

**MINUTES**  
**CLASSIFIED SENATE**  
**03/11/03**

The Classified Senate met Tuesday, March 11, at 3:30 pm in the Prairie Room in the Memorial Union.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members present:** Janice Basgall, Kathleen Albert, Joe Geist, Robert Degenhardt, Darlene Schippers, Deb Allen, Tom Martin, Donna Augustine, Leanna Fross, and Simone Werth

**Members absent:** Gloria Mlinek, Odus Trober, Debra Schaben, Amy Lang and Cindy Cline

**Alternates present:** Lesly Rupp and Darlene Cole

**Guests present:** Tom Kuhn

**3. Approval of February 2003 Minutes**

It was moved and seconded by Simone Werth and Joe Geist, respectively, to approve the minutes of February 11, 2003. Motion passed.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Account balances for Classified Senate:

Endowment Scholarships	Beginning Balance	\$ 1,236.32
	Contributions	<u>180.00</u>
	Ending Balance	<u>\$1,416.32</u>
Hospitality Fund	Beginning Balance	<u>\$ 19.69</u>
	Ending Balance	<u>\$ 19.69</u>
OOE	Beginning Balance	<u>\$ 452.62</u>
	Ending Balance	<u>\$ 452.62</u>

**5. Committee Reports**

**Orientation:** Simone Werth reported no new staff or resignations during the last month.

**Legislative:** Deb Allen asked for a good showing at Governor Sebelius' briefing tomorrow morning. The governor will be giving a short report on the budget in the Stouffer Lounge from 8:30-9:30 am.

**Social:** Janice Basgall had nothing to report.

**Scholarship:** Tom Martin announced the Scholarship Committee was meeting on March 13 to discuss applications for summer scholarships.

Deb encouraged everyone to donate to the Endowment Scholarship Drive. President Hammond will match funds if \$1,000 is given to the Classified Scholarship Fund.

## **6. Old Business**

### **A. Speaker for the Annual Meeting (Senator Janis Lee, theme)**

State Senator Janis Lee has agreed to speak at the Annual Classified Meeting in April. Her topic will be "Realities of the State Budget Crisis." The meeting will be held in Beach-Schmidt auditorium on Thursday, April 17. The meeting is set for 3:30 pm, but Deb will ask President Hammond for an extra 15 minutes for employees to have tea and cookies since refreshments are not allowed in the auditorium.

### **B. Annual Meeting (invitations, hosts, or hostesses, ushers, refreshments)**

It was moved by Tom Martin and seconded by Leanna Fross that money be spent for invitations, programs, and refreshments for the meeting.

Deb asked for volunteers to be ushers and hostesses. Tom Martin, Leanna Fross, Robert Degenhardt and Joe Geist agreed to serve as ushers. Hostesses will be Kathleen Albert, Darlene Schippers, and Janice Basgall.

## **7. New Business**

### **A. FHSU License Plates**

FHSU license plates are available. Only 289 have been reserved out of the 500 needed for a secured order. The approximate cost of the plate is \$45.00 registration to the County Treasurer and a \$30.00 annual royalty. These fees are in addition to normal registration costs and due at each individual's regular tag time. A donor has agreed to pay for 250 license plates for students after the initial goal of 500 has been reached.

### **B. Tuition Waiver for Staff/Spouse Dependant**

Tuition waivers for staff, dependants, and spouses are not a reality yet, but there is hope for its implementation in 2004. The waivers would not cover the entire cost of tuition, but it would be considerably reduced, and is contingent on room in the classes. The waivers would apply only to spring and fall semesters and would include no specialty classes. The waiver is still in the planning stages. Tom Martin said the waiver has been discussed at Faculty Senate. It would be a good tool for employee retention and a hiring benefit.

## **8. Announcements**

Classified Senate elections will be held in April. Terms of several senators are up and they should be finding replacements. Elections of the Senate officers (President, Vice-President, and Secretary) will also be held.

The next meeting will be the Annual Classified Meeting on April 17, 2003 at the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

**9. Adjournment**

It was moved by Tom Martin and seconded by Kathleen Albert to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 PM. The motion carried.

Submitted by Darlene Cole  
Alternate for Gloria Mlinek