

MINUTES
CLASSIFIED SENATE
May 13, 2008

The Classified Senate met Tuesday, May 13, 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 April 8, 2008, meeting minutes was made by Senator Bieker. The motion was seconded by Senator Garner and carried.

4. Old Business

A. President's Cabinet Meeting

President Degenhardt reported there was discussion on the Virtual College tuition restructure, whereby on-campus students would not pay full price for virtual classes. FHSU's FY09 budget was discussed. FHSU fared reasonably well by the legislature as it approved the Kansas Academy of Math & Science, which will be housed at FHSU, and the funding of demolishing or moving two houses across the street from campus, which will be used for parking areas. Also, Wiest Hall A will be torn down. Unfortunately, the professional Master of Science program was not funded.

B. Distribution of Pens for 5-Year Employees

There were no employees who reached the five-year mark in the last month.

C. SB74 Proposal – defeated May 7, 2008 – where do we go from here?

President Degenhardt reported a 91% classified staff turnout for the SB74 election on May 7, which 159 voting No and 98 voting Yes. Senator Tacha moved to recommend to the committee that they continue to meet as often as it wishes and to report to the Senate each quarter. Senator Lix seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Further, President Degenhardt moved to send thank you notes and a complimentary discount movie ticket, purchased from the Memorial Union, for each of the 10 Student Government Association senators who helped with the election. Senator Dinkel seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Senator Tacha will arrange for their purchase, which will be at \$5.75 apiece, and will send them out with notes. Vice President of Administration & Finance Mike Barnett has agreed to allow the use of money in the student activity fund to pay for the movie tickets since the senate budget is depleted.

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

Senator Janis Lee and Representatives Eber Phelps and Dan Johnson were guests at the meeting, as well as Ola Faucher and Cindy Sexton from the University of Kansas. Refreshments were provided by Chartwells and paid for from the senate budget. In President Degenhardt's absence, Vice-President Klein was the emcee of the meeting. There was an excellent turnout by classified staff compared to prior years, largely due at least in part to the meeting being held prior to the May 7 election day. The state legislators reviewed items from the 2008 legislative session and spent a great deal of time answering questions proposed by staff. The KU representatives discussed their experience since converting to University Support Staff and also answered

questions. Ms. Sexton had voted against the proposal all three times it went to a vote at KU but expressed that she could not be happier than how it has turned out for their USS. Some FHSU staff members had requested that someone who remains against the change KU has made to be present, but Ms. Faucher could not locate one who could make the long, day trip to Hays.

E. **Constituent Updates**

Secretary/Treasurer Tacha compiled a new master list of senators and constituents and distributed one to each senator for their review. Hopefully all changes and updates can be made prior to the next meeting, and a final list will be distributed as well as it will be posted on our Web page. Further, Vice President Klein and Secretary/Treasurer Tacha have worked to sort out term limits for senators. President Degenhardt suggested appointing a person or a subcommittee who would work to constantly keep the list updated so that it does not fall behind again. No further action was taken at that time.

5. New Business

Due to the number of items of new business, this section was moved to the end of the agenda, but then the following occurred:

A. **Introduction of new member(s)**

President Degenhardt introduced Bruce Heath as the new senator to represent constituents in Residential Life. Secretary/Treasurer Tacha introduced Rodney Leiker as the new senator for constituents in Skilled Crafts II, Warehouse and Facilities Planning, a position that had been vacant since Former Senator Jordan Munsch was moved to unclassified status.

B. **Election of officers for 2008-09**

Senator Lix nominated Secretary/Treasurer Tacha to assume the role of president. Senator Grieve seconded the nomination. After a majority vote to elect her, Secretary/Treasurer Tacha accepted the appointment.

Senator Garner nominated Vice President Klein for reelection to that post. Senator Pfeifer seconded the nomination. After a majority vote to elect her, Vice President Klein accepted the appointment.

Senator Pfeifer nominated Senator Lix to assume the role of secretary/treasurer.

Secretary/treasurer Tacha seconded the nomination. After a majority vote to elect her, Senator Lix accepted the appointment.

C. **Appointment of committees for 2008-09**

Orientation Committee – Senator Dinkel, with Senator Garner as an alternate when Senator Dinkel goes on maternity leave. This committee will also update and maintain the constituent list, as referenced in item 4.E.

Legislative Committee – President-elect Tacha

Social Committee – Senator Bieker

Scholarship Committee – Senator Schlyer

6. Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Tacha reported the following balances: Foundation Scholarships, \$780.18; OOE \$63.48. She further reported an upcoming expense for the printing of the ballots for the May 7 election.

7. Committee Reports

Orientation: Senator Dinkel reported welcome letters have been sent to Darren Timken, custodial supervisor, McMIndes Hall; and Leo Wellbrock, GMRT/Sternberg.

Senator Dinkel further reported the following separation from the University: Kevin Dreher, facilities specialist, Power Plant.

Legislative: President Degenhardt reported that Kansas State University President Jon Wefald would retire at the end of the 2008-09 academic year.

Social: Senator Lix sent a sympathy card to Jan Cutright on the death of her father. She also sent a congratulatory letter to Senator Schlyer upon the successful defense of her master's thesis. Cards will be sent to Luke and Rachel Depenbusch on the death of Luke's grandfather, and to Ted Basgall on the death of his mother.

Scholarship: A note will be sent out soon regarding scholarships for the Summer 2008 term, which would be available to all as it will fall under the new fiscal year.

8. Announcements

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 2:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Senator Lix moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Submitted by Marcia Tacha
Secretary/Treasurer