Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, January 18, 2011
9:00 A.M. – Westlie Room


Absent: Paul Brekke, Bill Klimpel, 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 9:00 a.m.

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 $245.40.

Dr Fuller Address: Dr Fuller began with speaking about the presentation that would be given to the House Education Committee. The presentation would include appreciation for the support of Swain Hall. The Geothermal project would be mentioned along with the shortage of housing for students. Dr Fuller spoke about the Northern Sun Conference and how he had talked to the Presidents at the schools to gain support of MSU receiving entrance into the Conference. Dr Fuller mentioned that the spring enrollment numbers were up 5% from the numbers this time last year. Lastly, Dr Fuller provided updates on the construction in the Administration and Student Center buildings. The Jones room is almost completed and the TRIO office was now filled.

Area Reports:
Wes Matthews went over some of the bills that would be brought up during the legislative sessions. He went over some of the recommendations for salary increases and there was more discussion on the NDPERS Retirement bill. Wes spoke about the Compensation Task Force possibly trying to establish a permanent fund for one-time bonuses for merit pay if there would ever be funding available. Lastly, there was discussion on the NDUS policy for closures due to severe winter weather.

Committee Reports:
Scholarship Committee: Teresa Loftesnes made a motion to provide a $50 for one staff employee and $75 each for two dependents. Karen Humphrey’s made the second motion. President Linda Benson carried the motion. Sue Lommen was
chosen for the staff employee award and Shelby Gantzer and Dennis Mikula were chosen for the two student awards.

**Holiday Decorating Contest Committee:** Student Health & Development won the 2010 Holiday Decorating Contest. Tricia Houmann dropped off the plaque to have the label engraved for the winning department. It would be delivered today, Tuesday January 18.

**New Business:**

**Compensation Task Force:** Nancy Mickelson volunteered to become a new member of the Compensation Task Force. Connie Teets made the first motion and Mark Lyman made the second motion.

**NDUS Staff Senate:** Aaron Berg is now the President for NDUS Staff Senate. A bill was drafted that would provide Staff Senate to get a non-voting seat.

Mark Lyman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second motion made by Vicki Troftgruben. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 15, 2011 in the Jones Room.

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