Minot State University  
Staff Senate Minutes  
Tuesday, July 19, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – Jones Room

Members Present: Vicki Troftgruben, Anton Huether, Connie Teets, Nathan Anderson, Linda Benson, Melissa Cantone, Sarah Carr, Tricia Houmann, Korie Huettl, Karen Humphreys, Julie Keller, Bill Klimpel, Cheryl Merck, Nancy Mickelson, Brenda Munson, Scott Peterson, Mindy Rudnick, Rebecca Ruzicka, Lynn Redden, Sarah Walker

Absent: Donna Harvey, Darla Weigel, Wes Matthews, and Tom Seymour

Call To Order: President Vicki Troftgruben called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Brenda Munson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21st, and the July 12th meetings. Linda Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Officer Reports: There were no reports given at this meeting.

Old Business: The Fall Kick-off will be held on Wednesday, August 17th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. The food/operational committee will meet on Wednesday, July 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Souris Room. They will discuss set-up issues and everything that will go so they would like people to attend this meeting.

Karen spoke with Melissa Spelechen and Rick Watson and they are both good to go on Wednesday, August 17th.

Lynn Redden told the committee that they have a Power-Week for the students and they would like to use August 17th to build in some community service work for their students. The students could make up the games, manage the games, or other activities for the kids. Some of the activities that were talked about at the meeting were using the soccer, football, and volleyball teams doing activities with the kids.

Linda Benson asked if Buckshot would be invited to attend and everyone was in agreement that this should happen.

Vicki informed the senators that Dr. Fuller does not want a silent auction or for us to go out and get donations for people. We can do the free-will offering and Brian Foisy and Jonelle Watson will work out a plan to distribute what is collected.

Since there are no prizes to get the Prize Committee will combine with the Entertainment Committee. Possibly do some ribbons to hand out at each activity. Could get the stuff from JoAnn’s Fabric pretty cheap.

Karen Humphreys asked if anyone had anything they would like to see in the Quick Reference guide to please let her know as she has to get it back to printing soon.
New Business: Spearheading the sales tax break on materials for those that are in the flood. The governor could make it work if we send it in with enough signatures. Linda Benson made a motion that we spearhead this and get it out there for people. Karen Humphreys seconded the motion and it was passed by the senators.

Bill Klimpel asked about making up the proposal and taking it around. Wondering who we contact in the University System to get this passed and it is Pat Seaworth. This would be the whole community, not just Minot. Revenue for the state would be less so we may come into people who are not in agreement of this. Linda Benson will take to the State Staff Senate to have them help with this project. Connie Teets made a motion to get a committee together to work on this sales tax break project, seconded by Sarah Walker, and it passed. Vicki asked for volunteers to be on the committee and a chair. The members of this committee are Linda Benson, Sarah Walker, Lynn Reddin, and Bill Klimpel and Lynn will be the chair of this committee.

President Fuller will have an open forum on Friday from 11:00-12:00 and everyone is encouraged to attend and they will discuss the flood and recovery items. One of the questions will be about how much time off people are allowed to work on their house or help other people. Vicki suggested everybody attend this forum.

Homecoming parade was talked about getting ready for that and the theme is 'Rock The Red'. Signing up for the parade comes out of Leon Perzinski's office. Everyone wants to be up front and it was mentioned that this one might be really long since there was no Fair parade this year.

Julie Keller asked about what people do when they need to work on their houses as far as time off? Will they be given whatever time they need to get back in or will they allow us to donate time to them? Mindy informed everybody that they would be allowed 3 days only for that and than they will have to take annual leave for the rest. Vicki said that she will be attending the University Cabinet meeting tomorrow and she would let us know if she heard anything from that meeting and that Dr. Fuller is planning a forum on Friday from 11:00-12:00 and it will probably be discussed there.

Vicki asked if there was any other new business. Linda Benson talked about the North Dakota State Staff Senate meeting that was held in June. It was also discussed that the family leave has gone up to 80 hours as of June 16th.

Sarah Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill Klimpel seconded.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 16th.