favor. MC

NDCPD Vacant Senate Seat: The Senate has a vacant seat for the resignation of Kylene Kraft. Linda Benson explained that the election committee would look into who received votes from their area of campus and offer the position to one of them.

Linda Benson reported on the Student Government meeting for September. The SGA has implemented a perks program for students with around forty businesses in Minot offering some sort of discount to students.

Lisa Brule and Annamaria Holt were visiting the Staff Senate. They are the new SGA representatives for the current year and will be joining us every month.

The Marketing office has a balloon service for University use only and it is free of charge.

Minot State has a new Facebook page, and anyone with a Facebook account can become a fan.

Rosie Winczewski made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:52.
Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2009 in the Jones Room.

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