

**MINUTES**  
**CLASSIFIED SENATE**  
**March 11, 2008**

The Classified Senate met Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 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, Robert Degenhardt, Niki Dinkel, Linda Garner, Mark Grieve, Amy Klein, Charlene Lix, and Marcia Tacha.

**Members absent:** Jim Dechant, Lisa Morgan, Janice Napell, Gloria Pfeifer, Lesly Rupp, Michelle Schlyer, and Amie Wright

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of February 12, 2008, minutes was tabled.

**4. Old Business**

A. President's Cabinet Meeting

President Degenhardt said there were second readings to many policy revisions. The Regents performance indicators report was given. The FY09 budget was discussed, and the Legislature has approved all on Dr. Hammond's proposed budget except the Professional Science and Math Masters Degree Program. A report on the Kansas Academy of Math and Science was given, and the decision has been made to house the students in Custer Hall.

B. Distribution of Pens for 5-Year Employees

Pens will be distributed to Amanda Leer in the Registrar's Office; Sheila McGuire in the Virtual College; and Janet Batman in McMIndes Maintenance.

**5. New Business**

A. Staff Development Committee

President Degenhardt reported that the committee needs representation from the Classified Senate, and defined what the appointment entails from information received from Mike Barnett. Representation is on a three-year rotation basis. It meets once quarterly, and Hong Wang is the current chair. Senator Bieker is on the committee, and Senator Lix has served on the committee, but her term is up. President Degenhardt appointed Senator Garner to fill Senator Lix's position.

B. SB74 Proposal – Election May 7, 2008

The Student Government Association has agreed to staff the polling place in the Memorial Union. Classified Senate members will monitor the polling place and the vote. Votes will be counted by the SGA. Senator Degenhardt will pick up the portable voting booths from the county on May 6 and return them on May 8. A hard copy reminder of the election will be sent to all eligible classified staff. Photo identification will be required to reassure that everyone only receives one vote and because student workers will not be able to identify staff members. Discussion was had that the Senate needs to reassure people that the question on the ballot will only be whether to convert from Classified Staff to University Support Staff. The SB74 Committee's Final Proposal, as adopted by the Senate and the administration, sets out the minimum of what will be guaranteed under the USS system if it passes. Evaluation forms and job descriptions will need to be developed if the proposal passes, but it would be premature to use the labor involved to generate those documents beforehand.

C. FHSU Classified Staff Annual Meeting April 14, 2008

The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. It has been moved from the Black & Gold room to the FHSU Ballroom in anticipation of a larger-than-usual crowd due to the issues involved.

Senator Janice Lee and Representative Eber Phelps have agreed to attend the annual meeting to discuss the latest occurrences in the legislature regarding classified staff and the Hay Group's proposal. Also, Ola Faucher from the University of Kansas as well as other KU representatives, hopefully one from its physical plant, will attend the meeting.

Representative Dan Johnson has not responded to President Degenhardt's invitation, but he will be contacted and asked again. Hard copies of notice of the meeting will be sent out, and arrangements for refreshments will be made.

Discussion was had whether to hold a regular April Classified Staff meeting. After discussion, it was determined that one was needed as constituent and senator lists need to be updated.

**D. Constituent Updates**

Vice President Klein is working on updating the lists. The issue was tabled until the April regular meeting.

**E. 2008-09 Elections and Term Limits**

New officers will be elected during the May 13 regular meeting.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Secretary/Treasurer Tacha reported the following balances: Foundation Scholarships, \$631.88; OOE \$398.17. She further reported that Mike Barnett indicated our budget could be supplemented by the general fund if we go over with all the expenses of the annual meeting and May 7 vote.

**7. Committee Reports**

**Orientation:** Senator Dinkel reported Andrew Hansen, custodial specialist in McMIndes Hall, had separated from the University. A welcome letter has been sent to Dawne Leiker, senior administrative assistant, Leadership Studies.

**Legislative:** HB 2916 was discussed, which deals with classified staff salaries, and it has been sent to the senate. SB 666 is the parallel bill on the issue.

**Social:** Senator Lix will send a sympathy card to John Fleharty on the death of his father-in-law.

**Scholarship:** No report.

**8. Announcements**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 3:30 p.m., Field Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Sheridan Hall.

**9. Adjournment**

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

Submitted by Marcia Tacha  
Secretary/Treasurer