Classified Senate Meeting Kansas State University Kansas State Union Room 206

March 7, 2001 http://www.ksu.edu/class-senate

I. Roll Call

In attendance: S. Adams; P. Armour; D. Becker; J. Chrest; M. Garner; C. Grice; G. Jackson; C. Kissee; M. Lewis; Q. Rawlins; S. Reyer; R. Riffel; D. Rogers; C. Schmidt; F. Sperman; A. Treinen, V. White; J. Yonning; T. Zerbe

Absent: C. Chabries; L. Hutchins (excused); L. McCoy (excused); P. Schierer (excused)

II. Guest - Joe Younger

A. Tuition Assistance Program - the program has been in existence for about 15 years. Tuition assistance is now available for classified support and unclassified professional staff. Assistance is available for all semesters and any class no matter how many hours it is. Employees are eligible to take a graduate level course, but they are required to pay tax on the course. It is a taxable income. Another change that has been made is that the class does not have to be job related, but should be for professional development. There has also been a change as to where instruction could happen. Those residing in Manhattan should attend KSU, but those not in this area may attend any school in KS or the surrounding states.

- B. Money is finite. 121 applied this year. For example, 21 applied for summer and right now they can only afford 7-8. In the past they were allotted \$10,000 for the fiscal year, now they receive \$25,000 + \$2,000 this fiscal year. They don't pay Lafene and Counseling Services.
- C. They are considering paying a set amount for the scholarship so that hopefully they can reach more people, \$250 for example.
- D. The local agencies are excluded from the tuition assistance program as of now.

III. Division of Human Resources

A. Gary Leitnaker

- 1. There are some exceptions to the hiring freeze. Positions that are funded by grants and restricted funding aren't apart of the freeze. Reallocations are still in question.
- IV. S. Adams moved and C. Kissee seconded to accept the February 7, 2001 minutes with corrections.

V. Executive Meeting Report

A. Discussed committee reports.

VI. Budget Report

Recognition Ceremony \$ 360.75

Foundation Account \$1,628.48

State Account \$ 414.05

VII. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Codes & By-laws (Ann Marie)- No report.
- B. Education and Enrichment ()- Joe Younger came and addressed concerns with the tuition assistance program.
- C. Election No report.
- D. Personnel/Benefits Thought that legislators could come to us instead of us going to Topeka. March 12 just won't work for us. Connie will see if she can get them to come to us.
- E. Publicity To save money, we will notify personnel specialist to notify classified employees in their department of The Roar.
- F. Recognition Ceremony Tuesday, March 13 at 11:30 in Anderson 21 there will be a committee meeting. Those that can make it, please come. The letters are going to Deans/Department Heads re: Employee of the Year.

VIII. Campus Committee Reports

- A. Recycling (M. Lewis) No report.
- B. Peer Review (J. Yonning, C. Kissee, C. Reyer, Q. Rawlins) No report.
- C. Recreation Council (Marilyn) No report.
- D. Circulation, Parking & Transportation (S. Adams) HNTB is going through this week showing what they have done.
- E. Campus Development Advisory Committee (L. Hutchins) Pushing parking to perimeter of campus. Parking garages (10 areas recommended). Considering closing campus to vehicles along with the 10-minute walk idea. Also discussing edging

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around campus, walls or gardens. HNTB will come back in April with final plans.

- F. Open Space & Land Use Project (V. White) No report.
- G. Parking Citations Appeals Board (A. Treinen, C. Kissee)- No report.
- H. Maintenance and Service Employee Safety Committee No report.
- I. Training and Development Advisory Committee No report.
- J. Employee Tuition Assistance No report.
- K. United Way (J. Yonning) No Report

IX. Old Business

A. Legislative Day at the capitol is set for March 12, 2001

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A. E. Walter Morrison Award, deadline March 30, 2001

X. Adjournment

C. Grice moved and J. Yonning seconded to close the meeting.

Submitted: Verneta White, Secretary Approved: April 4, 2001 with corrections

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