Attendees: Vicki Troftgruben, Darla Weigel, Linda Benson, Sherri Giessinger, Julie Keller, Cheryl Merck, Tyler Schmaltz, Mindy Rudnick, Lindsey Benson, Suzanne Blessum, Emily Rodacker, Pam Hopkins, Donna Harvey, Derek Van Dyke, Bill Klompel, Beth Odahlen, Scott Peterson, Celeste Simmons, Carla Davis, John Johnson, Tiffany Fylling, Cathy Anderson, Brandon Neiss, Dr. Tom Seymour – Faculty Senate representative. Wes Matthews – Ex-officio member


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

Minutes: The March minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report: No update.

President Fuller’s Address:

- The North Dakota House of Representatives subcommittee amendment to the higher education funding bill has serious ramifications to Minot State University. Possible elimination of funding could mean no salary increases for higher education employees like other state employees will receive, and a two to three year delay in capital projects. Dr. Fuller is in communication with our local legislators and MSU’s Board of Regents. He is trying to get an exception to use the city funds available to complete the new stadium project.
- The House subcommittee also eliminated the governor’s funding proposal.
- The North Dakota Senate did give one-time funding of $2 million to MSU to help with flood-related items.
- HB1459 for a state-wide tax rebate for flood relief was supported by our local legislator, Karen Krebsbach. This bill was initiated by MSU’s Staff Senate.
- The Gordon B. Olson Library is celebrating its 20th anniversary today (April 16, 2013).
- Enrollment looks hopeful.
- MSU has strong supporters in the community and through its alumni, and is thought of as leading the community and state.

Area Reports:

NDUSSS Update

Linda Benson reported June 18, 2013 is the date on which Minot State University will host the annual State Staff Senate face-to-face meeting. Funding was approved and provided by Brian Foisy, vice president for administration and finance. The agenda is being determined.
Committee Reports:

Professional Development Committee – training will be forthcoming, possibly recurring and more formal.

Elections Committee – elections are coming soon in May. The Executive Committee will be elected at the May Staff Senate meeting.

Old Business:

HLC Pathways Project – no ideas have been proposed. Talk with coworkers for project ideas.

DVCC – the auction was a great success and earned over $1,500. The committee thanked everyone for their involvement. We’re looking at holding an auction again next year to support the center.

New Business:

No new business to report. It was noted again, that the Executive Committee will be selected at the May Staff Senate meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am, with a motion by Bill Klimpel and a second by Derek Van Dyke.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 in the Jones Room at 9:00 am.