Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, December 20, 2011
9:00 a.m. – Jones Room


Absent: Linda Benson, Tom Seymour, Scott Peterson

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

William Chew: William Chew is the Superintendent of Security. He started on campus in September 2011. He talked about the alert button that is available, but not inside of buildings. He has noticed that some students and other personnel seem to have access after the buildings have been locked for the night. Parking on campus is atrocious and plans for next year parking will make some happy and some unhappy. There is 24/7 security on campus and they are hiring two more people. There are first aid kits but they are in the janitors office and no one has access to them. Some of the exterior doors to buildings don’t close all the way and this is a security issue.

President Fuller: He attended a chamber meeting and at this time last year there were about 21,000 cars on Broadway and now there are approximately 37,000 cars per day. He also talked about the post office moving the mail service out of our area and reminded us about convocation on January 9, 2012.

Wes Matthews: Dec. 15th the board met, HR policy change, if the university closes employees receive the day off with pay or closure leave, you do not have to take a vacation day even if you were already scheduled for personal leave. Rob “Flood” Anderson is no longer in his position as the flood liaison for MSU, but MSU still has employees handling those same functions. Bottineau Dakota College is bringing gift cards for the children of the MSU employees that have flooded homes. CTF update, 3% increase, 320 staff members are behind in the 80% comp ratio. Payroll tax extension for two months, the house did not agree.

Vicki: NDUSS last meeting was on December 6th. Discussed the tuition waiver and it is on the NDUSS website under policy and procedure. Some schools do allow tuition waiver, some pay 100% for children & spouses tuition. Leave was also discussed.

Vicki informed the committee that Shan Haarsager is going to fill Karen Humphreys vacant spot on Staff Senate.

Committee Reports: Lynn spoke about Karen Krebsbach being disappointed that the bill did not get through but was going to try again in January 2013 legislative session.

There are self-defense courses being offered, January 19th and 26th.
Sarah Carr thanked everyone for helping with the baked goodies trays for the flooded victims. Sarah said people really seemed to appreciate it.

Bill Klimpel reported that 2.5% was allocated to Williston College to try and keep people there in their jobs. Bill made a motion that the Legislative Committee should bring forward a proposal to review special allocation to Minot and what we are going through. Motion was seconded by Sarah Walker. Motion passed.

*Next meeting*: January 17, 2012 in the Jones Room.