Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
November 20, 2012 – Jones Room

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, Emily Rodaker, Virginie Vournas. Diane Pierson, Karla Bredahl, Brandon Neiss, Lindsey Benson, Derek Van Dyke, John Johnson, Dr. Tom Seymour – Faculty Senate representative, Wes Matthews – Ex-officio member.

Absent: Connie Teets, Linda Seklecki, and Suzanne Blessum.

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 Diane Pierson. The minutes were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Faculty Senate meeting update

Dr. Seymour updated us on the last Faculty Senate meeting which was very long due to the Curriculum Committee taking the biggest portion of the meeting.

Human Resources update

Wes Matthews had not new information to pass on.

Holiday Decoration Committee

Cheryl Merck gave an update on the committee on the decoration contest. The judges have been picked and Devin McCall, the new director of residence life, will be one of the judges. The theme is “Team Christmas Spirit” with judging to occur on Dec 7th in the morning.

Student Government Association representative

Linda Benson stated that Brian Foisy, vice president for administration and finance, and Dr Fuller met with SGA to discuss the budgets. The SGA is still looking at the “Pathways to Student Success” document, and SGA also held a legislative day bringing legislators to the campus.

Legislative Committee

The Cost-of-Living Legislative Subcommittee is finalizing the report to be present by Vicki to Dr Fuller. Dr. Seymour noted that the Legislative Forums will be in Minot Jan 2, 19, 26 Feb 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2013 at the State Fairgrounds with all meetings being held 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
Parking Committee

Beth Odahlen gave an update on the committee’s first meeting. They are also looking for a chair as Beth will not be able to continue. They are looking for a Senator to take the position.

Scholarship Committee

The first meeting will be held in December with Cheryl Merck and Julie Keller co-chairing the committee.

No other committees had updates to report.

Area Reports: None

Old Business:

Staff and Faculty Fitness area

Linda Benson talked with Paul Brekke, and we can use the third floor of the Dome. If the door is locked, faculty and staff can get a key from the Athletic Department to open and must return key when done. There are no weights; the equipment is all cardio machines with a total of 12.

New Business:

General:

Vicki gave an update on the meeting Staff Senate held with Dr. Fuller and Brian Foisy on the budget shortfall for MSU of $1.85 million. If you would like a copy of the document that was handed out please talk with Vicki.

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Dr. Fuller is asking for input to help with budget reduction ideas for the University. A few ideas that Staff Senate discussed were going to a four-day workweek during the summer. This would decrease electricity and help save money. Johnny Johnson will check with Xcel to see what cost saving this could be. Small heaters are also being used during the summer for staff to stay warm.

Three articles were sent out by Dr. Fuller to please review before our next meeting.

Teresa Loftesnes talked about the In The Know sessions being held Nov and Dec.2012.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Klimpel, and seconded by Darla Weigel. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 18, 2012, Jones Room.