Minot State University
Staff Senate Minutes
July 16, 2013 – Jones Room

Attendees: Vicki Troftgruben, Darla Weigel, Linda Benson, Celeste Simmons, Julie Keller, Tyler Schmultz, Lindsey Benson, Suzanne Blessum, Donna Harvey, Evelyn Klimpel, Bill Klimpel, Devin McCall, Camila Van Dyke, Steve Swenson, Marilyn Undhjem, Ashley Dhuyvetter, Emily Rodacker, Paul Brekke, Aaron Hughes, Derek Van Dyke

Absent: Beth Odahlen, Brandon Neiss, Carla Davis, Charlene Radke, Diane Pierson, John Johnson, Karla Bredahl, Linda Seklecki, Mindy Rudnick, Pam Hopkins, Scott Peterson, Sherri Giessinger, Wes Matthews – Ex-officio member, Dr. Tom Seymour – Faculty Senate representative.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Derek Van Dyke at 9:00 am.

Minutes: The June minutes were not dispersed and will be approved at the August meeting.

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
The State Staff Senate meeting at Minot State University on June 18th was very successful. Sparb Collins spoke about NDPERS and how to renew it to its original state before the economic decline.

Committee Reports:

Food Committee – Vicki Troftgruben reported that the committee met on June 15th and discussed options such as pulled chicken, veggie burgers, hotdogs, chips, watermelon, brownies, ice cream, soda and water. Recycling tokens will be used purchase the soda and water. Will obtain official food budget from Derek and contact Sodexo for other food options. They plan to feed approximately 450 and are welcoming any suggestions.

Entertainment Committee – Lindsey Benson reported that they have discussed via email to invite Rick Watson and Melissa Spelchen back with an additional musician so they can be on rotation. Discussed borrowing life size Jenga and Connect 4 from Student Activities, inviting the Beta Theta Sorority to face paint, and inviting the Sigma Delta Sorority, athletes and potentially POWER students to host games. Committee is open to suggestions.

Bill Klimpel moved that a theme is introduced for the 8th kickoff event as it is the Centennial. Emily Rodacker seconds. Discussion included creating contests to prompt participation and led to needing more time to develop ideas. Bill Klimpel and Emily Rodacker withdraw the motion and second.

Advertising Committee – Emily Rodacker reported that the first committee meeting will be tomorrow. Once they have received an advertising budget, they will look into postcard and poster options but the overall goal was to have the event the best attended in Fall Kick-off history. They will coordinate with the Entertainment Committee to promote activities, draw names for prizes and entice attendance. Re-introducing the Mystery Beaver program was discussed and the Marketing Department will be contacted.

Prize Committee—Steve Swenson reported that they had not met yet, but planned to contact campus departments such as Athletics, Marketing and Student Activities for prize donations. Diane Pearson still has bags from last year’s event. Suggestions or donations are welcome.

Derek Van Dyke reports that he will develop committee budgets so that all committees can proceed.
Old Business:

Fall Kick-Off Celebration – Derek Van Dyke reported that he met with Brian Foisy and $5,000 additional dollars have been set aside. The event will be held on campus, but suggestions are welcome for specific locations. The east and west quads were discussed. Vicki moves that the event be held in the West Quad, Darla seconds. Discussion included contacting John Johnson to ensure power is available and having the Dome as a backup. The event will be held from 4:30-7:30p.m., with dinner at 5p.m. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion. Motion passes.

UPPC – Emily Rodacker spoke with Dr. Gamas to discuss non-academic prioritization. More information will be available at the August meeting. The administration established the prioritization committee with representatives from each department. Emily Rodacker is the Staff Senate representative. Programs are not being eliminated, just prioritizing programs that could be doing better with additional resources. Evaluations of academic programs have begun, though non-academic has yet to introduce the process.

New Business:

All present members were invited to introduce themselves to the senate.

Derek Van Dyke suggested that Staff Senate challenge Faculty Senate and Student Government Association to the Power of 100 Service Challenge. Discussion included working at a local soup kitchen, stocking food pantries, volunteering at 2nd story, garbage cleanup, Roosevelt Park Zoo, backpack buddies, reading at schools, mowing lawns, and donating blood. Linda Benson moved that Staff Senate volunteer a minimum of 100 hours collectively by April 15th. Ashley Dhuyvetter seconds. Discussion included hours would be logged through Lindsey Benson and all groups should take photos so a final collage can be created. The running total will appear on the Staff Senate website. Motion unanimously passes.

Lindsey Benson passed around the committee signup sheet, asking all members to commit to at least two.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:57 am.

Next Meeting: August 20, 2013 in the Jones Room at 9:00 am.