



UND STAFF SENATE MINUTES

February 14, 2007

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Staff Senate Meeting

- 1) Meeting called to order by President Kent Streibel at 1:00 pm.

Members Present: Valeria Becker, Fawn Behrens-Smith, Chad Bushy, Cherie Dufault, Rick Ellis, Suzanne Gandrud, Corey Graves, Janice Hoffarth, Kayla Hotvedt, Joneen Iverson, Teckla Jacobson, Judy Jahnke, Mark Kobe, Brenda Lanes, James Laturnus, Diana LeTexier, Loren Liepold, Gerry Nies, Doug Osowski, Sarah Owens, Doug Praska, Brenda Schill, Nikki Seabloom, Dave Senne, Linda Skarsten, Keith Skoglund, Dianne Stam, Kent Streibel, Morgan Stroh, Ray Tozer, Eric Tweton

Members Absent: Gail Colwell, Connie Jones, Vern Kary, David Knittel, Cindy Knudson, Cathy Krostue, Jana Marjamaa, Angie Morgan, Sara Peters, Becky Reid, Cheryl Saunders, Susan Schostag, Jay Smith, Dennis Stangl

Ex-Officio: Desi Sporbert

- 2) **Program:** Aaron Flynn and Lisa Persuitti gave a presentation on “The Big Event.” “The Big Event” is a University of North Dakota volunteer day which occurs this year on Saturday, April 14, 2007. They are looking for more staff and faculty participation. The contact e-mail for this event is thebigevent@und.edu.
- 3) **Minutes:** *Loren Liepold moved and Mark Kobe seconded to accept the January 10, 2007 Staff Senate meeting minutes. Motion carried.*
- 4) **Treasurer’s Report:** Corey Graves, Treasurer, nothing new to report at this time. Treasurer’s report is being completed and will be e-mailed to all senators.
- 5) **Staff Senate Committee Reports:** (Please remember to provide a written report to the secretary prior to this meeting.)
 - a. **Bylaws/Election:** Gerry Nies, Chair, reported that his report is covered under old business.
 - b. **Executive Committee:** Joneen Iverson, President Elect, reported that the draft of a proposed bylaws change was discussed and sent to full senate without recommendation. The vacant parking committee seat will be researched by Joneen and she will follow through.
 - c. **Fundraising/Scholarship:** Becky Reid, chair, absent. Dianne Stam reported that recipes are needed for the upcoming cookbook. Please submit recipes for the upcoming cookbook to Joneen Iverson before March 1, 2007. Scholarship applications have been sent out. The advertisement for cookbook sales and recipes did go out in the Alumni review.

- d. **Legislative:** Eric Tweton, Chair, handed out local district contact information. We are all urged to contact our legislators and request that the 5X5 pay increase remain HB 1003.
- e. **Public Relations:** Dennis Stangl, Chair, absent. Kayla Hotvedt presented three options for the scholarship payroll deduction letter.

Gerry Nies moved and Ray Tozer seconded to accept the letter that included the past recipients names after the tax exempt portion of the letter is researched and corrected. Motion Carried.

- f. **Staff Development Program:** Joneen Iverson, Chair, reported that the committee met to discuss programs for the year and to finalize the programs through May. It has been suggested by St. Alexius that the all staff workshop, “Managing Workplace Personalities” be changed to another workshop. Staff Senate asked Joneen to go back to St. Alexius and state that we would like to keep the original workshop subject. She stated that she would do so.
- g. **Staff Recognition:** Dave Senne, Chair, stated that the committee did not meet.

6) **Old Business:**

- a. **Member at Large for Executive Committee election** (Gerry Nies)

Brenda Schill and Doug Osowski were nominated. Brenda Schill was elected to the position.

7) **New Business:**

- a. **Trash to Scholarships (Public Relations Committee)**

The Public Relations Committee moved that Staff Senate support Trash to Scholarships the spring of 2007. Motion Carried.

Joneen asked if the public relations committee could research the availability of a chair and report back to the next Full Senate.

- b. **Proposed Bylaws Change (Bylaws and Elections)**

The Bylaws and Election Committee moved to accept the bylaws change as presented. Motion tabled until after the next election.

A copy of the bylaws change is attached to these minutes.

8) **Other Committee Reports:**

- a. **Bookstore Advisory Board:** Janice Hoffarth. Did not meet.
- b. **Budget & Planning Committee:** Kent Streibel, Joneen Iverson, and Corey Graves. Did not meet.
- c. **Chester Fritz Auditorium Advisory Board:** Val Becker. Committee met to discuss upcoming events calendar.
- d. **Council of State Employees (COSE):** Dave Senne. The next meeting of COSE will be in April in Minot. Governor’s Award applications can be submitted beginning March 1, 2007.
- e. **Key Policy Committee:** The key committee is in need of another representative from Staff Senate.

- f. **Traffic Committee:** Jim Laturus and Morgan Stroh. Jim reported that the parking ramp is on schedule and answered questions from senators about the ramp itself.
- g. **University Senate:** Sarah Owens reported that the University Senate also discussed the HB 1033 and its impact on faculty and staff.
- h. **125th Anniversary Birthday Party Workgroup:** Nikki Seabloom and Sue Schostag. Nikki reported that the committee did not meet.
- i. **Worksite Wellness:** Janice Hoffarth reported that a focus will be placed on smoking cessation classes and the “Worksite Game of Life”.

9) **Open Discussion and/or Announcements:**

Gerry Nies reminded us all to contact our legislators regarding HB 1033.

10) **Adjournment**

James Laturus moved and Dave Senne seconded to Adjourn. Motion Carried.

Next meeting: March 14, 2007, 1:00 - 2:30pm, Swanson Basement Room 16/18

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Ellis- Secretary
UND Staff Senate