

# Minutes of the March 10, 1999 Meeting

## NDSU STAFF SENATE

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 14, 1999**  
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Prairie Rose, Memorial Union**

Full Staff Senate mtgs will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.  
Executive Committee will meet on the last Wednesday of the month. The next two  
Executive meetings will be March 31, 1999, and April 28, 1999  
at 9:30 a.m. in the Atrium Conference Room, Memorial Union

**All classified staff are encouraged to attend**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Nancy Olson called the meeting to order.

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2.1 Senators were reminded to check off their name on the sheet provided. Senators unable to attend a meeting should notify Cheryl Cicha, 231.7912, ccicha@badlands.nodak.edu. If you are unable to attend, a substitute should be sent in their place who will sign in representing them and have full voting privileges.
- 2.2 Modem Pool Issue  
The University Senate has set up a LISTSERV to get input and discuss the issues concerning the modem pool. If you would like to sign up or review the discussion, you can find more information at <http://listserv.nodak.edu/archive/ndsu-dialin.html>
- 2.3 Jay Leitch has been appointed as the Dean of the College of Business Administration.
- 2.4 The search for the Dean of the College of Science and Math has reached the interview stage. Four finalist have been invited to campus, and Staff Senate has been asked to participate.

### 3. PROGRAM

- 3.1 President Fischer gave a legislative update:
  - 3.1.1 Health Benefits Package appear that it will be approved
  - 3.1.2 Three percent pay raises look like it will not occur, most likely it will be a 2% "any increase greater than \$35 per month may not be given across the board and must be based on merit or equity"
  - 3.1.3 Building Projects  
Health and Wellness Center is in good shape  
Animal Care Facility - Phase I is in good shape  
Animal Care Facility - Phase II does not look too good  
Sudro Hall remodeling has been approved
  - 3.1.4 Questions:  
*"On the issue of the \$35 and any over that is based on merit and equity, will there be a separate pool of money for the merit and equity pay?"*

Yes, that is exactly right.

### 3.2 Modem Pool

Val Tareski (Computer, Planning & Goals Committee) and Bonnie Neas (Director, ITS)

#### 3.2.1 Val Tareski – “What is the campus obligation in providing access to campus computer services”?

There are 149 modem lines available for students, staff and faculty to use. If you look at the modem usage (this can be found at <http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/hoag/ts/tsweb.html>), from about 6 pm until 1 am, all modems are being used. There is no question that there is a demand for the use. The 149 modems appear to be inadequate for the demand that is presently being put on it.

CPG is conducting a survey of the faculty, students, and staff. As of today, the results of the survey have not been collated. We hope to have this done in the next couple of weeks. Indications are that there is a significant part of our population (students, staff and faculty) that would be inconvenienced or would find it a major problem to get access to computer resources on campus, either by only coming to campus or having to purchase access from home.

CPG is trying to address the questions “What exactly is the University's responsibilities in providing such services?” and “How does this compare to providing Library services?” Both are information services. As more students are required in their course work to have access to information by way of web access. If the off-campus students only means of having access to this information is by coming on campus or is it unreasonable to provide reasonable means for these student to have access, via the modem pool.

#### 3.2.2 Bonnie Neas – What is driving this, is that the ITS budget is having more and more demand being placed on it. It got real serious, when the institution was asked to provide a 95% budget. The modem pool was the only service in ITS that met the 95% Budget criteria.

ITS feels that access is not the issue, there are alternatives to access. ITS feels that the issue is how does the University provide for this important service and who pays. The modem pool services started a number of years ago, because there were not local Internet Services Providers (ISP) in this area. At the time NDSU felt it was important to provide this service. Today there are many ISPs in the area, so the modem pool service does have alternatives.

A hand out was provided showing what is the current cost of maintaining the modem pool service (\$147,432/year). Most of the current equipment is getting old and needs to be updated, even if we stay at the current speeds of 28.8Kbps, expected cost of upgrading the equipment is about \$219,528/year. If we were to upgrade the equipment to faster modems (56K), this cost is estimated to be about \$278,304/year. This does not include adding any additional lines.

The handout also shows some of the other services that are needed on campus. These include: web development and support team; classroom media services; desktop research technical support specialist; building network upgrades for about 26 buildings; classroom technology; Y2K desktop remedial software; and a new 30 machine student cluster. Not on this handout, ITS upgraded our Internet capacity by about 75%, while the cost increase only by 35%. Even with this increase, our Internet traffic is still maxed out.

