

MINUTES
CLASSIFIED SENATE
08/08/06

The Classified Senate met Tuesday, August 8, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., in the President's 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, Robert Degenhardt, Vickie Fisher, Mark Grieve, Amy Klein, Donetta Lang, Karen McCullough, alternate Brady Richards for Charlene Lix, Michelle Schlyer, Marcia Tacha, and Cindy Weigel.

Members absent: Jim Dechant, Connie Ernst, Sheila McGuire, Jordan Munsch, and Lesly Rupp.

It was determined a quorum was present.

3. Approval of July 11, 2006 Minutes

Senator Fisher moved to approve the minutes of July 11, 2006. The motion was seconded and carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Tacha reported the following balances: Endowment Scholarships, \$1,759.39; Hospitality Fund, \$19.69; and OOE \$698.00.

5. Committee Reports

Orientation: No report.

Legislative: No report.

Social: Senator Fisher reported that congratulatory cards were sent to Amy Gregg, Shirley Bader and Crystal Boxberger for the births of their babies, and to Bob and Suzanne Klaus for the birth of their grandchild.

Scholarship: New guidelines for classified scholarship funds were sent via e-mail to classified staff. Due to the employee tuition assistance program, classified scholarship funds will now be paid out for books, fees and materials in the amount of up to \$100 per year per qualifying applicant.

SB74: No report. President McCullough will ask Senator McGuire to contact the committee members and report each month.

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 July – Elizabeth (Cathy) Deines and Connie Werth.

- B. *Report on Cabinet Meeting* – President McCullough reported that it was announced at the Cabinet Meeting that the employee tuition assistance program paid out \$6,669.48 for the fall 2005 semester and \$7,059.54 for the spring 2006 semester. She further reported that it paid out \$63,000 for dependents and \$8,500 for spouses.
- C. *Staff Development Committee* – Asked for volunteers to serve on the Staff Development Committee. All senators were asked to contact their constituencies for volunteers. Senator Charlene Lix is presently serving on the committee. Nominations are due August 25.
- D. *Meeting with local representatives* – Senator Tacha will consult with Debra Prideaux regarding setting up a November 8 meeting date.

7. New Business

- A. *Election of Vice-President* – President McCullough announced that she has a new position that is unclassified and so is stepping down as Classified Senate president. Vice-President Degenhardt will be the new president. Election of a new vice president was tabled until the next meeting.
- B. *Update on KU University Support Staff* – KU Support Staff received raises across the board of .5% in FY07 as well as a COLA of 2% higher than what regular classified state employees received.

8. Announcements

The next regular Senate meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 3:30 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 3:05 p.m.

Submitted by Marcia Tacha
Secretary/Treasurer