Attendees: Vicki Troftgruben, Darla Weigel, Sherri Giessinger, Linda Benson, Tyler Schmaltz, Scott Peterson, Charlene Radke, Julie Keller, Mindy Rudnick, Celeste Simmons, Cheryl Merck, David Klassy, Cathy Anderson, Carla Davis, Bill Klimpel, Beth Odahlen, Wes Matthews – Ex-officio member.

Absent: Connie Teets, John Johnson, Linda Seklecki, Brandon Neiss, Derek Van Dyke, Lindsey Benson, Suzanne Blessum, Dr. Tom Seymour – Faculty Senate representative.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vicki Troftgruben, Staff Senate president, at 9:00am.

Minutes: A motion by Bill Klimpel to approve August’s minutes as written was seconded by Celeste Simmons. The minutes were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Homecoming Parade Committee

Bill Klimpel gave a report regarding Staff Senate involvement with Homecoming 2012, with a written update submitted by Connie Teets. There were eight walkers and a nice, simple float in the parade. Thanks to Bill and Connie for donating the candy. Staff Senate participation in the parade will continue, especially with next year being our Centennial celebration. Staff Senate will make more of an effort to participate.

Legislative Committee

The Cost of Living Legislative Subcommittee has gathered data and is preparing questions for an online survey. The survey will have a comment section where anecdotal information is requested and needed. The survey will be announced through Public Announcements and email.

No other committees had updates to report.

Area Reports:

General

There has been some turnover of senators. Staff Senate President, Vicki Troftgruben, would like to extend a welcome to new senators: Virginie Vournas, Emily Rodacker, Karla Bredahl, and Jennifer Feller.

Beth Odahlen explained some details about the Midwest Educational Coop.
Old Business:

3-Tier Proposal – North Dakota State Staff Senate is providing input on waivers. Wes Matthews described differences between waivers and scholarships.

Parking – An adhoc committee of senators was formed since there was still interest to recommend proposals to Facilities Management and the MSU president on how the campus parking situation could be improved. Many opinions were expressed. Beth Odahlen will lead the committee and also involve faculty and students for input so campus recommendations are a unified proposal.

Bill Klimpel volunteered to be on campus’ Parking Appeals Committee.

New Business:

Package pickup and delivery: please email or call Roger Kluck so he can personally deliver any large or bulky packages that may be too cumbersome to carry a long distance. Due to budget cuts and staff availability, he would like to know when deliveries need to be made as he reports to university administration about these matters.

Employee Wellness: Even when a staff member takes courses, they are still classified as an employee, not students. The new Wellness Center is paid by students through imposed fees. Employees are not classified as students. University administration is working on a solution to provide employees a place to work-out (which may be the 3rd floor of Dome).

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Klimpel, and seconded by Darla Weigel. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2012, Jones Room.