Call to Order: President Vicki Troftgruben called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roger Kluck: He updated the staff senate on what was going on for the Wellness building, how the project is moving forward, informed the group about the climbing wall, and stated the skywalk should be done soon. The University Heights project is moving along as well; and Beaver Lodge will have 100 beds available soon, as the last two units are being moved in and set up today. Parking is wreaking havoc with the work on the west side of the university. The geothermal project is continuing. William Chew is the new security chief on campus.

President Fuller: Dr. Fuller talked about all the events going on for Homecoming week; Johnny Holmes being here, the block party, coronation, golden globes, dinner, the homecoming parade and football game on Saturday. The University has had a 6% decline in enrollment according to the reports from Rebecca and Carrie. Enrollment is a huge issue right now. The geothermal project did not receive approval for the requested budget amount needed to cover the originally planned project.

Wes Matthews: Introduced his new assistant, Donna Klein and explained their move to the third floor of the Administration building. Mindy asked Wes about tours for new faculty and staff and when they would be starting. Wes stated he needs to discuss this process with Teresa Loftesnes to verify when the tours will resume.

Old Business: Vicki would like the Election Committee and the Bylaws Committee meet by October 18th.

Anton stated that MSU Celebration invitations will be completed once the event date is set and plans for the evening are complete.

Karen Humphreys said the entertainment committee received positive comments and everything went great. Some people wanted the DJ earlier because by the time he got on stage everyone had already left. The POWER students did a great job and had a good time. Face painting was so busy and there was not enough help at that station. Scott needs to be reimbursed for the expense of the balloons that he bought and Sarah needs to be reimbursed for the ice that she bought. Julie Keller made a motion to approve these reimbursements, Mindy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Suggestions for next year were; play old fashioned games amongst the different colleges on campus and have a traveling trophy; have eating contests. It was mentioned that we did have an increased food budget this year because of it being on the campus grounds rather than at the zoo.

Leon will be sending out what number we are in the parade tomorrow morning.

Lynn Redden: Sales tax bill will be presented to the Governor and then they will present to the State. If the bill is passed, people will receive a tax rebate of up to $2500.00, this is a one-time deal. Longevity of the bill was not there, suppliers and contractors are too busy and people can’t get the work done. There will be another meeting on Friday at 9:00 am if anyone would like to sit in.
**New Business:** It was suggested that the staff senate host a Christmas fund raiser for the MSU flood families and the money raised be given out by Black Friday. Concerns are that this may create payroll issues. It was suggested that we could give the money to Marv Semrau to combine it with the fund for the MSU families, but that we could not say that it must go out by black Friday. Suggestions were made for selling chocolates. Bill Klimple made the motion, Connie Teets seconded, the motion did not pass. Other suggestions were that we already had a free will offering taken at the MSU Fall Celebration and we might be asking too much of people on campus. Anton Huether mentioned the funds raised at the auction this year were going to a MSU flood family. Rebecca Ruzicka suggested we do something like free gift-wrapping for the flood families. Lynn Redden made the comment that the families seem to appreciate the services. Mindy Rudnick suggested that we bake for them, such as cookie trays for the families around Christmas time. Darla Weigel mentioned that if people would donate 2 to 3 dozen of baked goodies we could divvy them up to trays. Sherrie Giessinger suggested a lot of the people maybe lost their Christmas decorations so maybe we could do something to do with that. Linda Benson made a motion that Staff Senate do a service of some kind for the flood victims and Darla Weigel seconded, the motion passed. Sarah Carr suggested we open the baking up to all the staff on campus.

Darla Weigel made a motion to adjourn and Lynn Redden seconded, motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 15, 2012 at 9 a.m. in the Jones Room.

Sarah Walker wanted to know if there is some sort of security system in place in the event of an escalation in the office. Some offices have a system in place. Vicki Troftgruben will ask Bill Chew to attend our next meeting to address the issue.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 20th in the Jones Room.