



The Roar



KSU Classified Senate Newsletter

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What is Classified Senate?

Classified Senate is a body of representatives that are elected to represent you, the classified employee. Classified Senate as a body is responsible for articulating classified employees interests, concerns, and recommendations to the Vice President for Administration and Finance. In other words, we are your voice to the administration.

In addition, Classified Senate has the responsibility to keep all classified employees informed on issues affecting them. Primarily this is done through the ROAR, the Classified Senate newsletter. Also, our monthly meeting minutes are posted on the Classified Senate web page at www.k-state.edu/class-senate.

Classified Senate is composed of twenty-six Senators chosen by permanent full-time and part-time classified employees in their respective colleges and/or administrative units. (See chart for the number of Senators from each college and administrative unit.) Senate terms are three years and a Senator can be elected for two consecutive terms.

Each month, Senators attend the Classified Senate meetings to discuss and vote on issues pertinent to classified employees. All Classified Senate meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend.

Every year in the fall, representatives from Classified Senate meet with other regent university's Classified Senates to work on a position paper. This position paper outlines our salary and benefits proposal that we present to the Legislature on Legislative Day in Topeka in February. All classified employees are encouraged to attend.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Classified Senate is annually planning, hosting and organizing the Classified Employee Recognition Ceremony. The Senators spend months in preparation that includes gathering the information for years of service awards and the Employee of the Year awards, selecting and ordering those

awards, procuring a speaker, and providing entertainment and refreshments for the actual ceremony. This is a huge endeavor as the ceremony had over 600 in attendance last year.

If you would like to learn more about Classified Senate, please speak with your Classified Senator or contact Richard Herrman, President of Classified Senate, at trick@ksu.edu. It is an honor and a privilege to be a Classified Senator and a great way to get involved and make a difference for the classified employees here at K-State.

2006 – 2007 Classified Senators

Administration and Finance

Which includes: Vice President's Office, Budget Office, Employee Relations, Controller's Office, Division of Human Resources, Information Systems, Public Safety, and Division of Facilities

- Annette Boddy
- Richard Herrman
- Laverna Leeson
- Theresa McCarthy
- Joseph Myers
- Jennyfer Owensby

Ag and Extension

- Cyreathia (Sam) Reyer
- Lois Schreiner
- John Wolf
- Vacant Seat

Architecture Planning & Design

- Crystal Lara

Arts & Sciences..... Vacant Seat

Business Claudia Leeds

Education..... Janel Harder

Engineering Peggy Selvidge

Hale Library Connie Kisse

Human Ecology Libby Vathauer

Institutional Advancement

Which includes: Vice President's Office, Admissions, Career & Employment Services, Education/Personal Development, Housing and Dining Services, New Student Services, Printing Services, Registrar's Office, Student Financial Aid, Student Life, University Counseling, University Publications, and Lafene Health Center

- Richard Brenner
- Carolyn Elliott
- Carol Marden
- Barbara Nagel

Local Agencies Paula Connors

Which includes: Athletics, K-State Student Union, Child Development Center, and Student Publications

President/Provost Vickey Grochowski

Which includes: Affirmative Action, Beach Museum of Art, McCain Auditorium, University Attorney, Research & Graduate School, Research/Vice Provost, Telecommunications, Computing & Network Services, Division of Continuing Education, and Regents Educational Community Center

KSU Salina Marlene Walker

Veterinary Medicine

- Susan Ekstrum
- Lori Buss

Senate Meetings

All Classified Senate meetings are open to classified employees. You are encouraged and welcome to attend any or all of our meetings. Senate meetings begin at 12:45 p.m. Below are the dates and locations.

- August 2, 2006 KSSU Room 213
- September 6, 2006..... KSSU Room 213
- October 4, 2006..... KSSU Room 213

A Calling for Creativity...

Classified Senate is gearing-up for the Benefits Fair scheduled for October 2006. In conjunction with the benefits fair, a contest will be underway to design a logo for Classified Senate. The logo will be used for displays, letterhead, website use, the ROAR, and it will become property of Kansas State University Classified Senate. The Campus Affairs Committee of Classified Senate will select 5 logos to unveil at the Benefits Fair. Classified employees will be encouraged to vote on their favorite logo during the Benefits Fair. Classified Senate invites and encourages participation from all classified employees. The winning designer will be the proud recipient of a K-State package. So... to all you creative folks out there.... get designing!

Rules for contest entry are as follows:

- * Design must be on 8" x 10" paper,
- * Design must contain the words "Classified Senate "
- * Design must contain the website address: www.k-state.edu/class-senate/
- * Contest open to classified employees only
- * Deadline for entries - August 15, 2006
- * Submit entries to:
KSU Classified Senate
105 Anderson Hall

Don't forget: Please include your name, work address, email address, and phone number so we can contact you if you are the lucky winner!

Visit the Classified Senate website at <http://www.ksu.edu/class-senate/>