

MINUTES
CLASSIFIED SENATE
November 14, 2007

The Classified Senate met Tuesday, November 14, 2007, at 3:30 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, Alternate Michelle Weigel for Linda Garner, Charlene Lix, Lisa Morgan, Janice Napell, Gloria Pfeifer, Michelle Schlyer and Marcia Tacha.

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

Guests: SB74 Committee Members Sheila McGuire and Darlene Schippers.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the September 11, 2007, meeting minutes was made by Senator Bieker. The motion was seconded and carried. The October 16, 2007, meeting minutes were distributed, and approval was deferred to the next meeting so all may have appropriate time to review them.

4. Old Business

A. Report by SB74 Committee

SB74 Committee Members Sheila McGuire and Darlene Schippers were guests to the meeting. They requested and were granted approval by the Senate to hold another Town Hall meeting prior to the final proposal being submitted to the university president. The Committee prepared a Frequently Asked Questions list that will be posted on the Web site and distributed to all classified staff attending the meeting. A suggestion was made, and the Senate agreed, that the meeting should not be taped, and no administrators or unclassified personnel will be invited to attend in hopes that people will be more comfortable to express their feelings or ask questions. A flyer will be sent out at the Senate's expense notifying staff of the meeting. It will include a tear-off section at the bottom for questions people wish to submit anonymously and have answered at the meeting. In addition, the Senate granted approval for SB74 Committee members to meet with small groups in departments upon the department's request.

B. President's Cabinet Meeting

No report.

C. Distribution of Pens for 5-Year Employees

Alternate Senator Michelle Weigel, an employee of the INT Department, reached the 5-year mark on November 4. Senator Tacha presented a congratulatory note and a pen to Ms. Weigel at the meeting.

5. New Business

No new business.

6. Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Tacha reported the following balances as of August 31, 2007: Foundation Scholarships, \$734.84. OOE \$605.62.

7. Committee Reports

Orientation: Senator Dinkel reported welcome letters were sent to Kristi Mills, administrative specialist in the Assistant to the Provost office, and Tina Schiel, senior administrative assistant in Admissions. She further reported the following people had separated from the University: Susan McFadden, senior administrative assistant in Admissions; Abby Bonwell, administrative specialist in the Assistant to the Provost office; and Mark Murphy, animal science technician, University Farm.

Legislative: President Degenhardt reported progress was being made in committee meetings regarding the Hay Group proposal regarding classified employee's pay.

Social: Senator Lix reported cards had been sent to Senator Amy Klein and her husband, Dustin, on the birth of their baby girl. A card was also sent to Alvin Hearne on the death of his father.

Scholarship: Senator Schlyer reported applications for the Spring 2008 semester will be sent out, and the application deadline is the first day of classes, January 16.

8. Announcements

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, 3:30 p.m., Field Conference Room, 1st Floor, Sheridan Hall.

9. Adjournment

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

Submitted by Marcia Tacha
Secretary/Treasurer