

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE COMMITTEE

July 18, 2007

Committee Members Present: Paula Connors, Janel Harder, Melissa Linenberger, Roger McBride, Barb Nagel, Jennyfer Owensby, Nick Pecenka, Lois Schreiner, and Marlene Walker

Minutes:

Approved as presented.

GUEST SPEAKER:

CINDY BONTRAGER, CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

Cindy spoke about the budget process at K-State and the State level. She gave in depth information on how the budget is determined by K-State.

K-State's general fund is made up of 50% funds generated from the State and 50% funds generated from the students. A larger part of the budget is funded by the students (tuition) now than in past years. Classified employees are funded from the state general fund.

An important question was asked "Are there funds available to help Classified Employee salaries?" Cindy answered "yes, there is funding". However, budget money is prioritized and historically faculty salaries have been a priority. She encouraged us to make classified issues a priority in order for us to get a "piece of the budget pie". It was suggested that we make classified employees as visible on campus as possible. We can inquire about having a classified representative serve on the Faculty Senate as well as the Student Body Senate, along with various university committees who don't have representation from Classified Employees.

OLD BUSINESS:

Deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 8, location and time to be announced.