Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
May 20, 2014 – Jones Room

Attendees: Linda Benson, Lindsey Benson, Suzanne Blessum, Karla Bredahl, Carla Davis, Ashley Dhuyvetter, Pam Hopkins, Evelyn Klimpel, Wes Matthews, ex-officio member, Devin McCall, Brandon Neiss, Emily Rodacker, Mindy Rudnick, Tyler Schmaltz, Marilyn Undhjem, Camila Van Dyke, Darla Weigel

Absent: Paul Brekke, Brittany Diegel, Student Government Association representative, Sherri Giessinger, Donna Harvey, Aaron Hughes, John Johnson, Julie Keller, Bill Klimpel, Beth Odahlen, Scott Peterson, Diane Pierson, Charlene Radke, Linda Seklecki, Tom Seymour, Faculty Senate representative, Celeste Simmons, Steve Swenson, Derek Van Dyke

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Lindsey Benson, Staff Senate vice president, at 9 a.m.

Minutes: April minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer’s Report: There is $351.39 in the General Fund and $2,628.46 in the Fall Kickoff Fund.

Address by President Fuller: President Fuller had a conflicting appointment.

Check presentations: Lindsey Benson presented $704 checks to representatives from each of the Minot food pantries. The money was raised at the Staff Senate silent auction. Joyce Sand from the Our Lady of Grace food pantry said they serve 400 families. The Salvation Army representative indicated that they served 150 families two years ago and serve over 250 now.

Update from Wes Matthews, human resources director: The Compensation Task Force recommended a 3 percent across-the-board salary increase to President’s Staff, and it was approved. Letters of appointment should go out within two weeks. Matthews indicated that Valley City State University utilizes a version of CTF. In the upcoming legislative session, the NDPERS retirement contribution will again be reviewed to see how to recoup funds lost in the economic crisis.

Area Reports:
State Staff Senate – Linda Benson reported that the next State Staff Senate meeting will be the face-to-face meeting at VCSU on June 24.

Committee Reports:
Power of 100 Committee – Lindsey Benson said the Staff Senate photo of donated hours in service to charitable causes.

Scholarship Committee – Ashley Dhuyvetter reported that two scholarships will be awarded: one to Jennifer Smith, College of Business, and another to Megan Wolf, daughter of Tammy Wolf from the Student Success Center.

Old Business:
UPPC Update – There will be an open forum pertaining to non-academic programs and a rubric and criteria are being developed.

Staff Senate Elections – Because of discrepancies, Staff Senate elections are being conducted again. Executive officers will be elected at a special meeting May 27.
New Business:

**CONNECT** – “Red carpet” events are slated for May 30 and June 2, 8-9 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to wear red MSU clothing.

**MSU Fall Kickoff** – Tentatively slated for Aug. 20, the evening following convocation.

**Move-in Day** – Housing is taking this over and developing a “move-in crew,” to get more student involvement. The day is scheduled for Aug. 21

**Adjourn**: The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

**Next Meeting**: Special meeting May 27 at 9 a.m. in the Jones Room.