Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, April 19, 2011
9:00 A.M. – Westlie Room


Absent: Teresa Loftesnes, Brenda Munson, Scott Peterson, Vicki Troftgruben, Rebecca Ruzicka, and Tim Healy.

Ex Officio Members and Visitors Present: Wes Matthews and Holly Major, Tiffany Fylling, and Jancy Brisson from TRiO-Student Support Services.

Call to Order: President Linda Benson 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 $546.40.

TRiO: Employees from the TRiO department spoke to us about what TRiO-Student Support Services is and who qualifies for their services. All present Staff Senate members were asked to take a brief test about TRiO and then the Holly, Tiffany, and Jancy went over the answers. TRiO-Student Support Services is a program that offers support to students who are at a disadvantage or need the motivation and confidence to succeed with their post-secondary education. Students who are first generation, low income, or with disabilities would qualify for services. Qualifying students also need to be a citizen of the United States.

Committee Reports:
  Orientation Committee:
    Julie Keller gave the first campus tour for new or current employees and it went well.

  Legislative Committee:
    Linda Benson gave an update stating that Gov. Dalrymple signed House Bill 1213 for a North Dakota University System staff representative to have a non-voting seat on the SBHE.

New Business:
  Staff Senate Elections:
    Thank you to Connie Teets for keeping track of the eligibility list. Darla Weigel made a motion to continue the electronic elections in the future. Sarah Walker made a second motion.
Bill Klimpel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second motion made by Karen Humphreys. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, 2011 in the Jones Room.