

Classified Senate Meeting

October 1, 2003

1. Roll Call:

1. Present were: Paula Connors, Pam Davis, Eddi Devore, Kristi Fronce, William Glover, Janel Harder, Lori Hutchins, Laverna Leeson, Cheryl Martin, Theresa McCarthy, Beth Miller, Sam Reyer, Cathy Sandoval, Pam Schierer, Connie Schmidt, Sharon Schroll, Ginger Schwerdt, Linda Sorell, Deb Stryker, Marlene Walker, Jackie Yonning, Gay Youngman.

2. Absent were: Sue Figge, Donna Rogers and Loleta Sump, all excused.

3. Gay asked the new senators to tell where they worked and what campus area they represented.

2. Gary Leitnaker-Human Resources:

1. Gary metioned the Benefits Fair in the ballroom and Health Insurance meetings in the Little Theater, occuring on this date. He then introduced Patsy Havenstein from the United Way committee. She spoke about getting more people to donate to the United Way. She gave a very moving talk of a child whose family is suddenly split apart by violence and the subsequent introduction of the child into foster care. Foster care is one of the 13 agencies supported in part by the United Way.

3. Executive Council:

1. There was no meeting of the Executive Council this month.

4. Minutes:

1. The minutes of the August meeting needed to be approved as there was no quorum at the last meeting. Marlene moved that the August minutes be approved. Jackie seconded. Motion passed.

2. The Sepetmeber minutes were asked to be approved. Bill Glover moved that the minutes be approved. Ginger seconded. Motion passed.

5. Budget Report:

1. Recognition Ceremony account:	Previous balance:	\$1,402.88
Expenses:	\$ 55.20	
Current balance:	\$1,347.68	

B. Foundation Account:	Previous balance:	\$1,762.48
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Deposits:	\$ 19.39	
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Current balance: \$1,781.87

C. State Account: Previous balance: \$1,000.00

No deposits, expenses _____

Current balance: \$1,000.00

6. Senate Standing Committees:

1. Codes and By-Laws: No report.

2. Education and Enrichment: No report.

3. Elections: Ginger reported all senate seats are filled.

4. Personnel/Benefits: No report.

5. Publicity: Sam reported the newsletter should be out by the end of the month. Committees and new members will be listed in it.

6. Recognition Ceremony: Connie suggested the committee needs to get together soon. Ginger reported that Ann-Marie will help get things organized and running.

7. Campus Affairs: No report.

8. Legislative Affairs: Bill reported that the issue of leaving the state civil service is still ongoing. KU is having another town meeting and will vote on the issue on Oct. 14. Gary gave a brief synopsis to the new senators about what is happening and why.

7. Campus Committee Reports

1. Peer Review: Sam reported a training session was held. Roger McBride is the new chair.

2. Recreation Council: No report. Committee has not met.

3. Recycling: Pam reported the meeting had been cancelled, but gave a quick overview of what is happening with recycling on campus.

4. Advisory Committee on Campus Development and Planning Policy: Lori reported the hotel business is moving quickly. She spoke briefly of the Jardine project which will start sometime in the future. They will be removing buildings that exist and building new ones to be more like apartment complexes. She gave a brief explanation of what the committee does.

5. Training and Development Advisory Committee: No report. Sam said they hadn't met.

6. Employee Tuition Assistance: No report. Gay said she needs the name of someone who would like to serve on this committee.

7. United Way: Loleta was at the United Way kick-off and Benefits Fair. Patsy had given the earlier talk on the United Way campaign.

8. Council on Parking Operations: Report from Susan Mitchell referred to discussion on building a luxury hotel and parking garage. Plans are to break ground May 1, 2004. The hotel & garage will cost around 14million and will be financed by the Foundation which will be paid back. The garage will house 900 parking stalls, 150 more spaces than now. The hotel will have 125 stalls and them some will be reserved for a higher price than reserved stalls on campus. The parking committee meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 in Fiedler Hall.

8. Old Business

1. Discussed briefly the changing of the name of the Publicity committee to Public Relations. Connie moved that the name be changed. Linda seconded. Motion passed.

9. New Business:

1. It was suggested that it might be easier to change the date of the Executive Council meetings to noon prior to the regular Classified Senate meeting. Everyone on the Council agreed. Gay asked Pam to check with the Union to make sure the rooms would be available at the earlier time. The next meeting was set for noon on Wednesday, Nov. 5

2. Kansas Council Meeting: There was a brief explanation for the new senators that this Council is comprised of senators from all the Regents Institutions. They meet 4 times a year to set the agenda for Legislative Day in Topeka. The meetings will be held after this at Emporia State University since it is the most central after this. This year it will be at Ft. Hayes State on Friday, Oct. 17. Some issues are: Classified employees can't form a union; pay is not keeping up with inflation; and the plight of Classified employees is falling on deaf ears in Topeka. Legislators do not understand the difference between Classified and Unclassified employees. Theresa McCarthy, Gay Youngman, Ginger Schwerdt, Connie Schmidt, Bill Glover and Marlene Walker will be attending. They will need to get their supervisors approval and make travel arrangement.

C. Gay asked if anyone was interested in serving on the Employee Tuition Assistance committee. She asked them to speak with her after the meeting.

D. Marlene said that the KSU-Salina Dean has asked her to present the idea of a Classified Senate meeting being held on the KSU-Salina campus. This would give the Senate a chance to present themselves to the Salina campus and show those

Classified employees what the senate does. There was general approval of the idea but details will have to worked out.

E. Lori mentioned that a representative from the Kansas Advisory Committee on Health Insurance, Doug Musick, will be

speaking at the November meeting. He will speak on how the committee works on health insurance issues.

F. Bill brought up that the Senate needs to get invitations out for Legislative Day. This is usually in February when employees travel to Topeka to meet and visit with various legislators regarding classified issues. Gay talked about the benefit of attending.

G. There was talk on how to get Classified Senate representation at University events such as Paul Harvey's talk recently. Faculty and Student Senate always have representatives on stage but there is never a Classified Senate representative.

H. A get-well card for Sue Figge, who is in the hospital with complications of West Nile virus, was passed around for signatures.

X. Adjournment

A. Lori moved that the meeting be adjourned. Marlene seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.