

MINUTES
CLASSIFIED SENATE
October 16, 2007

The Classified Senate met Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., in the Field Conference Room, Sheridan Hall.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Robert Degenhardt.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Senators Barb Bieker, Jim Dechant, Robert Degenhardt, Niki Dinkel, Linda Garner, Amy Klein, Lisa Morgan, Janice Napell, Gloria Pfeifer, Michelle Schlyer and Marcia Tacha. Alternate member Brian Bartells was present with Senator Klein.

Members absent: Mark Grieve, Lesly Rupp and Amie Wright.

Guests: SB74 Committee Members Cindy Cline and Sheila McGuire, and Personnel Director Tom Kuhn.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the September 11, 2007, meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting so all can have appropriate time to review them.

4. Old Business

A. Report on SB74 Town Hall Meetings

A list of attendees of both meetings was provided to the Senate. The meetings were videotaped, and both are now a link on the Web site under SB74 Initiative. Questions asked will be transcribed and put on a spreadsheet, then the spreadsheet will be put on the Web.

Ms. Cline distributed a sheet prepared by the Committee with the salary/merit breakdown, "Sample Salary Distribution Under SB74 Proposal." She pointed out that the make up of the advisory board would be three University Support Staff members, one unclassified employee, and one faculty member. This board would be approved by the Vice President of Administration & Finance, and would be on a 2-year or 3-year rotating basis so that not all members are new at the same time.

Once the proposal document is finalized, an official announcement will be made, and a vote will be taken within 90 days. If it passes, it will be passed on to the Board of Regents. If it fails, upon review of the Senate and the SB74 committee, if needed, changes will be made and a new proposal may be presented to classified staff members again and put to a second vote.

B. President's Cabinet Meeting

President Degenhardt reported the President's Cabinet Meeting agenda contained a second reading of the Crisis Management Plan/Emergency Notification System proposal. NCAA graduate rate reports were given. A special legislative report was made regarding tearing down and rebuilding a portion of Wiest Hall. Also, discussion was had regarding the Kansas Academy of Math & Science and the possibility of bringing it to the FHSU campus.

C. Distribution of Pens for 5-Year Employees

Senator Charlene Lix, an employee of the University Police Department, reached the 5-year mark on October 3. Senator Tacha will write a congratulatory note and deliver a pen to Senator Lix.

5. New Business

A. Set up SB74 vote: identify procedure

This matter was tabled to a future meeting.

- B. Introduction of Senator Amie Wright – College of Health & Life Sciences, College of Business & Leadership, College of Education & Technology
Senator Wright was unable to attend the meeting, so the matter was tabled.
- C. Kansas Council on Classified Senates meeting – November 5 @ KSU
President Degenhardt, Secretary/Treasurer Tacha, and Senators Dechant, Morgan and Napell will attend the meeting in Manhattan on November 5.

6. Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Tacha reported the following balances as of August 31, 2007: Foundation Scholarships, \$1,243.79. OOE \$605.62.

A check request was granted by the Foundation, and \$19.69 in funds were transferred from the hospitality fund to the scholarship fund.

7. Committee Reports

Orientation: Senator Dinkel reported welcome letters were sent to Charles Dreiling, general maintenance and repair technician, Robbins Center; and Andrew Hansen, custodial specialist, McMIndes Hall.

Legislative: No report.

Social: No report.

Scholarship: Senator Schlyer reported the application deadline for Spring 2008 is the first day of classes, January 16. Awards for the Fall 2007 semester were reported in last month's minutes.

8. Announcements

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 3:30 p.m., Field Conference Room, 1st Floor, Sheridan Hall.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Senator Klein moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Marcia Tacha
Secretary/Treasurer