

**Minutes of the KSU Classified Senate**  
**June 1, 2011**

- I. President Becki Bohnenblust called the meeting to order.**
- II. Roll Call: Please make sure to sign in on the sign in sheet located with the meeting handouts**
  - A. Present:** Lesa Reves, Dale Billam, Becki Bohnenblust, Paula Connors, Ramon Dominguez, Susan Erichsen, Pat Fine, Janet Finney, Jody Fronce, Doris Galvan, Brittany Green, Janel Harder, Annette Hernandez, Will Hirsch, Kerry Jennings, Connie Kissee, Gary Leitnaker, Hanna Manning, Christina Nash, Rob Reves, Cherry Rosenberry, Michael Seymour Sr., Michael Seymour II, Maria Sweet, Janice Taggart, Lindsay Thompson, Ann Marie Treinen, Terri Wyrick, and Jackie Yonning
  - B. Absent - Excused:** Vickey Grochowski, Brad Millington, Lois Schreiner, and Pam Warren
- III. Installation of new Officers and Welcome All New Senators:**
  - A.** Lesa Reves was sworn in as new president by Becki Bohnenblust. The other new officers were sworn in by new president Lesa: Dale Billam – President Elect, Annette Hernandez – Treasurer, Paula Connors – At Large Representative.
  - B.** Welcome to all the new senators who include: Susan Erichsen, Pat Fine, Will Hirsch, Kerry Jennings, Michael Seymour Sr., and Janice Taggart.
  - C.** Thank you to the senators that are leaving which include: Janel Harder, Brittany Green, Connie Kissee, Ann Marie Treinen, and Michael Seymour II.
- IV. Assistant Vice President for Administration and Finance Report:**

Gary Leitnaker reported:

  - A. Employee Benefits:** The Governor vetoed the bill to put a 2.5% surcharge on employee health care. The \$50.00 gift card for getting the free health screenings will no longer be available. KPERS will be seeing some changes but nothing has been finalized as to what changes will be taking place at this time. Gary will keep classified senate informed of all changes as they happen.
- V. Minutes:**
  - A.** The minutes were reviewed. Connie moved to accept the minutes as presented. Janel Harder seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
- VI. Budget Report:**
  - A.** Annette Hernandez stated that one Meritorious Service Award was given in the amount of \$200.00 each. The bills for the Recognition Ceremony have been received. Two payments for plaques have been paid out in the amount of \$1,956.50 and \$900.00. Door prizes were paid out in the amount \$498.31, reserved parking stalls were paid in the amount of \$31.50 (retiree parking), and refreshments were paid for totaling \$684.22. Three accounts had deposits totaling \$2,853.93. The total account balance for all four accounts is \$5,373.95. Printing Services was paid \$661.45 for the flyers used for the Awards Ceremony which the flyers have been given to us in the past. Annette will check into getting a refund on the flyers. Connie Kissee made a motion to accept the budget report. Robert Reves seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

**VII. Executive Council Report:**

The Executive Council did not meet due to the annual Classified Senate picnic.

- A. *CSSC*: Kansas State University will be hosting the annual Classified and Support Staff Council meeting this year. The meeting will be held in September or October 2011. The council will have a meeting on June 3, 2011 so that the Regent Universities will have a chance to meet the new officers.
- B. *President Advisory Council*: The President's Advisory was going to go to North Carolina for training and that has been rescheduled until October or December.
- C. *New Senators*: All new senators are asked to read over the Classified Senate by-laws so that the senators will be familiar with them.

**VIII. Senate Standing Committees:**

The committees did not meet but all senators were asked to sign up for at least one committee

- A. *Campus Affairs Committee*: Maria Sweet and Hanna Manning will co-chair the committee.
- B. *Legislative Affairs Committee*: Dale Billam will chair the committee.
- C. *Recognition Ceremony Committee*: The co-chairs will be Annette Hernandez and Doris Galvan.
- D. *Public Relations Committee*: Lindsay Thompson and Ramon Dominguez will co-chair the committee.
- E. *Classified Employee Opportunity Fund*: The Classified Senate Treasurer is the chair of the committee which is Annette Hernandez.

**IX. Campus Committee Reports:**

- A. *Campus Committees*: Lesa explained the different campus committees that senators can be involved in.

**X. Old Business:**

*No old business.*

**XI. New Business:**

- A. *Facilities Invitation* – Dr. Ed Rice, Associate Vice President for Facilities, invited Classified Senate to come to a presentation of a benchmarking study by Sightlines. The study will compare K-State Facilities with peer universities like, Iowa State University, Michigan State University, Texas A&M, Purdue University, as well as other peer universities. The study will provide our facility's standing with the database of top 50 national universities which fits in with the K-State 2025 overall goal of being recognized nationally as a top 50 public research university.
- B. *Goals* – Lesa, Classified Senate President, would like senators to e-mail her goals for the next senate year.
- C. *Project Search* – Lesa had the opportunity to attend a presentation about "Project SEARCH"; a program designed to give employment skills to students with a variety of disabilities. The project is a business led collaboration that provides education,

rehabilitation and long term support. Students that have the opportunity to get into the program will be trained in a real work setting with low risk and at a low cost for businesses. 82% of cognitive disabilities earn less than \$5.50 an hour and have two jobs because most companies will only hire the disabled person part-time. In 2004 the unemployment rate in the US was 5.6%; for people with disabilities it was 67%. Lesa would like for Project SEARCH to be a goal for Classified Senate to support and promote as this is the first year for this project in our area.

**XII. Adjournment:**

A. Robert Reves moved to adjourn. Connie Kisse seconded. Meeting adjourned.