Minot State University  
Staff Senate Minutes  
Tuesday, December 21, 2010  
9:00 A.M. – Westlie Room

*Members Present:* Anton Huether, Tricia Houmann, Mindy Rudnick, Karen Humphreys, Korie Huettl, Darla Weigel, Sarah Walker, Renae Yale, Teresa Loftesnes, Paul Brekke, and Melissa Cantone.

*Absent:* Linda Benson, Mark Lyman, Vicki Troftgruben, Nancy Mickelson, Connie Teets, Bill Klimpel, Rebecca Ruzicka, Jessica Hudson, Brenda Munson, Scott Peterson, Wade Regier, Sherri Giessinger, and Tim Healy.

*Ex Officio Members and Visitors Present:* Wes Matthews

**Call to Order:** Vice President Anton Huether called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sarah Walker made motion to approve November meeting minutes and Karen Humphreys made second motion.

**Officer Reports:** Tricia Houmann gave the Treasurer’s Report.
- The Staff Senate General Fund had a cash balance of $548.85 and The Kick-Off fund had a cash balance of $105.40.

**Dr Fuller Address:** Dr Fuller began with speaking about the upcoming legislation session, which will be the third week in January. There will be a presentation made to support numerous projects including the geothermal project. He mentioned that the Governor’s recommendation for salary increases is 3%. Dr Fuller also spoke about the Northern Sun Conference and that they will be making the decision on January 20th if Minot State University is approved. Dr Fuller went into details about the numerous construction projects going on around campus. Once of the projects mentioned is the ongoing construction and remodeling in the Administration building. A few of the changes include the old Jones room being constructed for the new TRIO support. The new Jones room will be located on the 3rd floor. The Center for Extended Learning will also be moving to the 3rd floor. The 1st floor will be concentrated for student success, which will include the Registrar/Records office and Student Financial Aid. The Business Office will be expanding on the 2nd floor along with the move of the Vice President of Academic Affair and Vice President of Administration and Finance offices. In the Student Center, Sodexo will be making major renovations with food services. A couple of other future projects include the new Wellness Center construction that will begin in March and should take around 14 months to complete. Also, there are bids being submitted to knock down the stadium due to dangerous sliding and cracks. Dr Fuller stated that the geo-thermal wells should be dug this spring and a competition track will be built over the drilled wells. Dr Fuller made the announcement that Rebecca Porter will be the new Registrar on campus. Lastly, he mentioned that there are new academic advising criteria due to a need for a stronger advising system.
Committee Reports:

**Scholarship Committee:** There was discussion on how the scholarship should be disbursed. Teresa Loftesnes made the motion to provide a $50.00 scholarship for a staff employee and two $75 scholarships for dependents. Karen Humphreys made second motion. It was discussed that the voting for this will take place at a later date.

**NDUS Staff Senate:** Anton Huether spoke in regards to the meeting that took place via IVN, and it was mentioned that the president had resigned. Anton also mentioned that there is a bill for a non-voting seat and that Bottineau has been looking to revive their senate participation.

New Business:

**Annual Compensation Increases:** There was discussion, led by Wes Matthews, in regards to the annual compensation increases that will be effective July 1, 2011. Wes went into detail with examples of what to expect with salary increases and the NDPERS retirement fund changes. Some of the discussion was in regards to the differences between Higher Education and the State.

Sarah Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second motion made by Darla Weigel. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 18, 2011 in the Westlie Room.