

Minutes of the K-State Classified Senate
January 7, 2009

I. President Jennyfer Owensby called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call:

- A. *Present:* Becki Bohnenblust, Jean Bramwell, Richard Brenner, Carolyn Elliott, Connie Emig, Brittany Green, Janel Harder, Annette Hernandez, Tracy Ivy, Claudia Leeds, Gary Leitnaker, Melissa Linenberger, Hanna Manning, Wendy Michaels, Joe Myers, Barb Nagel, Jennyfer Owensby, Connie Reding, Lois Schreiner, Richard Umscheid, Libby Vathauer, John Wolf, and Terri Wyrick
- B. *Absent – Excused:* Terri Eddy, Connie Kisse, Rob Reves, and Peggy Selvidge
- C. *Absent –Unexcused:* Darrin VanDorn

III. Gary Leitnaker Report:

- A. *Parking Garage Update* –The completion date has been re-scheduled for May 2009 due in part to the weather.
- B. *Classified Employee Layoffs* – The Kansas Gaming and Racing Commission recently announced layoffs of some classified employees as of February 7. These classified employees will have employee preference if they apply for any other state positions they are qualified for.
- C. *Classifications* – The State of Kansas Department of Personnel Services has announced they will delay classifications for those in Group 1 of the new pay plan. They are waiting on updated market data and budget updates.
- D. *Director of Human Resource Services* – Gary introduced Jennifer Gehrt who has returned to the department as the Director of Human Resource Services. He discussed some of the changes in the HR department.

IV. Minutes

- A. The minutes were reviewed. Connie Reding moved and Carolyn Elliott seconded that we approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

V. Treasurer's Report

- A. John Wolf gave the financial report. Melissa Linenberger moved and Carolyn Elliott seconded that we accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

VI. Executive Council Report:

- A. *CSSC Update* –Jennyfer reported on the conference call with other CSSC representatives. She handed out a copy of the amended resolution. Discussion was held on the resolution. Tracy Ivy moved and Becki Bohnenblust seconded that we accept the resolution with noted changes. Motion passed unanimously. A conference call has been set up for Thursday, January 8, 2:00 p.m. for CSSC representatives to vote on the amended resolution. CSSC plans to meet on January 14th at KU prior to the presentation of the resolution to the Board of Regents. Jennyfer will not be able to present the resolution on January 15th, so Tracey Mussa, Pittsburg State University, has agreed to present it.

- B. *President's Search Committee Update* – Jennyfer reported on the President's Search. Most of the information is confidential. There will be an announcement made on who the candidates are and when they will be on campus. Classified Senate has been invited to meet with the candidates for 20 minutes during their interview. Jennyfer will send out an e-mail with dates and locations as soon as it is available. There will also be an open forum with each of the candidates for the entire campus.

VII. Senate Standing Committees:

A. *Campus Affairs Committee:*

1. Ride Share Website Update: Connie Reding reported that she had been in contact with Ben Champion in the Office of Sustainability. They are currently working on a website and as soon as it is available they will add a ride share program.

B. *Legislative Affairs Committee:*

1. Town Hall Meeting Update: Carolyn Elliott reported that the Town Hall meeting was better attended than the last one.
2. Legislative Day Update – Legislative Days will be January 27 & 28, 2009. Carolyn will send out an e-mail when she receives the schedule to see who might be able to attend. Discussion was held on a suggestion from KU on how to possibly change Legislative Day.

C. *Recognition Ceremony Committee:* The ceremony will be held on April 8, 2009 in McCain Auditorium.

1. Barb Nagel reported that the next meeting for the committee will be on January 12. They have received the nominations for the Employee of the Year. President Wefald is the featured speaker.

D. *Employee of the Year Award Special Committee:*

1. Barb Nagel reported that they have been working in collaboration with Human Resources on a new award for classified employees. The award will be available for the 2010 Recognition Ceremony. As proposed, classified employees will be eligible to be nominated for the Employee of the Year award, the new award or both. Discussion was held on working with Human Resources and it was agreed that the committee should continue to work together with HR on the award. More information on the award will be available at the next Senate meeting.

E. *Public Relations Committee:*

1. Melissa Linenberger reported that the next issue of the ROAR will go out in February. If you have any articles for the ROAR, please contact Melissa or Lois. We had two additional "Bragging Rights" that have been added to the website and will be included in the next issue of the ROAR. Everyone is encouraged to submit names for the Bragging Rights section.

F. *Classified Employee Opportunity Fund Special Committee:*

1. Richard Umscheid reported they have been working with the Foundation regarding this fund. The committee decided to focus on developing a website application process which could be distributed to employees through the ROAR and our listserv.

VIII. University Committee Reports:

- A. *Parking Council Update:* Carolyn Elliott reported that the planned completion date has changed to May. Carolyn is chair of the finance committee within the Parking Council, and the committee has been given no figures to work with as of the date of their last meeting.
- B. *Recycling Committee Update:* Joe Myers reported that the committee has not meet since our last meeting, but they are going ahead with a recycling center and hope to have it up and running in the near future. The location of the center will be on the site of the Wind Erosion Lab that was vacated after the tornado. KSU is participating in Recyclemania which is a friendly competition between universities on the amount of recycling collected.
<http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/overview.htm>
- C. *Commission on Status of Women* - Melissa Linenberger reported you may notice the new health and safety sheets posted in the restrooms. These sheets will be changed every couple months with other topics.

IX. Old Business:

- A. *There was no old business.*

X. New Business:

- A. *There was no new business.*

XI. Adjournment: Tracy Ivy moved and Wendy Michaels seconded that we adjourn. Motion passed.