

CLASSIFIED SENATE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2004

Meeting was called to order by President-elect Loleta Sump in the absence of President Gay Youngman. There was not a quorum present.

I. Roll Call

- A. Attending: Paula Connors, Eddi Devore, Kristi Fronce, Bill Glover, Cheryl Martin, Theresa McCarthy, Donna Rogers, Pam Schierer, Ginger Schwerdt, Deb Stryker, Loleta Sump, Marlene Walker, Jackie Yonning
- B. Excused: Sue Figge, Janel Harder, Lori Hutchins, Laverna Leeson, Beth Miller, Cathy Sandoval, Linda Sorell, Gay Youngman
- C. Unexcused: Pam Davis, Sharon Schroll

II. Gary Leitnaker-Human Resources

- A. Gary was unable to attend so there was no report.

III. Executive Council Report

A. There was no meeting but Loleta had those who attended Legislative Day in Topeka on Tuesday give a brief report about their perceptions of the day. Those who attended were Loleta Sump, Paula Connors, William Glover, Theresa McCarthy, Marlene Walker, Ginger Schwerdt & Gay Youngman.

1. All agreed it was a fairly positive day. Several expressed surprise that some legislators were not aware that Classified Employees are part of the State Civil Service. The big budget problem is the courts' ruling that the state formula for money to K-12 is not legal. Although it is being appealed, there is the possibility that the state will have to come up with a billion dollars more for K-12. It is unknown where this money will come from.
2. Both Theresa & Marlene talked about how the legislature will take money that has been allocated elsewhere & will "sweep" it into something else. This is done by inserting a proviso that states this will only be done one time. This is to make it legal. Some questioned if this is what was done with step increases and what actually happened to that money. The other consideration is where the money is "swept" from and what damage that might do in the future. Marlene used an example of taking money from K-State Salina's airplane repair funds. This will present a future problem when needing to maintain the airplanes.
3. Some of the group sat in on some committee meetings. They felt that the senate needs to start earlier & attend more meetings of committees at the beginning of the legislative sessions to get the causes for Classified Employees to the legislators attention.
4. All felt it would be helpful if more Classified Employees would write to their representatives to let them know how we feel. This is especially true in an election year.
5. Bill thought those who attended write a thank-you to the people they visited. He said there is a rally being planned. The tentative date is March 30, at noon, on the Capitol steps. More information will come as the date draws nearer.

B. Website changes:

C. ROAR-Eddi Devore has taken over the publication of the Roar. She is working to get it published on-line. She asked for input from senators on content. She also presented some ideas to see how others felt about them, such as a trivia section, and a humor section. She asked that senators E-mail her with their ideas.

IV. Minutes

- A. Minutes from the previous meeting were handed out. There was not a quorum present, so no vote was taken.

V. Budget

- A. Attached

VI. Senate Standing Committees

- A. Codes & By-Laws: no report
- B. Education & Enrichment: no report
- C. Elections: still working on notebooks. Hope to get together soon to assemble. Should be ready by next meeting.
- D. Personnel/Benefits: no report
- E. Public Relations: report on status of ROAR per above. Hope to have one ready by end of March.
- F. Recognition Ceremony: moving forward. Pam will call possible speaker. Letters for EOY will go out soon. Follow-up on donations should begin. Ginger has list of who signed up for each vendor.
- G. Campus Affairs: no report
- H. Legislative Affairs: Marlene reported they have met twice. Will meet again to get input on how to improve Legislative Day.

VII. Campus Committees

- A. Peer Review: no report
- B. Recreation Council: no report
- C. Recycling: hasn't met. Meeting scheduled for Friday
- D. Advisory Committee on Campus Development & Planning Policy: no report
- E. Training & Development Advisory: no report
- F. Employee Tuition Assistance: no report. Did mention article about Rep. Reitz introducing bill for tuition waiver for employees dependents. Doesn't think it will pass
- G. United Way: no report

H. Council of Parking Operations: Ginger reported they plan to move forward with proposals for parking garage. Probably wouldn't be in front of Union. 3 locations being considered.

VIII. Old Business

A. Marlene reported Sue Figge's son attending KSU-Salina. It was felt that the senate should do something to let Sue know we are thinking about her. It was suggested that we fix up a care basket. Cheryl Martin volunteered to assemble one. Asked for input for contents. A motion was made that we do this & each senator pay a small amount to cover cost. Ginger seconded, but as there was no quorum, we decided to go ahead. Cheryl asked that everyone make a small note of some kind with a message of encouragement.

IX. New Business

A. Two people have resigned from the Senate. Sam Reyer, Agronomy, and Connie Schmidt from the College of Business, both turned in their resignations citing heavy workloads due to personnel shortages. Elections committee will need to do some recruiting for replacements. Ginger has a name for a possible replacement for Sam, and will contact her soon.

X. Adjournment

A. Since there was no quorum, meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Pam Schierer