

## Professional Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2009

**Present:** Kevin Halle, Bev Buhrman, Mary Carstens, Terri Heggemeyer, Nick Muir, Valerie Knight, Marilyn Yates

**Absent:** Ron Vick

**Guests:** Lin Brummels, Kathy Mohlfeld, Kaye Young, Cortney Roeber-Heftie, Shawn Mancastroppa, Karen Granberg, Derek Anderson, Teresa Tiedtke and Phillip Pfaltzgraff

Kevin Halle called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

**Minutes:** The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasure's Report:** Terri Heggemeyer made the following report: Our current balance is \$441.99. Dues collected were \$15, and expenses of \$19.94 for cards and \$20 for Christmas gift cards were reported for December.

### Committee Reports

**Mentoring:** No requests for mentoring

**Social:** Mary Carstens/Terri Heggemeyer - Thanked Kevin Halle for making arrangements for refreshments before the meeting.

**Recognition:** Valerie Knight/Derek Anderson- The Professional Recognition Brunch may be moving from an August date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May, right after finals and graduation.

**Continuing Ed:** Mary Carstens/Terri Heggemeyer - Members were reminded of the Martin Luther King Banquet on January 19, 2009, tickets are on sale for \$11.

**Membership:** Beverly Buhrman – No report

**Hospitality:** Dorothy Weber sent cards to Pearl Hansen, death of her father and Clint Brown who resigned at WSC and is now at USD-Brookings. Please keep Dorothy informed about life events on behalf of the WSC Professional Staff.

**Policy:** No report

**Communication:** Ron Vick Sr. has been sending out communication as received. Contact Ron if there is any communications that need to be forwarded to all members.

### **New Business:**

1. The Budget meeting held by Dr. Collings on December 10 was discussed. Also discussed was the future directions of budget cuts as it related to the various areas/departments/ and positions on campus. The Professional staff has requested that the Professional Senate be represented on any committees that might be established for future budget discussions/cuts.
2. Karen Granberg spoke to the Senate about the NSCPA negotiations for 2009-2011. Wage increases were not satisfactory during negotiations and a mediation hearing will be held January 30, 2009 to resolve this.
3. Members were encouraged to check the Professional Senate Website for new listing providing the list of current senators and the date their terms expire as Senators. Anyone interested in serving as a Senator should contact a current Senate member. Staff benefits are also listed on the website.
4. The Professional Senate is still looking for ways to provide support to the campus. We currently have funds that we would like to use and encourage anyone with ideas or specific needs on campus to contact Kevin Halle with suggestions.
5. Invitations will be extended to the Faculty Senate and the Support Senate to attend our meetings.
6. The evaluation process for Interim Professional Staff was discussed.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 5, 2009 in the BlueStem Room

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Buhrman, Secretary