What does this University want? ITS is looking for input from the campus to help us make the decision to provide better services.

Please make recommendations to ITS and CPG by May 1.

### 3.2.3 Questions:

*"One of the issues on access, when you use your own ISP, you can not send mail out through your NDSU e-mail account, you have to use your ISP's e-mail"*

This is an issue that is going on at universities all over the country, including UND and Minot State. The issue here is authentication, how do we authenticate who is a NDSU users and who is not. We are working on this. This is used for many of the information services provided on campus. As an example, the library provides many services that are available only to NDSU students, staff and faculty. How do we leave things open enough so that students, staff and faculty can get access from anywhere, but still guarantee that only NDSU students, staff and faculty have access. Security is a big issue.

*"In order to expand services with additional funds, what are some of the sources for these funds?"*

- The state
- Grants, this years ITS has almost \$1 million in grants
- User fees, this is the last option

*"What are the grant sources?"*

Primarily from Federal agencies, like the National Science Foundation (NSF). ITS has not had a lot of luck with private agencies, primarily because of finding matching funds.

*"Over time, do you believe that funding sources for grants will be more difficult to get?"*

Currently, at the Federal level, the Clinton Administration has asked for a big increase in the Information Technology area for grants.

*"Has the idea of building a relationship with local ISP been looked into?"*

About a year ago, ITS did have several conversations with USWest, and it is still a high cost service. ITS is talking with other ISPs to see what they can offer. A lot of cities and universities are having success with cable modems. USWest does offer ADSL, but there are a lot of problems with this.

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Allyn Kostecki made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 10, 1999, meeting. Cherie Moen seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Norma Ackerson reported that the balance in our funds as of February 28, 1999 are as follows: Trust Fund #1725 = \$2,156.96; Appropriated Funds #3746 = \$3,403.41. Before committing funds, please consult with Treasurer Norma Ackerson (1-9495) or President Nancy Olson (1-7100). Please submit all remaining bills promptly.

**6. STAFF SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 6.1 By-Laws (Arlen Kurtti) No Report
- 6.2 Election (Allyn Kostecki) Committee met 2/19/99 to review election procedures and plan for 1999 election. Requests for nominations have been printed and distributed via campus mail for on campus classified staff and US Postal Service for off campus staff. Nomination forms are to be returned by Wednesday, March 17, 1999. The plan is to distribute ballots on 3/19/99 with ballots to be returned by 4/1/99. That should allow us to invite new senators to the 4/12/99 Staff Senate meeting. Nomination forms for the officer elections should be mailed by 4/23/99 for return on 5/3/99 so that officer elections can be held at the 5/12/99 Staff Senate meeting.

Number of Staff Senate Positions

Jobcat	Title	1998	1999	1999 Vacant
1000&3000	Professional	16	17	7
4000	Technical	7	8	0
5000	Office	15	13	9
6000	Crafts & Trades	3	3	1
7000	Service	10	10	5
Total		51	51	22

The following senators are up for re-election:

**Professional 1000-3000**

Gene Blumhardt  
Allyn Kostecki  
John Osborne  
Julie Sherwood  
Janet Stringer  
Robb Thibault

**Technical 4000**

Barb Binde  
Thomas Hickman  
Jane Lessard

**Office 5000**

Jodi Arzt-Buresh  
Cheryl Chicha  
Dawn Holm  
Loriann Lymbrner  
Wendy McQuay

**Crafts & Trade 6000**

Bob Barclay

**Service 7000**

Faith Hanson  
Marliese Wallat

- 6.3 Legislative (John Osborne) No Report
- 6.4 Program (Lori Lymbrner) They are working on April's program, relating to "Earth Day"
- 6.5 Public Relations (Dan Chihos) No Report
- 6.6 Scholarship (Cheryl Cicha) No Report
- 6.7 Staff Development/Small Grant (Janet Stringer) The open hours was held for "Feel like a Million". Sam Eukel of Sensibly Thin will be giving a presentation on April 27th.
- 6.8 Executive Committee (Nancy Olson) No Report

**7. UNIVERSITY SENATE COMMITTEES**

- 7.1 Campus Space & Facilities (Jane Lessard) No Report
- 7.2 Computer Planning & Goals (Dan Chihos) No Report
- 7.3 University Athletics (Sharon Morgan) They met on March 4<sup>th</sup>, Jim Hansen was elected to chair the committee. Lynn Dorn and Bob Entzion updated the committee on: activities of the Student-Athlete Council; the Fall 1998 Student-Athlete Academic Report; on average NDSU recruits 110 to 125 athletes each year, about 1/10th the freshmen enrollment; status of regional playoffs; the new Bison logo and other items.

