

MINUTES
CLASSIFIED SENATE
February 10, 2009

The Classified Senate met Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 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 Donna Augustine, Barb Bieker, Niki Dinkel, Linda Garner, Mark Grieve, Charlene Lix, Gloria Pfeifer, Michelle Schlyer, Marcia Tacha, and Amie Wright, and alternate member Roger Weigel.

Members absent: Jim Dechant, Bruce Heath, Amy Klein, Rod Leiker, Lisa Morgan, and Janice Napell.

3. Introduction of Guests

President Tacha introduced Tom Kuhn, Personnel Director.

4. Approval of Minutes

Senator Wright moved to approve the January 13, 2009, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Senator Augustine and carried.

5. New Business

A. Alumni Association Legislative Report

Debra Prideaux and Heather Zerr were unavailable for our meeting so there was no report.

B. Faculty Senate Report

Ken Trantham was unable to attend, but President Tacha informed us that they have been talking about the budget and a proposal of Faculty Senate presidents at the Regents universities to eliminate the 60 day waiting period as a recruiting tool. This proposal would affect all state employees, not just faculty.

C. Report on February 5, 2009, President's Cabinet

President Tacha said that the main discussion was once again on budget reductions.

D. At-Large Positions

President Tacha brought up the possibility of at-large positions for the Classified Senate as a couple of other Regents institutions have. At-large senators could come from any area and would be on 1-year rotations. The addition of two more senators would expand representation on campus and foster more communication with other classified staff members. Further discussion will be held at the March meeting.

6. Old Business

A. Distribution of Pens for 5-Year Employees

Fred McIntosh HHP Custodial reached the 5-year milestone this month. Senator Pfeifer will present his pen and our gratitude to him.

B. CSSC Presidents' Meeting with KBOR, January 14-15, 2009

Tracey Mussa, Pittsburg State University, was the spokesperson for the Classified and Support Staff Council. The major item presented by the group was to request that the Board of Regents protect the 40-hour work week. FHSU's four-day work week for the summer was used as an example of what significant changes are being made by the Regents schools.

C. CSSC Legislative Day on the Hill, January 27-28, 2009

Alternate Senator Weigel, Senator Pfeifer, Senator Leiker and President Tacha attended. They reported that the legislators appreciate our visiting the Capitol and our feedback. They were told that if classified staff representatives didn't attend the Day on the Hill, the senators and

representatives would tend to believe we are satisfied and have no concerns. Senator Tacha provided everyone with a list of addresses for all in the Kansas Senate and House of Representatives, which also had their committee assignments, and encouraged all to send comments and concerns, especially to those dealing with issues affecting higher education.

7. Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Charlene Lix reported the following balances: The OOE has \$230.16, and the Classified Scholarship Fund at the Foundation has \$245.80.

8. Committee Reports

Orientation: Senator Dinkel will provide the information with her next report.

Legislative: No report other than what was learned from the Day on the Hill and shared from the Hawver Report.

Social: Senator Bieker sent a sympathy card to Dee Hand on the loss of her father and condolences were issued to Senator Bieker by the group on the loss of her mother-in-law.

Scholarship: Senator Schlyer reported that there is another \$20 to add to the Scholarship Fund which brings the total to \$265.80. There were three applications, which totaled \$261.00, so all were funded. There was a fourth application, but it missed the deadline, so it was not funded. The scholarship committee will visit with the Foundation regarding the annual campus drive and

9. Announcements

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 3:30 p.m., Trails Room, Memorial Union.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Senator Wright moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Senator Pfeifer and carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Charlene Lix
Secretary/Treasurer