

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIFIED SENATE
OCTOBER 12, 2005

I. President Paula Connors called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

- A. Attending:** Annette Boddy, LaVonne Boetel, Lori Buss, Paula Connors, Eddi Devore, Sherry Donahey, Susan Ekstrum, Vickey Grochowski, Janel Harder, Richard Herrman, Connie Kisse, Claudia Leeds, Laverna Leeson, Gary Leitnaker, Carol Marden, Cheryl Martin, Theresa McCarthy, Beth Miller, Barbara Nagel, Roxana Ortiz, Jennyfer Owensby, Cyreathia (SAM) Reyer, Cathy Sandoval, Linda Sorell, Marlene Walker
- B. Absent:** John Wolf (unexcused)

III. Gary Leitnaker Report

- A.** Benefits Fair was a success - Open Enrollment is in progress. There is a drop in premiums, some benefits are better.

Parking Garage: Parking Council met two weeks ago. Faculty Senate issues have been assigned to a sub-committee. Requested issues from Classified Senate to take back. \$250,000 has been found which will help hold parking permit increases down. Next goes to Board of Regents and then to Legislative for approve of bonds.

Central Administration is supportive of the classified employee's interest in the Alternative to Civil Service. Gary mentioned some points he had discussed with Central Administration and a discussion ensued. Gary will wait for information and direction from Classified Senate before proceeding further. Both Legislative and Classified Affairs Committees will meet in the next week and work on that issue to bring to the next meeting.

IV. Minutes

- A.** The minutes from the September meeting were distributed via e-mail. Beth moved to approve the minutes as written. Eddi seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

V. Budget

- A.** Janel explained the new budget format. Laverna moved to accept the budget as presented. Connie seconded the motion. The budget report was unanimously approved as submitted.

VI. Executive Council Report

- A. Discussed presenting information on the Alternative to Civil Service in the next Roar outlining general information, the process to be taken and ensuring all classified employees will have a vote. Beth volunteered to draft information for the Roar
- B. Paula asked that all please try to donate one ream of orchid paper for printing of the Roar.

VII. Special Guest

Loleta Sump gave a presentation on United Way showing a video of a commercial prepared for the United Way campaign.

VIII. Senate Standing Committees

- A. Classified Affairs Committee
 - Met at the end of September with the Benefits Fair the main topic. Susan thanked everyone who helped. The Classified Affairs Committee will be the third Wednesday of every month.
 - 1. Classified Employee Recognition Ceremony
 - 2. Public Relations -Next Roar will go out the first part of November with information on the Alternative to Civil Service.
 - 3. Personnel/Benefits - Cathy S said there are about a dozen people participating in the K-State Savers - she outlined. A phone connection to Salina campus - need to look in to video conferencing.
- B. Legislative Affairs
 - 1. Met to discuss and develop position paper (a copy was distributed). October 26, Beth, Paula, Marlene and Richard will attend the KS Council of Senates to develop a combined position paper to take to Legislative Day. Eddi moved to accept the position paper with correction to explain 1.5 day of leave. Janel seconded the motion. The position paper was unanimously approved as corrected.
 - 2. The committee will try to set up an appointment with the Governor or her budget coordinator soon. Their budgets are set prior to Legislative Day. Marlene received an e-mail stating that Pittsburg State has an appointment with the Governor's office on October 19. It was decided that all notifications dealing with Legislative Affairs should be sent to both Paula and Beth immediately.
 - 3. Laverna outlined the term ending dates and the dilemma of have the number ending in 2006. She explained that the By-Laws touched on extending the past-president's term for an additional year. Laverna handed out a sheet with proposed term extensions. The terms as outlined would even out the numbers of terms ending per year. It was clarified that as individuals come in to complete a term from a senator having to step down

will only serve that term and not begin a new 3-year term. Richard moved to accept the extended terms highlighted as presented. Eddi seconded the motion. The term extension were unanimously approved as presented. For Architecture, Education and Human Ecology a drawing was held to extend one of the terms. Janel was extended to 2007. Under Administration and Finance Jennifer Owensby was extended to 2009. Marlene moved to accept the term extensions. Cheryl seconded the motion. The term extension were unanimously approved.

IX. Campus Committee Reports

- A. Peer Review - heard one dismissal hearing and held yearly training
- B. Recreation Council - It is the 25th year anniversary of the facility. They will be voting on allowing MATC students to use the facility.
- C. Recycling - no report
- D. Advisory Committee On Campus Development and Planning - keeping up with maintenance and make the buildings greener (more environmentally friendly)
- E. Training and Development - Charisse Powell accepted to the Certified Manager Program in Topeka. Training set for faculty/staff on Safely Traveling for Business, How to Work with the Media (Oct 27). Supervisory Training (Oct. 18, 20 and 25).
- F. Employee Tuition Assistance - this committee will be put on hold until needed - currently all employees who apply and are eligible receive 3 credit hours paid.

X. Old Business

- A. Notebooks for New Senators - Connie gave her notebook to Barbara Nagel and will retrieve the notebook from Gay Youngman.

XI New Business

- A. Loleta gave the United Way presentation at the beginning of the meeting.
- B. Last month Faculty and Classified Senates executive councils met for a joint luncheon and discussed the parking garage, the alternative to civil service and setting up a legislative forum.

XII. Adjournment - Cathy moved to adjourn the meeting. Susan seconded. Meeting adjourned.