

**MINUTES**  
**CLASSIFIED SENATE**  
**March 10, 2009**

The Classified Senate met Tuesday, March 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, Jim Dechant, Niki Dinkel, Linda Garner, Mark Grieve, Bruce Heath, Amy Klein, Charlene Lix, Lisa Morgan, Janice Napell, Gloria Pfeifer, Michelle Schlyer, Marcia Tacha, and Amie Wright, and alternate senators Lesly Rupp and Roger Weigel.  
**Members absent:** Rod Leiker

**3. Introduction of Guests**

President Tacha introduced Tom Kuhn, Personnel Director.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Senator Wright moved to approve the February 10, 2009, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Senator Grieve and carried.

**5. New Business**

- A. Alumni Association Legislative Report  
No report.
- B. Faculty Senate Report  
No report.
- C. Report on February 5, 2009, President's Cabinet  
Discussions were held on the missing persons policy, how to fund the Fulbright Scholars program, stimulus package information and the budget and the campus fund drive.
- D. Annual Classified Senate Meeting  
Possible dates for the meeting were discussed. Our regularly scheduled meeting date is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in April, but with a lack of information on the budget, the 1<sup>st</sup> week in May was discussed. Secretary/Treasurer Lix will email Representatives Dan Johnson and Eber Phelps and Senator Janis Lee and determine what dates work for them and then schedule the meeting. If we wait until later to hold the meeting, we will plan on having our regular meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Old Business**

- A. Distribution of Pens for 5-Year Employees  
Jim Dechant, HHP Custodial Services, reached the 5-year milestone this month. Senator Dechant was presented his pen during the meeting.
- B. At-Large Senators  
Discussion was once again held on the pros and cons of having At-Large Senators. President Tacha and Secretary/Treasurer Lix will try to have a proposed amendment to the by-laws for the next meeting stating whether the senators would be elected or volunteer, terms, etc. Senators Grieve, Klein and Dechant will need to find replacements as they have reached their term limits and must resign. Replacements should be present at the May meeting for the election of officers. Senators who are completing the second year of their first term and who may choose to stay on for a second two-year term or resign are Senators Garner, Pfeifer, Schlyer, Lix and Dinkel.

**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 \$16.80 after Spring Scholarships were distributed.

## **8. Committee Reports**

**Orientation:** Senator Dinkel sent welcome letters to Renee Miller, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Kansas Wetlands Education Center (at Cheyenne Bottoms); Randall Collins, Gen. Maintenance & Repair Tech, Kansas Wetlands Education Center; and Christopher Feldt, University Police Officer Trainee, University Police. Teresa Pentecost-Wilken, Custodial Specialist, Wiest Hall; Troy Weigel, Plumber Senior, Residential Life Maintenance; and Morris Froelich, Carpenter Senior, Residential Life Maintenance, have separated from the University. Frank Stadelman, Junior Custodial Specialist, Custodial Services has retired from the University.

**Legislative:** No report.

**Social:** Senator Bieker sent a congratulatory note to Amy & Shane Gregg on the birth of their son, Dylan. Sympathy cards were sent to Stephanie Dechant on the loss of her mother, Adelaide Dinkel, Rod Leiker on the loss of his mother-in-law, Iona Dinkel, Jerry Dreiling on the loss of his sister, JoAnn Phillips, and Steve Basgall on the loss of his sister-in-law JoAnn Phillips.

**Scholarship:** Senator Schlyer reported that the committee is checking with the President's Office on the possibility of matching funds for the Campus Drive.

## **9. Announcements**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 3:30 p.m., Trails Room, Memorial Union unless that is the date of the Annual Meeting. If this is the case, details on a regular meeting will be sent at a later date.

## **9. Adjournment**

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

Submitted by Charlene Lix  
Secretary/Treasurer