

Votes tallied for classified employees' status in the state civil service system

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In a 770 to 432 vote, classified employees have decided to leave the state civil service system and become university support staff employed directly by Kansas State University.

Ballots were distributed to 1,582 classified employees, with 1,202 casting their vote.

"I want to commend the Alternative Service Committee for their leadership in exploring the university support staff status for classified employees," said Kirk Schulz, university president. "I also would like to thank those who participated in the discussion process about this important issue. I look forward to working together to meet faculty and staff needs as we continue to make K-State a great place to work."

The decision will be presented to the Kansas Board of Regents for approval. If accepted, the change will take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year, which is July 1, 2014. The classification status will affect the university's classified employees.

Discussion about the move from state civil service employees to university employees began earlier this year following a proposal introduced by the Alternative Service Committee, a group of classified employees.

Under the designation of university support staff, classified employees will have opportunities for wage increases and salary ranges, which have been controlled by the state in the civil service system.