

MINUTES
CLASSIFIED SENATE
April 8, 2008

The Classified Senate met Tuesday, April 8, 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, Jim Dechant, Robert Degenhardt, Niki Dinkel, Linda Garner, Mark Grieve, Amy Klein, Charlene Lix, Lisa Morgan, Janice Napell, Gloria Pfeifer, Michelle Schlyer, Marcia Tacha, and Amie Wright.

Members absent: Lesly Rupp

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the February 12, 2008, meeting minutes was made by Senator Wright. The motion was seconded by Senator Schlyer and carried.

A motion to approve the March 11, 2008, meeting minutes was made by Senator Bieker. The motion was seconded by Senator Klein and carried.

4. Old Business

A. President's Cabinet Meeting

President Degenhardt said there was a second reading on the software purchase policy. A report on Student Health Department rates was given. The Virtual College price structure was reviewed, with suggestions for giving a break on the cost for on-campus students who need specific courses to graduate that are only offered through the Virtual College. A policy was reviewed to make Veteran's Day a paid holiday for unclassified employees as it is for classified. The Board of Regents has created a Classified and Support Staff Council, wherein current classified senate presidents of members schools the Kansas Council of Classified Senates will have the opportunity to visit with the Kansas Board of Regents concerning classified personnel issues.

B. Distribution of Pens for 5-Year Employees

A pen and thank you note was distributed to Lisa Lang of the Alumni Association.

C. SB74 Proposal – election May 7, 2008

The Committee is still available to hold departmental meetings. A sign-up sheet was distributed to senators for one-hour shifts of monitoring of the polling place on May 7 and also for monitoring the count at the end of the day. The senate agreed to e-mail the wording of the ballot to all classified employees prior to the vote and also to e-mail the results immediately following the announcement of the results. The results will also be posted on the Web site.

D. FHSU Classified Staff Annual Meeting, April 14, 2008

Senator Janis Lee and Representatives Eber Phelps and Dan Johnson will be guests at the meeting, as well as Ola Faucher and another representative from the University of Kansas. Refreshments will be served. In President Degenhardt's absence, Vice-President Klein and Secretary/Treasurer Tacha will divide up responsibilities for emceeding the meeting.

E. Constituent Updates

Each senator was asked to review the list of their constituents and update them as necessary. A new master list will be compiled by Secretary/Treasurer Tacha.

F. 2008-09 Elections and Term Limits

Vice President Klein and Secretary/Treasurer Tacha have worked to sort out term limits for senators and have come up with the following:

Senators completing the **Second Year** of the **Second Term** who must resign from the senate are:

- Lesly Rupp

Senators completing the **First Year** of the **Second Term** who have an obligation for at least one more year to complete their entire term limit:

- Jim Dechant
- Mark Grieve
- Amy Klein

Senators completing the **Second Year** of the **First Term** who may choose to stay on for a second two-year term or resign in May 2008:

- Barbara Bieker
- Robert Degenhardt
- Lisa Morgan
- Janice Napell
- Gloria Pfeifer
- Marcia Tacha

Senators completing the **First Year** of the **First Term** who have an obligation for at least one more year with the option of continuing on for a second, two-year term:

- Niki Dinkel
- Linda Garner
- Michelle Schlyer

In further action, Senator Tacha moved to switch two areas of constituency areas: Forsyth Library and the College of Education and Technology. Senator Lix seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Therefore, new constituency groups will be CTELT, College of Education & Technology, and the Virtual College as one group, and the College of Health & Life Sciences, the College of Business & Leadership, and Forsyth Library will be in the second group.

5. New Business

No new business

6. Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Tacha reported the following balances: Foundation Scholarships, \$631.88; OOE \$255.48. She further reported upcoming expenses due to President Degenhardt's letter to all classified staff; the printing of the ballots; refreshments for the April 14 meeting.

7. Committee Reports

Orientation: Senator Dinkel reported welcome letters have been sent to Sherry Spangler, administrative assistant in special education; Stephen Basgall, GMRT senior in buildings maintenance/construction; and John Doerschlag, custodial specialist in McMIndes maintenance.

Senator Dinkel further reported the following separations from the University: Tyler McClure, University Police Department; and Thomas Johnson, GMRT, Sternberg. Also, Becky Kuhn, custodial specialist, has transferred to HHP operations.

Legislative: President Degenhardt reported that Personnel Director Tom Kuhn has circulated the progression of classified salary increases through the house and senate. Salaries have again been pushed into the omnibus bill. The legislature is awaiting April projections on state revenues.

Social: Senator Lix sent a sympathy card to Sheila Pfeifer on the death of her daughter.

Scholarship: No report.

8. Announcements

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 3:30 p.m., Field Conference Room, 1st Floor, Sheridan Hall.

9. Adjournment

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

Submitted by Marcia Tacha
Secretary/Treasurer