

MINUTES
CLASSIFIED SENATE
02/13/07

The Classified Senate met Tuesday, February 13, 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: Barb Bieker, Robert Degenhardt, Niki Dinkel, Mark Grieve, Sheila McGuire, Jordan Munsch, Michelle Schlyer, and Marcia Tacha.

Members absent: Jim Dechant, Vickie Fisher, Amy Klein, Donetta Lang, Charlene Lix, Lesly Rupp, and Cindy Weigel.

3. Approval of Minutes

Senator McGuire moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2007. The motion was seconded and carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Tacha reported the following balances as of January 31, 2007: Endowment Scholarships, \$1,268.23; Hospitality Fund, \$19.69; and OOE \$697.12.

5. Committee Reports

Orientation: No report.

Legislative: President Degenhardt deferred discussion until later in the meeting.

Social: Senator Fisher sent a card to John Aschenbrenner on the birth of his daughter.

Scholarship: Senator Schlyer reported the decision that "one award per year" is interpreted to mean per fiscal year. She will report to the committee the Senate's decision to ask the president for matching funds if the \$1,000 goal is met during the Campus Drive. She will also bring up to the committee the issue of whether the awards could include covering fees rather than just books and materials. The Senate agrees that it should.

SB74: Senator McGuire reported the committee is going through the classified staff handbook and reviewing grievance policies compared to KU's policy. She said the committee requests time at the annual meeting to give an update, which was approved by the Senate.

6. Old Business

- Five-year pens will be distributed by the appropriate senators to Robyn Brungardt, Financial Assistance Office.
- President Degenhardt was unable to attend the President's Cabinet meeting.
- President Degenhardt and Senator Tacha attended the Kansas Council of Classified Senates' days at the Capitol on February 5-6, 2007. Senator Tacha reported that senators should send a note to their constituents and encourage them to write to their state representatives and senators in addition to those most proactive on the issue of classified staff salaries. In particular, she encouraged writing to Senator Dwayne Umbarger from Thayer and Representative Tom Hawk from Manhattan as both gave her the impression they were very much in favor of classified raises.

President Degenhardt reported senators and representatives were more receptive this time than they were the other three times he has gone. He encouraged classified staff to write to legislators to encourage them to leave our salaries out of the omnibus bill and put it as a higher priority.

- Senator Tacha and classified staff members Jan Cutright and Leanna Fross will sit on the Service Award Committee, which will award classified and non-faculty unclassified employees a similar award as the Outstanding Faculty Award at the December holiday party.

7. New Business

A. Annual Meeting – April 2007

President Degenhardt will attempt to find a keynote speaker. A tentative room reservation has been made for April 11, 2007, as the ballroom was not available on April 10. Chartwells will be contacted regarding refreshments when details are confirmed.

B. Kansas Council of Classified Senates at K-State – June 18, 2007

The issue was tabled until a future meeting.

C. Nametags will be ordered for the senators who do not have them.

8. Announcements

The next regular Senate meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 3:30 p.m., in the Field Conference Room in Sheridan Hall.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Senator Munsch moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Submitted by Marcia Tacha
Secretary/Treasurer