

MINUTES
CLASSIFIED SENATE
October 14, 2008

The Classified Senate met Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 3:30 p.m., in the Trails Room, Memorial Union.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Marcia Tacha.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Senators Barb Bieker, Jim Dechant, Niki Dinkel, Linda Garner, Rod Leiker, Lisa Morgan, Janice Napell, Gloria Pfeifer, Marcia Tacha, and Amie Wright, and alternate member Randy Kitzman.

Members absent: Donna Augustine, Mark Grieve, Bruce Heath, Amy Klein, Charlene Lix, and Michelle Schlyer.

Guest: Debra Prideaux, Alumni Association and Governmental Relations Director.

3. Introductions

President Tacha introduced Debra Prideaux, FHSU's Alumni Association and Governmental Relations Director.

4. Approval of Minutes

Senator Garner moved to approve the September 16, 2008, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Senator Wright and carried.

5. New Business

- A. Classified & Support Staff Council meeting – Wichita State University, October 30, 2008
President Tacha asked for volunteers to attend the CSSC meeting with her in Wichita on October 30. To this point, no one else is available to go. The meeting will be to finalize the CSSC's Position Paper that will be presented to the 2009 Legislature.
- B. Faculty Senate Report
Faculty Senate President Ken Trantham was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior engagement. President Tacha reported on the October 6 Faculty Senate meeting, wherein a report was given by the task force for the funded Faculty Lounge. Students' teacher evaluations were also discussed.
- C. Alumni Association/Governmental Relations report
Ms. Prideaux provided information regarding the legislative procedures and the impact of the upcoming election to state employees. She reviewed and discussed our senate's position paper for FY10 and will be provided a copy of the CSSC's paper after it is finalized. She further discussed the State Employees Oversight Commission and the changes in the Capitol due to the ongoing construction project. She asked to be kept informed of what our senate is doing and advised she would help us in any way she possibly can.
- D. November meeting – scheduled for Veteran's Day
President Tacha reported that our meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, and in November, it falls on Veteran's Day, a classified employees holiday. Classified employees are granted 1.5 days of holiday credit if they choose to work that day as campus will remain open. All in attendance agreed they would be working that day, so the group decided to hold the regular senate meeting that day.
- E. Other
President Tacha reminded the senate of the deadline for Distinguished Service Award nominations is the following day. Senator Garner reported that the deadline for submitting applications for the Staff Development Awards is November 1 and encouraged everyone to apply for any trips or training seminars for which they would like to receive funding. The committee

grants awards four times per year, and up to \$500 per person per fiscal year may be awarded. The application form may be found on Lotus Notes Workspace.

6. Old Business

- A. Report on President's Cabinet Meeting, President Tacha
President Tacha reported the President's Cabinet Meeting was on October 8. The 50th Anniversary of the Memorial Union will be celebrated with free cake on Friday, October 17. She encouraged everyone to look at a copy of the Union's anniversary booklet. She reported that policy and procedures relating to the new criminal background checks on new hires was discussed. Finally, freshman enrollment comparisons were reviewed.
- B. Distribution of Pens for 5-Year Employees
No employees reached the 5-year landmark this month.
- C. CSSC Presentation to the Kansas Board of Regents, September 18
President Tacha attended the CSSC presentation to the KBOR on September 18 in Topeka. She reported that Jennyfer Owensby from Kansas State University spoke on behalf of the group and did an outstanding job. Ms. Owensby thanked the board for including us on their agenda twice per year, this time being the first. Further, the CSSC expressed concern over the budget issues, funding for the new pay plans, and the impact the criminal background checks on new hires will have on classified staff.

7. Treasurer's Report

President Tacha reported on behalf of Secretary/Treasurer Charlene Lix in her absence. The OOE has \$231.10, and the Classified Scholarship Fund at the Foundation has \$118.30.

8. Committee Reports

- Orientation:** Senator Dinkel reported a welcome letter was sent to Dane Lonnon in Student Fiscal Services
- Legislative:** No report as Ms. Prideaux had presented regarding the upcoming legislative session.
- Social:** Senator Bieker reported a sympathy card was sent to Joan Brown on the death of her father-in-law.
- Scholarship:** No report.

9. Announcements

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 3:30 p.m., Trails Room, Memorial Union.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Senator Garner moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by Marcia Tacha
President