Members Present: Nathan Anderson, Linda Benson, Sarah Carr, Shan Haarsager, Donna Harvey, Anton Huether, Tricia Houmann, Korie Huettl, Julie Keller, Bill Klimpel, Wes Matthews, Cheryl Merck, Nancy Mickelson, Brenda Munson, Scott Peterson, Mindy Rudnick, Rebecca Ruzicka, Tom Seymour, Connie Teets, Vicki Troftgruben, Sarah Walker, Darla Weigel

Absent: Melissa Cantone, Sherri Giessinger, and Lynn Redden

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

President Fuller: President Fuller was out of town.

Area Reports:
Wes Matthews: The Social Security deduction is expected to continue for the rest of this year though President Obama has not signed it yet. Raises this year will average 2% due to the low enrollment, and one student to enroll that would help the raises. The Vision 2013 Merit Awards would stay. Starting Jan. 1, 2012, the deduction for retirement increased from 1% to 2%, and it will increase 1% for the next two years to cover the shortfall in the NDPERS and TIAA-CREF, the other retirement fund.

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Committee Reports:
Scholarship Committee: Trisha Houmann reported that they met on Friday and that they have 5 or 6 students who applied and 1 staff member who all met the criteria needed. They drew 2 students and 1 staff member. They have $200.00 to work with. Linda Benson moved to approve the work of the Scholarship Committee, seconded by Sarah Walker. Motion passed

Legislative Committee: Sarah Walker stated President Fuller is in favor of the work they are doing. Sarah mentioned that Vicki had sent out an email asking for people to assist them with research and writing, and this can be anyone on campus, it does not have to be someone on Staff Senate or Faculty Senate. Right now we have Linda Benson, Bill Klimpel, Sarah Walker, Darla Weigel, and Wes Matthews on the committee, and we have had Donna Harvey, Patti Fedji, and Julie Keller volunteer to help out.

Bill Klimpel mentioned that we needed to get some more supporters for the sales-tax bill before the next legislative session. Sarah mentioned that they do have Karen Krebsbach already, but Tom Seymour asked if she was going to run again and that she hasn’t committed to another term yet. Tom mentioned if any of us know of a representative from any other towns we need to get them on board with us
*Bylaws Committee:* Connie Teets presented the Bylaws showing that they had been changed a long time ago, but that the changes were never incorporated into the body of the bylaws to read as they were changed and what we were looking for is a motion to move the amendments over to the actual bylaws. Bill Klimpel made a motion that the bylaws are changed so that the amendments are in the actual text, seconded by Sarah Walker. Sarah asked if these were formatting changes, and Connie told her that they are just bringing the old amendments that were passed a long time ago into the body of the bylaws so that when you read them, they are read correctly with these changes that were made. Motion was passed.

*Old Business:* None.

*New Business:* Tom Seymour wanted to thank Anton Huether for getting Faculty Senate minutes posted to the Faculty Senate website so quickly.

Meeting adjourned by Vicki Troftgruben.

*Next Meeting:* March 20, 2012, 9:00 a.m. in the Jones Room.