Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
June 19, 2012 – Jones Room

Attendees: Nathan Anderson, Tyler Schmaltz, Megan Ferderer, Bill Klimpel, Diane Pierson, Celeste Simmons, Cheryl Merck, Suzanne Blessum, Mindy Rudnick, Julie Keller, Lindsey Benson, Derek Van Dyke, David Klassy, Sherri Giessinger, Linda Benson, Vicki Troftgruben.
Dr. Tom Seymour – Faculty Senate Representative.
Wes Matthews – Ex-officio member.

Absent: Amy Lisner, Beth Odahlen, Brandon Neiss, Carla Davis, Cathy Anderson, Connie Teets, Darla Weigel, John Johnson, Linda Seklecki, Sarah Carr, Charlene Radke (received update), Scott Peterson (received update).

Guest: Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Lenore Koczon was our guest speaker to discuss upcoming accreditation.

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

Minutes: The May 23, 2012 special meeting minutes were approved as written.

Area Reports:

- Wes will be attending the State Employees’ Compensation Commission meeting in Bismarck on June 20th.

- NDUS State Staff Senate held their annual face-to-face meeting in Wahpeton on June 13th. MSU was able to attend by conference call with a handful of members attending as schedules allowed. Celeste Simmons and Cheryl Merck gave an update from their attendance.

Committee Reports:

- The Legislative Committee subcommittee is still welcoming volunteers to help with researching the cost of living increases in Minot. The committee’s findings will be taken to Dr. Fuller for further action regarding possibilities to increasing MSU base wages and salaries.

- No other committees reported updates.
New Business: accreditation, committee sign-up, Fall Kick-off planning.

- Dr. Koczon gave a presentation regarding the HLC Pathways for Reaffirmation of Accreditation. Email handouts were distributed prior to the meeting for review. Dr. Koczon described and explained the different choices which Minot State University could pursue for accreditation. The current tendency is leaning towards accreditation with the Open Pathways method, which is more flexible with institutions, such as MSU, that are in good standing.

- Members present signed-up for their three (or more) committees for the year, one required to be part of the Fall Kick-off planning.

- Discussions were opened by Vicki regarding planning for the Fall Kick-off event, scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2012. It was decided to be held again on campus, in front of Old Main on the lawn, as this is a convenient place which lends itself to provide school spirit. Tent rental has been confirmed by Vicki. Julie Keller mentioned that Market Place may have refrigeration for the pop. Initial committee assignments were discussed such as pop amount, ice needs, finding prizes for the children, student athletes to help with games, setup, and entertainment.

  Vicki will attempt to have those senators absent during the meeting sign up for committees as soon as possible in order to have the Fall Kick-off committees active before the next regularly scheduled Staff Senate meeting. Vicki will forward a list of committees and members out to the group soon. Each committee is asked to select a chair person and provide that person’s name to Vicki.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 17, 2012.