

MINUTES
CLASSIFIED SENATE
07/11/06

The Classified Senate met Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., in the Field Conference Room, Sheridan Hall.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Karen McCullough.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Barb Bieker, alternate Darlene Cole for Connie Ernst, Vickie Fisher, Mark Grieve, alternate Mark Kellerman for Amy Klein, Donetta Lang, Karen McCullough, alternate Patty Nicholas for Sheila McGuire, Jordan Munsch, Lesly Rupp, Michelle Schlyer, and Marcia Tacha

Members absent: Jim Dechant, Robert Degenhardt, and Cindy Weigel

Guest: Tom Kuhn, Personnel Director

It was determined a quorum was present.

3. Approval of May 9, 2006 Minutes

Discussion was had. Under old business, the minutes incorrectly stated a committee would be appointed to draft a proposal regarding SB74. A motion was made by Senator Tacha to correct the minutes. Senator Lang seconded it, and the motion carried. The minutes will be corrected to reflect that a memo was to be sent to all classified staff to investigate the interest in forming a committee to investigate conversion to university support staff under SB74.

Approval of June 13, 2006 Minutes

Senator Fisher moved to approve the minutes of June 13, 2006. The motion was seconded and carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Tacha reported the following balances: Endowment Scholarships, \$1,759.30; Hospitality Fund, \$19.69; and OOE \$698.00. She reported the total operating expenses for FY06 was \$289.20, including \$20.33 for Printing Services to copy and distribute the SB74 memo.

5. Committee Reports

Orientation: No report.

Legislative: No report.

Social: Senator Fisher reported that cards were sent to Ron Diehl and Kim Miller. Birth announcements were made that Amy Gregg had a girl, Shirley Bader had a girl, and Crystal Boxberger had a boy.

Scholarship: No report. Discussion was slated for later in the agenda.

6. Old Business

- A. *Distribution of pens for 5-Year Pens to Employees* – Five-year pens will be distributed to those who reached that landmark in May--Stephanie Dechant, Gary Murphy and Amy Klein, as well as to those in June—Jesse Lira, Mark Grieve, and Tawnya Rohr.
- B. *Report on Cabinet Meeting* – No report. The Cabinet meeting is scheduled for the following day.
- C. *SB74 – Update* – Personnel Director Tom Kuhn was present for questions and answers. He suggested after the majority voted to investigate SB74, the next step in the process is to form a committee, put together a proposal, and submit it to the entire classified staff. He said any handbook prepared would replace the Kansas Administration Regulation handbook currently used. He indicated KU took numerous votes of all classified staff before the measure ever passed there. After much discussion, prospective names were submitted for a committee, and Senator Fisher moved to form a committee. The motion was seconded and carried.
- D. *Classified Scholarship* – Tuition assistance for employees has taken away the need for a tuition scholarship as has been done in the past. Discussion was had, and the Senate decided upon a “Books and Materials” scholarship that would go towards assisting with fees not covered under the tuition assistance and required books and other materials. Senator Fisher moved to convert the scholarship fund into a books and materials fund for classified staff members who are taking classes. The motion was seconded and carried.
- E. *Unoccupied Senator Seat from Police, Memorial Union & Senior Companion/Foster Grandparent Constituency* – No one from the constituency has indicated an interest in serving on the Senate. Senator Fisher will forward all Classified Senate correspondence to Charlene Lix and she will disburse to constituents.
- F. *Position Paper* – Discussed points. It was agreed upon that we would like to set up a meeting in the fall to have state representatives meet with the Classified Senate to present position paper and discuss classified employee issues.
- G. *Committee Assignments* – Asked for volunteers to serve on Legislative Tracking committee. All senators present declined.

7. New Business

- A. *Meeting with local representatives* – Discussed above; will discuss next month and look at possible dates
- B. *SB375* – Legislation passed that could provide classified employees with more vacation time. Board of Regents will vote on proposals.
- C. *Staff Development Committee* – President McCullough will write a short informational statement about the committee and Senators will email or mail this to constituents asking for volunteers to serve on the committee. Will need to appoint someone at the August meeting.

8. Announcements

The next regular Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., in the Field Conference Room in Sheridan Hall.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Senator Fisher moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Marcia Tacha
Secretary/Treasurer

Karen McCullough
President