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FIRST STAFF SENATE AT UNIVERSITY REPRESENTS
MORE THAN 600 NONACADEMIC EMPLOYEES

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana's first Staff Senate--consisting of 16 senators--has been established on the Missoula campus to represent the more than 600 nonacademic staff members at UM.

Joyce D. Zacek (pronounced Zaacheck), editor for the UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research, who was elected Staff Senate president at the first formal meeting of the organization Wednesday, July 10, said the group is made up of one senator for every 40 nonacademic employes in each Equal Employment Opportunity Code, excluding nonacademic executives.

"Establishment of the U of M Staff Senate culminates a year and a half of effort by the Ad Hoc Nonacademic Committee under the chairmanship of Dean D. Holm, manager of administrative development for the UM Computer Center, and with the encouragement of former UM President Robert T. Pantzer," Zacek said.

Other officers elected to serve one-year terms at Wednesday's meeting are: Ron W. Brunell, assistant director of residence halls at UM, who was elected vice president, and Gerel L. Lodine, secretary in UM Personnel Services, who was elected secretary-treasurer.

Purposes of the UM Staff Senate are:

--to examine matters relating to the general welfare of the University and nonacademic staff.

--to protect the general and professional welfare of the nonacademic staff.

--to establish and review a grievance procedure for the resolution of problems of individuals and groups in the University's nonacademic community.

"One of the first efforts of the Staff Senate will be to set up lines of communication between the senators and their various constituencies so that the Senate may become an effective forum for the nonacademic community of the University," Zacek said.

She said a constitution and by-laws for the Staff Senate were ratified by the staff May 1, 1974. Senators were then chosen from the various employment categories in an election concluded June 25. The first formal meeting of the organization on Wednesday was under the temporary chairmanship of Florence Ottenbacher, an accounting clerk for the UM Business Office.

Equal Employment Opportunity Code categories represented by various nonacademic employes at UM are:

Administrative--Ron W. Brunell.

Professional--Kenneth B. Read and Joyce D. Zacek.

Administrative Assistant--Louise C. Frey.

Office & Clerical--Dee J. Atkinson, Genny R. Dickerson, Shelley Ann Hopkins, Gerel L. Lodine, Alberta McKinnon and Florence Ottenbacher.

Technical--William R. "Bob" Ellis.

Craftsmen--Victor L. Demin.

Laborers--John M. Onstad.

Service Workers--Ronald J. Anderson, Lenus L. Ekstrand and Rose McGurk.

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