Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, July 21, 2009
9:00 A.M. – Jones Room

*Members Present:* Matt Schaefer, Mindy Rudnick, Marcia Johnson, Rosie Winczewski, Linda Benson, Scott Peterson, T.J. Lipsey, Kylene Kraft, Jessica Hudson, Teresa Loftesnes, Connie Teets, Mark Lyman, Pam Hopkins, Karla Bredahl, Paul Brekke, Karen Humphreys, Nathan Anderson, Brenda Munson.

*Absent:* Marlene Hargrave, Wade Regier, Mandy Bibow, Tim Healy, Renae Yale.

*Ex Officio Members and Visitors Present:* Ernst Pijning and Billy Seright.

**Call to Order:** President Matt Schaefer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Connie Teets made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Teresa Loftesnes.

**Approval of Agenda:** Marcia Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Kylene Kraft second.

**Officer Reports:** Mindy Rudnick gave the Treasurer’s Report.
- The Staff Senate General Fund had a cash balance of $587.59. There were no Fiscal Year 2010 expenses to report. Fiscal Year 2009 ended with copy expenses of $132.00, food expense of $49.00 and postage of $5.88. The Kick-Off fund had a cash balance of $1,423.04. There were no Fiscal Year 2010 expenses and Fiscal Year 2009 ended with scrap metal deposits totaling $1,330.41 and expenses of $34.65 for copies, and tent rental of $600. There is $785.30 in recycling tokens.

**New Member:** Brenda Munson will replace Lisa Johnson on the Staff Senate. Lisa took a position with the North Dakota University System and therefore had to resign her position.

**Visitors:** Billy Seright, the executive director for Companions for Children, was present at Staff Senate. He discussed the mission of Companions for Children and the benefits of a partnership between Companions for Children and Staff Senate. Nathan Anderson made a motion to form a formalized partnership with Companions for Children. Karen Humphreys second. Staff Senate voted. MC

Faculty Senate President Ernst Pijning visited the Staff Senate to discuss his plans for Faculty Senate this year. He has set aside December 3rd for all three senates to meet, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and Student Government. He would like to have more informal gatherings between Staff and Faculty as well as address some policy issues during the next school year.
Old Business:

Fall Kick-Off: Food: Rosie had taken care of ordering the food from Chartwells.

Advertising: Flyers for the Kick-Off got mailed out with the Convocation Packets and posters were hung on Bulletin Boards.

Prizes: Prize drawings were set to begin at 6:00 PM.

Registration Table work schedule would be passed around at the next meeting, which will be a special Kick-Off meeting scheduled for August 11th at 9:00 AM in the Jones Room.

NDUS Staff Senate: Linda Benson reported to the Staff Senate on the last State Staff Senate Meeting. The NDUS Chancellor attended the last meeting in Bismarck in June. He will meet with all the Senates during his visit to Minot State in November. The State Staff Senate has scheduled various IVN meetings for the upcoming year. Linda was elected Secretary of the State Staff Senate for the current year. The NDUS Staff Senate had proposed a change to their constitution regarding the attendance of at least one member of the NDUS Human Resource Council to all State Staff Senate meetings. Linda Benson moved to approve the amendment, Teresa Lofteees second. MC

Rosie Winczewski made a motion to adjourn. TJ Lipsey Second. Meeting adjourned.

Special Kick-Off meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2009 in the Jones Room at 9:00 AM.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2009 in the Jones Room.

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