Minot State University  
Staff Senate Minutes  
July 17, 2012 – Jones Room


Absent: Amy Lisner, Carla Davis, Connie Teets, John Johnson, Linda Seklecki, Megan Ferderer, David Klassy, Dr. Tom Seymour – Faculty Senate representative.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vicki Troftgruben, Staff Senate president, at 9:05am.

Committee Reports:

- Information and participation is welcome for the Legislative Committee subcommittee to research the cost of living increases in Minot. The committee’s findings will be taken to MSU President David Fuller for further action regarding possibilities to increase MSU base wages and salaries.

- No other committees reported updates.

Area Reports:

- NDUS State Staff Senate will have a conference call meeting on July 30th, 2012 at 3:00pm. MSU staff will meet in the Student Affairs Conference Room located in the Administration building on the first floor.

- Wes Matthews, director of human resources, did not have any big news to report other than MSU wages are about 10 percent behind the rest of the country.

- The tax rebate proposal, formulated by MSU Staff Senate for last year’s special legislative session, will hopefully be revisited at the next legislative session via support from a Minot legislator.
New Business:

**MSU Fall Kick-off Planning and Committee Updates**

**Food Committee:** Celeste Simmons gave an update from the Food Committee about having coolers (which will save on having to get more ice), donated ice, possible donation of ice cream; Cheryl’s working on hotdog and hamburger bun donations. The more donations we receive, the more food we will have. Our cost remains the same. We will need 8 servers to volunteer to help keep within our budget.

**Entertainment Committee:** Lindsey Benson said the committee has singers to perform, student athletes and POWER Week students to help with the games, and the Beta Theta Sorority members will help with face painting. They do not have a DJ hired. Bill Klimpel suggested possibly some broadcast students would be willing to do this. Dan Clegg, custodian, will be a clown for us again this year from 4:30-6:30pm. Other ideas were to have a balloon toss, or 3-legged races.

**Advertising Committee:** Tyler Schmaltz said advertising would be sent in Public Information’s Campus Announcements, and also MSU Fall Kickoff information will be sent with Convocation information. No special mailings will be sent this year. There was a discussion on placing 8.5 x 11 notices on bulletin boards throughout campus. It was confirmed that the event starts at 4:30pm, food will be served from 5-6:30pm (or until it is gone), and festivities end at 7:30pm.

**Setup Committee:** Bill Klimpel advised that Scott and TJ are taking care of things. The committee needs to know how many coolers so they can plan for the correct amount of cords.

**Prize Committee:** Suzanne Blessum (on behalf of Connie Teets, chair) related that they have stick-on tattoos, some backpacks, and miscellaneous party favors to give away. They will check on gift certificates like Tutti-Frutti, the MSU Bookstore, Teacher Education, other sources. It was confirmed that the prizes are for the kids (not adults).

**Parking Complaints**

An adhoc committee of six senators was formed to recommend proposals to Facilities Management on how the campus parking situation could be improved by functioning differently. Many staff members hear numerous complaints. It was discussed how MSU should be more visitor friendly in this area.

Minutes: A motion by Darla to approve June’s minutes was seconded by Derek. Minutes were approved as written.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 21, 2012, Jones Room.