



**Staff Senate, Minutes
March 12, 2008
Meeting 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
River Valley Room, Memorial Union**

1. Joneen Iverson, President called the meeting to order at 1:11pm

Members Present: Gayann Akset, Valeria Becker, Fawn Behrens-Smith, Pamela Burkes, Chad Bushy, Rebecca Cournia, Cherie Dufault, Corey Graves, Janice Hoffarth, Marco Holter, Kayla Hotvedt, Joneen Iverson, Teckla Jacobson, Judy Jahnke, Connie Jones, Vern Kary, David Knittel, Cindy Knudson, Mark Kobe, Nicole Koll, James Laturus, Diana LeTexier, Loren Liepold, Marci Mack, Tammy Mulske, Shelly Pecka, Kerrie Peltier, Catherine Perry, Susan Schostag, Nikki Seabloom, Dave Senne, Keith Skoglund, Jay Smith, Dianne Stam, Kent Streibel, Morgan Stroh, Eric Tweton, Phyllis Vold, Cheryl Widman, Sherry Zeman

Members Absent: Raelynn Abernathy, Shari Nelson, Linda Neuerburg, Doug Osowski, Linda Skarsten, Kristi Swartz, Tami Swiers

Ex-Officio: Diane Nelson

2. **Staff Senate Pictures:** Chuck Kimmerle took the annual picture before the meeting began.
3. **Guests:** Marissa Taylor from the Bigger Event came to ask for our participation in making this event truly the "Bigger Event". The Bigger Event is on Saturday, April 12, from 10am-2pm. They are able to accommodate most requests for what preference of volunteer activities you are willing to participate in such as picking up litter, painting, raking leaves, etc.
4. **Minutes:**
*Nikki Seabloom moved to approve the February 13, 2008 Minutes, Marco Holter seconded.
Motion Carried.*
5. **Treasurer Report:** Corey Graves reported that he sent out the Treasurers Report yesterday. The operating fund is at a remaining balance of \$1172 and there was not too much activity for the month of February.
6. **Committee Reports** (Please remember to turn in a written report to Secretary)
 - a. **Bylaws/Election:** Kent Streibel, Chair, reported the committee has not met.
 - b. **Fundraising/Scholarship:** Dianne Stam, Chair, reported that they met on the 26th of February and discussed the number of scholarships that could be awarded.
 - c. **Legislative:** Eric Tweton, Chair, reported the committee has not met.
 - d. **Public Relations:** Kayla Hotvedt, Co-Chair, reported that they have not met, but will be meeting at the end of the month.

- e. **Staff Development Program:** Janice Hoffarth, Chair, reported that the attendance for the Keeping Them Alive Until the Ambulance Arrives was good with 38 registered to attend during the afternoon program and 10 registered for the evening program. Attendance would have been better she thought had the weather cooperated. The critiques were collected and the majority rated the content excellent but thought that with the amount of information that the program should have been longer.
- f. **Staff Recognition:** David Senne, Chair, reported that the Spring Fling will be held on May 2nd in the Memorial Union Ballroom. The menu is being planned. The committee is working on a budget. They will be meeting on March 20 to discuss.

7. **Old Business** – No old business.

8. **New Business**

- a. **Scholarships**—Dianne Stam reported that the committee voted to do 18 scholarships for this year. Typically only 10 scholarships are awarded each year, but with the successful fundraising for scholarships there are funds available to award 18 scholarships.

Dianne Stam made a motion from the Fundraising/Scholarship Committee to provide 18, \$500 scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion Carried.

- b. **Committee Membership**—Fawn Behrens-Smith reported that we have 5 members not on a committee. She encouraged those Senators and the Chairs of committees to seek out those needing a committee or members.
- c. **Parking Task Force**—Joneen Iverson reported that the Parking Task Force has been created. Loren Liepold, Sherry Zeman, and Janice Hoffarth have been appointed to the new committee. They will get together at the end of March.
- d. **Worksite Wellness**—Joneen Iverson reported that the Wellness Center would like Staff Senate to donate the \$500 that was to be used for the Wacky Winter Olympics (which was canceled) to fund the annual Spring Walking Challenge. Funding would come out of staff development. Janice Hoffarth brought up that Staff Senate does not have to donate the whole \$500, but any amount would be appreciated.

Janice Hoffarth moved to contribute some monetary donation if it's within proper guidelines. Dave Senne seconded. Motion Carried.

Vern Kary moved to have the Executive Committee determine how much money to donate. Marco Holter seconded. Motion Carried.

9. **Other Committee Reports**

- a. **Budget & Planning Committee** –Joneen Iverson reported that they met and discussed the annual budget. President Kupchella talked about a new scholarship.
- b. **CF Auditorium Advisory Board** – Val Becker reported that they will meet on March 25.
- c. **COSE** – David Senne reported that they are working on updating the state employee discounts website.
- d. **Building/Facility Access Committee** – Doug Osowski – Absent
- e. **Traffic Committee** – Eric Tweton reported that they will be looking at the GTA staff parking. Twamley reserved spots were moved from next to steam plant to in front of the

ROTC building, and turned the steam plant parking back to A zone. Eric also reported that the visitor parking passes will be \$2 per day. This is effective July 1, 2008.

- f. **University Senate** – Joneen Iverson reported that they have not met, but will be meeting tomorrow.
- g. **125th Anniversary Birthday Party** -- Nikki Seabloom reported that they served 15 cakes and 48 gallons of ice cream. 1102 pieces of cake were served and she said that they ran out of cake. The total attending the celebration was 1196 people. This committee will be removed from the agenda as they have achieved their goals.
- j. **Worksite Wellness** – Janice Hoffarth reported that they have completed their goals and are restructuring. The committee will be removed from the agenda until they restructure in the Fall.
- k. **Conflict of Interest/Scientific Misconduct Committee** – Corey Graves reported the committee will be meeting on Friday.

10. Adjournment

Marco Holter moved to adjourn the meeting, Eric Tweton seconded. Motion Carried.