Some quick stats:

Student Athlete enrollment for 1998-1999

Female 114 and Male 251 for a Total of 365

## Freshman student athletes

Female		Male	
Basketball	4	Baseball	11
Golf	4	Basketball	3
Softball	2	Golf	3
Soccer	2	Track	23
Track	10	Football	36
Volleyball	3	Wrestling	11
Total	25		87

Total 112

## 1998-1999 Selected revenues Generated by Athletics to NDSU

## Athletic Revenue Received by the University

USA Wrestling	\$ 300,580	
Summer Camps	\$ 115,700	
Scholarships	\$ 652,471	
Endowments	\$ 105,000	
Non-scholarship athletes	\$ 1,870,529	
Total		\$ 3,044,280

## University Financial Commitment to Athletics

Appropriated Dollars	\$ 612,748	
(Salaries and Operating)		
University subsidy	\$ 400,000	
Student Fees	\$ 328,176	
Total		\$ 1,340,924

Net Revenue to the University \$ 1,703,356

- 7.4 Library (Char Myhre) Larry Schwarts is substituting for Char. The committee is presenting University Senate with three recommendations to alleviate the library problems with the rising cost of serials. Two of the recommendations involve giving the library more money, the third is a cancellation policy, this would place the burden of which magazine/journals to cancel on the colleges.
- 7.5 Scheduling & Registration (Gene Blumhardt) No Report
- 7.6 Student Affairs (Allyn Kostecki) No Report
- 7.6 Executive (Nancy Olson) The ad hoc committee Technology Enhancement and Learning Committee has completed its work and has reported back to the University Senate that they have studied the issue and are recommending that the committee be made a permanent standing committee of University Senate to address technology enhancement issues in consultations with other standing committees.

**8. COUNCIL OF STATE EMPLOYEES (COSE)**

The next meeting will in April 21 at the State School of the Blind in Devils Lake.

If you are interested in purchasing a jacket, shirt or sweatshirt, please contact Sharon (1-7739).

**9. POLICY COORDINATION COMMITTEE (PCC): Dan Chihos**

No Report

**10. ADVISOR COMMENTS - Teri Thorsen:**

The bill for "Broadbanding" has passed both the North Dakota House and State Senate and is awaiting for the Governors signature.

We will not be creating a pay system that would reduce anyone's salary.

We do have one big questions, if we are not "Classified Staff", what are we?  
If you have any ideas, please let Teri know.

**11. OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

12.1 Robb Thibault wanted to remind everyone of "Civil Education Week", April 6-9th, 1999. The week is as follows:

Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Incite or Insight? Civility on Campus** at 2PM in the Memorial Union Gallery

**Confabs with Nic and Rob: Racist...Sexist...Who? Me?** at 8:30 PM in the Century Theater of the Memorial Union

Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

**Creating "A Just Community" or "Just a Community"** at 12 noon in the Century Theater of the Memorial Union

**Interactive Computer Dialogue on Civility** (two 45 minutes sessions) 1:30 PM and again at 2:30 PM in the Group Decision Center on the second floor of the Memorial Union

**How Community Service Leads to Activism** at 5:15 PM in the Century Theater of the Memorial Union

Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

**Civilizing the Global Economy** at 12 noon in the Century Theater of the Memorial Union

**Interactive Computer Dialogue on Civility** (two 45 minutes sessions) 1:30 PM and again at 2:30 PM in the Group Decision Center on the second floor of the Memorial Union

**Will Affirmative Action be Necessary in the New Millennium? – A Debate** at 7:30 PM in the Century Theater of the Memorial Union

Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Student Activism – How to Questions Authority and Get Results** at 12 noon in the Meadow Lark room on the second floor of the Memorial Union

**Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted

John A. Underwood  
Secretary

**PLEASE CIRCULATE**