Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, September 16, 2008
9:00 a.m – Jones Room


Absent: Libby Claerbout, Mandy Bibow, Karla Bredahl, Pam Hopkins, Ann Rivera, Amy Woodbeck, Marlene Hargrave.

Ex Officio Members and Visitors Present: Wes Matthews, Lori Willoughby, Rebecca Porter, Teresa Loftesness, Karen Humphreys.

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 Kylene Kraft.

Approval of Agenda: Changes to the agenda included moving Teresa Loftesness before the old business. Kathy Nelson made a motion to approve. Rosie Winczewski seconded.

Reports: Matt Schaefer was not present so there was no VP Report.
Mindy Rudnick gave the Treasurer’s Report.
- There were no changes to the Staff Senate General Fund or the MSU Kick Off Fund.
The Staff Senate General Fund had a cash balance of $774.89. The Kick-Off fund had a cash balance of $939.10. Barb Johnson made a deposit of $188 from scrap metal and $1.01 from money left over from tokens. We had expenses of $33.19 for copies, and there was a voucher being processed for the tent rental of $600. There were $686.90 in recycling token to use also.

Nathan offered a big welcome to our guests. Lori Willoughby was appointed as the Faculty Senate representative, and Karen Humphreys from the INBRE program came as a visitor. Nathan suggested that she could possibly serve Tammy Pons vacant position.

Visitor Comments: Teresa Loftesness from the Marketing Office was the first visitor to present at Staff Senate. She was looking for any marketing ideas the staff on campus may have. She showed us the new Viewbooks being distributed to high school students and potential MSU recruits. Teresa discussed their new Image Campaign, where they feature four faculty, four students and four alumni in various television, radio and print advertisements. She also discussed another project marketing is working on called Being a Beaver, and finding your Beaver identity, and their new UHost program.
Teresa then opened up the discussion to the Staff Senate asking if the Senate had any ideas. Rosie suggested finding alumni who have succeeded in their careers because of their experience at Minot State. No other suggestions were offered.

Rebecca Porter was at the Staff Senate meeting for approval of the upcoming Connect Sessions for 2009. Renae Yale made a motion to approve the dates. TJ Lipsey seconded. MC

Area Reports: Linda Benson reported on the SGA meeting, informing the Senate that the SGA was gearing up for Homecoming, and they would be holding a meeting on Thursday Sept, 17 to discuss Chartwell’s concerns.

Wes Matthews, Human Resources Director, was at Staff Senate to get approval of a change to the Harrassment Policy. The change involved changing the wording of the policy and adding in a form for employees to fill out. Rosie made a motion to approve. Lilah second. MC

New Business:
Homecoming: Nathan received a letter form Leon for Parade Registration. Lilah has been given the form. If anyone had any ideas for a homecoming float they were to forward them to the Homecoming committee. The committee and any interested staff senate members were to meet at Plant at 2:30 on Friday, Sept 26 to work on the float. The Staff Senate agreed to use recycling tokens to purchase candy for the float and Nathan agreed to go and purchase the candy.

Parking Appeals Committee: Roger Kluck. Plant Services Director, sent a letter looking for anyone interested in serving on the Parking Appeals Committee. Nathan had said he had found two people to fill the Staff Senate spots on that Committee.

Nathan has made a decision to appoint Karen Humphreys to replace Tammy Pons.

Lilah made a motion to Adjourn, Scott Peterson second.

Meeting Adjourned 10:00. Next meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2008.

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