Minot State University  
Staff Senate Minutes  
Tuesday, May 17, 2011  
9:00 A.M. – Jones Room


*Absent:* Teresa Loftesnes, Paul Brekke, Bill Klimpel, Wade Regier, Jessica Hudson, Kelly Lichtenberger, Scott Peterson, Melissa Cantone, Lynn Redden and Tim Healy.

*Ex Officio Members and Visitors Present:* Wes Matthews, Tom Seymour, and Maynard Sandberg, alumni and Board of Regents member.

**Call to Order:** President Linda Benson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** President Linda Benson approved minutes from the April 19 meeting.

**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.

**Special Election:**  
Maynard Sandberg, who is a Minot State University alumni and Board of Regents member, spoke about the special city election on June 14. It is being proposed that the $.01 sales tax that goes toward the NAWS program, which is scheduled to be discontinued at the end of 2011, will continue to be collected after 2011. If voted in, this $.01 sales tax will be collected as part of a 10 year program that is estimated to add up to about $2.75 million and will be split three different ways. Forty percent will be distributed towards city infrastructure, thirty percent will be distributed towards tax relief for property owners, and thirty percent will be distributed towards community structures, such as hockey arena, auditorium, dome improvements, etc. This election is only open to city of Minot residents and they will be able to vote at the Municipal Auditorium.

**Update from Wes:**  
A law has been passed, for state employees, changing family sick leave to 80 hours or 10% of sick leave balance. This law is expected to be passed soon for North Dakota University System staff employees as well.

**Committee Reports:**  
*Election Committee:*
The following new senators have been elected: Sarah Carr and Cheryl Merck, both from NDCPD, and Connie Teets reelected to represent Education and Health Sciences, Enrollment Services, Graduate School, GPCCRS, and OIP. The three members-at-large are Nathan Anderson, Julie Keller, and Lynn Redden.

**Old Business:**

**Fall Kick Off:** Sarah Walker stated that she plans to get all committees together to go over ideas. This includes the food, entertainment, advertisement, and prize committees.

**New Business:**

**Campus Directory:** In the Quick Reference Guide section of the campus directory, there was a suggestion to add fax numbers. Karen Humphreys stated that if there are any other suggestions for changes to be made to that page, to let her know.

**Staff Senate Elections:**

The 2011/2012 Staff Senate officer nominations began with the position for Secretary/Treasurer. Connie Teets nominated Tricia Houmann but Tricia declined. Connie Teets volunteered for the position.

The next position elected was for Vice President and Anton Huether was the only nomination so therefore he was elected into the position.

The last position to elect was for President. Vicki Troftgruben was nominated by Brenda Munson and Sarah Walker was nominated by Anton Huether. Vicki was elected Staff Senate President.

Sarah Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second motion was made by Vicki Troftgruben. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2011 in the Jones Room.