

Classified Senate Meeting  
February 5, 2003

**ROLL CALL (No Quorum)**

In attendance: Rodney Stanfield, President; Jackie Yonning, Budget Coordinator; Ann Treinen, Ex-Officio; Cheryl Grice, Representative At-Large; Lori Hutchins, Representative At-Large; Sue Figge, Bill Glover, Donna Rogers, Connie Schmidt, Ginger Schwerdt, Linda Sorrell, Loleta Sump, Marlene Walker, Gay Youngman, Teresa Zerbe

Absent: Peggy Armour (excused), Kimberly Barraza (excused), Michelle Garner (excused), Doreen Kimbrough (unexcused), Sam Reyer (excused), David Ringle (unexcused), Pam Schierer (excused), Sharon Schroll (excused)

--Rodney reported on his visit with the Committee on Higher Education. He, along with Mike Auchard and Dennis Constance, KU, presented a copy of the Council of Classified Senates Position Paper and answered questions. He is also working to share both this report and the Position Paper with the K-State Collegian and Manhattan Mercury, to further share information regarding the plight of State Classified Employees.

--Rodney, Ann, and Gay attended Legislative Information Day in Topeka on Tuesday, February 4. They reported there were six teams consisting of representatives from five of the six Regents universities on hand to present the Position Paper and pay data to their local legislators. Having found it to be very successful, plans are being made to go again soon. Rodney strongly encouraged all of us to find some time that works for us to do so. Bill mentioned that one option might be to attend the State Employee Rally in Topeka on February 28. Connie added that KAPE and SEAK membership is one way that our level of involvement can be measured by legislators, also.

--The January 8 minutes were not voted on, as there was no quorum.

--Rodney read a letter of resignation from Sam Reyer. She asks to be released of her obligations as Classified Senate Vice President and Chair of the Classified Employee Recognition Ceremony Committee, but plans to stay on Senate and the Recognition Ceremony committee.

--Linda Sorrell will be moving from Administration & Finance to the College of Arts & Sciences, and so she will tender her resignation from Classified Senate, as the Arts & Sciences Senator position is already filled.

--Ginger said she would be taking over as the Recognition Ceremony Chair. She will work with Sam and Sandi Adams, former Senator and Committee Chair, to get "up-to-speed". Cheryl is working on the Retirees list and contacts, and Lori provided the Research & Extension Classified employees years of service information. Ginger also reminded us to get in contact with our door prize donors. The Committee will meet soon.

--Rodney brought up the idea of adding both a Legislative Affairs and a University Affairs Committee to Classified Senate. His hope is to have these committees active during his tenure as Senate President. Will be further discussed at our next meeting.

--Gay reported further on the receptiveness of the legislators she met with February 4. She reminded us our need to keep Classified employees in their line of vision, as some truly don't know who we are or why we're here. Ann added that she had a great happenstance meeting with one of the new Kansas senators, and said that he shared a great enthusiasm to hear about our needs and opinions. Rodney will email some statistical information for us to use when contacting legislators and others.

--Marlene volunteered to work on updating the Senate website. Suggested information to add included the contact information for Kansas legislators, as well as our efforts at Legislative Information Day and with the Council of Classified Senates.

--Rodney urged us to applaud Governor Sebilus for her recommendation of a 1.5% pay raise, and to contact our Senators and Representatives about the need to pass HB 2126.

--Cheryl asked that the Campus Committees list be updated to add the new ones that have been created recently, especially where Classified Senate and employees are represented. She also reported that the university's Commission on the Status of Women (???) is willing to work with Senate in dealing with campus Administration and state legislators to better the situation for all Classified employees at KSU.