Attendees: Linda Benson, Lindsey Benson, Karla Bredahl, Brittany Diegel – Student Government Association representative, Ashley Dhuyvetter, Pamela Hopkins, Aaron Hughes, Julie Keller, Bill Klimpel, Evelyn Klimpel, Wes Matthews – Ex-officio member, Devin McCall, Brandon Neiss, Mindy Rudnick, Tyler Schmaltz, Tom Seymour, Celeste Simmons, Steve Swenson, Marilyn Undhejm, Derek Van Dyke, Camila Van Dyke, Darla Weigel

Absent: Suzanne Blessum Paul Brekke, Carla Davis, Sherri Giessinger, Donna Harvey, John Johnson, Beth Odahlen, Scott Peterson, Diane Pierson, Charlene Radke, Emily Rodacker, Linda Seklecki

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Derek Van Dyke, Staff Senate president, at 9:02 am.

Minutes: September minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: There is $2,478.34 in the MSU Fall Kickoff Fund and $500.91 in the General Fund.

Area Reports:
State Staff Senate – Linda Benson reported
State Staff Senate met on September 23rd and discussed the State Board of Higher Education looking into the affiliation between MSU and Dakota College at Bottineau. They also discussed staff using tuition waivers between North Dakota University System Schools. They will meet again next week. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Faculty Senate – Dr. Tom Seymour
Faculty Senate met and discussed creating a sub committee to study the hiring process document released last week. Kevin Neuharth, Faculty Senate president, is inviting the Chancellor Larry Skogen to attend a future Faculty Senate meeting.

Committee Reports:
Homecoming Parade Committee – Celeste Simmons reported that the Homecoming Parade was successful. Fifteen Staff Senate members walked with the float.

Staff Senate president, Derek Van Dyke, asked that the following committees meet to determine a chair and have a report for the next Staff Senate meeting: Holiday Decorating Committee, Professional Development & Programming Committee, Orientation Committee, and Bylaws Committee. A list of committee members is available on our website: http://www.minotstateu.edu/stfsenat/

Old Business:
Centennial Committee – Mindy Rudnick reported that the committee hasn’t met recently, but that Homecoming Week was a success and that they are accepting Power of 100 projects through April. Aaron Hughes added that if anyone has any comments, critiques or concerns regarding any Homecoming or Centennial event, to let her or Teresa Loftesness, marketing director, know so the celebration continues to grow!

Power of 100 – Lindsey Benson reported that Staff Senate has 41 hours of documented service hours! Staff Senate members listed a few projects their departments are working on:

- Enrollment Services & the MSU Men’s Hockey Team – collecting goods to send to flood victims in Colorado
- Registrar Office – collecting donations for the Souris Valley Animal Shelter
- NDCPD – collecting cell phones for a project called “Cellphones for Soldiers”
- Advancement – collecting gift cards and coupons to donate to Easter Seals
- Student Activities – creating 100 fleece blankets to donate to a shelter
• Athletics – donating 100 tickets to different service organizations such as American Red Cross
• Diversity Committee – Celebrating 100 Cultures, a diversity fair scheduled for October 24th from 11-2

UPPC Update – Warren Gamas and Cheryl Nilsen reported on behalf of the University Program Prioritization Committee, urging Staff Senate to consider creating a task force of 6-8 staff members and 1-2 faculty members to look at prioritization criteria. Warren noted that this would serve as a recommending board to administration and would likely be active through April 2014. Cheryl added that a nomination process may work best to fill committee seats.

New Business:
Parking Appeals Committee – Derek asked for two volunteers to serve on the Parking Appeals Committee. Celeste Simmons and Pam Hopkins volunteered.

Presidential Search Committee – Julie Keller reported that the committee has only met once, and they discussed what qualities they were looking for in a new president and how they would go about advertising the position. The search is being handled by an outside firm. In January, they will begin looking at the recommended candidates. There is a MSU Presidential Search webpage, with a timeline for the search at: http://www.minotstateu.edu/ps/

Potential Staff Senate Projects – Discussion regarding potential Staff Senate projects was had. Karla Bredahl recommended Staff Senate look into potential faculty and staff usage of the Student Wellness Center. Derek urged other senate members to survey their constituents and report any additional concerns at the next meeting.

Announcements:
Preventing Harassment Training – This mandatory training will be held on October 23rd at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

Week of Wishes – SAC will be partnering with Make a Wish Foundation to raise coins at upcoming games and events. Their goal is to raise over $1,000.

Benefits Updates – Wes Matthews, human resources director, announced that there will be some changes regarding some of the 2014 benefits that could cause some confusion if not read through carefully. He urged all senate members to be on the lookout for information regarding open enrollment and NDPERS self-service login information.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 19th, 2013 in the Jones Room at 9:00 a.m.