

USS Senate President's Notes



It is hard to believe that spring is just about here in Kansas and warmer, longer days will be here to stay soon. Just as the days get longer, it seems we have more things to do. Your University Support Staff Senate has been equally busy. In February several Senators spent a day

in Topeka spreading the K-State message. Be sure to read the article about Cats in the Capitol further in this newsletter.

The Governmental Relations committee is following Senate Bill 161 through the Legislature concerning wording to allow the Kansas Board of Regents authority to govern USS Annual Leave. In addition, they are following the current budget talks that are taking place at the legislature especially watching legislation concerning KPERS.

Our Senate meetings have been filled with thoughtful discussions and concerns from across campus. These discussions come from other USS employees bringing concerns to their Senators. The 2015-2018 USS Senate elections will result in several new Senators. I recommend to those new Senators and employees represented by them, to be an active participant on campus. By having conversations between Senators and their constituents, great ideas can be discovered. It only takes one idea to have a profound effect.

Let me just remind everyone with our busy schedules and work requirements, be sure to stop and enjoy the spring flowers and warmer days. Be sure to talk to your Senators with any concerns you would like addressed. Go Cats!

USS Open Forum

The University Support Staff Senate would like to invite you to an open forum Thursday, April 9 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at the K-State Student Union Forum Hall. This forum will provide university support staff an opportunity to visit with President Schulz, Vice President of Administration and Finance Cindy Bontrager, and the University Support Staff Senate. Please mark your calendars for this important event.

It has been nearly a year since we have converted to university support staff. It is time to reflect on where we have been and where we are headed. It is an exciting time to work at K-State, to be part of the change, and to have a voice that is heard. Please have your questions or comments prepared. If you are unable to attend and would like a specific question asked, please do not hesitate to forward it to your senator. A list of senators can be found at: <http://www.k-state.edu/class-senate/contacts/senators.html> or you may forward any question to Carol Marden at cmarden@k-state.edu.

The Senate looks forward to seeing you at our open forum.

Cats Invade The Capitol!

On March 18, Kansas State Wildcats invade the State Capitol rotunda for our annual "Cats in the Capitol" event. This year's event was well attended by faculty, staff, and students from K-State. We had several more booths to provide information to any who were interested.

In the morning, cookies were delivered to the offices of legislators and their staffs. In the

afternoon we were up to our elbows in Call Hall ice cream, dishing out scoops of chocolate, vanilla, and Purple Pride to legislators, their staff, and visitors in the capitol.

This event usually coincides with K-State's birthday, and everyone at the Capitol looks forward to "Cats in the Capitol" because they know how good our baked goods and ice cream are. It is a long day, but a good day was had by all!

Your Senators



Thank you to all of the senators who work many hours each week representing University Support Staff. You are all appreciated!

Agriculture & Extension (4)

1. John Wolf (2015) 1st term
2. Amy Capoun (2016) 1st term
3. Brittany Green (2016) 1st term
4. Janice Taggart (2017) 2nd term

Architecture, Planning & Design (1)

1. Heather Tourney (2015) – replaced Kari Lindeen

Arts and Sciences (1)

1. Lindsay Thompson (2016) 2nd term

Business (1)

1. Pam Warren (2016) 2nd term

Education (1)

1. Susan Erichsen (2017) 2nd term

Engineering (1)

1. Doris Galvan (2015) 1st term

Human Ecology (1)

1. Janet Finney (2015) 2nd term

Veterinary Medicine (2)

1. Rob Reves (2016) 2nd term
2. Lesa Reves (2015) 2nd term

Hale Library (1)

1. Connie Kisse (2017) 1st term

K-State Salina (1)

1. Kari Zook (2017) 1st term

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

Administrative and Finance (6)

1. Julie Wilburn (2015) – Replaced Will Hirsch
2. Mike Ashcraft (2015) 1st term
3. Steve Greinke (2016) – Replaced Jen Schlegel
4. Cheryl Martin (2016) – Replaced Brian Sheaves
5. Vacant (2017) 1st term – Replaced Terri Savage
6. Michael Seymour (2017) 2nd term

Student Life (4)

1. Carrie Fink (2015) 1st term – replaced Michele Edwards
2. Sharon Maike (2015) 1st term
3. Kerry Jennings (2017) 1st term
4. Carol Marden (2017) 1st term

President / Provost (1)

1. Michael Seymour II (2016) 1st term

Local Agencies (1)

1. Emily Johnson (2016) – Replaced Karla Quick

University Support Staff Recognition Ceremony

Hosted by K-State University Support Staff Senate, the University Support Staff recognition ceremony will be Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the main ballroom at the K-State Student Union. The guest speaker this year will be Cheryl Johnson, Vice President for Human Capital. We will be recognizing the University Support Staff who have reached 5-15-25-35 years of service during the 2014 calendar year. Additionally we will recognize employees of the year by Colleges and Administrative units, and departments and local agencies. Please see the attached flier.

ROAR

If you have suggestions or comments for the ROAR, please contact Carol Marden (cmarden@ksu.edu) or Lindsay Thompson (lindsay@ksu.edu).

Senate Meetings

You are encouraged and welcome to attend any or all of our meetings. Senate meetings begin at 12:30 p.m. Below are the dates and locations:

- April 1, 2015 Staterooms
- May 6, 2015 Cottonwood Room
- June 3, 2015 TBA

All University Support Staff meetings are open to all University Support Staff.

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Kansas State University University Support Staff Recognition Ceremony

Hosted by the K-State University Support Staff Senate

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

2:00 p.m.

K-State Student Union, Main Ballroom

Guest Speaker

Cheryl Johnson, Vice President for Human Capital

Please join us in acknowledging the following:

- ◆ *University Support Staff who have reached 5 - 15 - 25 - 35 years of service during the 2014 calendar year*
- ◆ *University Support Staff who have reached 10-20-30-40 years of service during the 2014 calendar year will stand and be recognized*
- ◆ *University Support Staff who retired during 2014 will stand and be recognized*
- ◆ *Employees of the Year selected by Colleges/Administrative Units/Departments and Local Agencies*
- ◆ *K-State University Support Staff Award of Excellence*

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony