

Minutes of the Classified Senate  
August 1, 2007

- I. President Barbara Nagel called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll Call
  - A. **Attending:** Becki Bohnenblust, Richard Brenner, Terri Eddy, Carolyn Elliott, Janel Harder, Richard Herrman, Connie Hobbs, Tracy Ivy, Connie Kissee, Claudia Leeds, Gary Leitnaker, Melissa Lineneberger, Carol Marden, Joseph Myers, Barbara Nagel, Jennyfer Owensby, Nick Pecenka, Connie Reding, Cyreathia (SAM) Reyer, Lois Schriener, Peggy Selvidge, Libby Vathauer, Marlene Walker, John Wolf.
  - B. **Absent:** Rob Reves (unexcused), Darin VanDorn (unexcused)
- III. Tresa Weaver. KSU Foundation: All University Campaign Presentation:
  - A. It became apparent in the debriefing of last year's campaign, that it needed to be a strong active annual exercise and needed to engage classified staff. Jennyfer Owensby is serving as a Co-Chair on behalf of the classified employees. Each work group will have a classified staff member. Ideas to benefit classified staff are: professional development, scholarship, technology, and off set parking fees.
- IV. Gary Leitnaker Report:
  - A. Pre-construction will start on the parking garage. Effective Monday morning the lot will be blocked off. The shuttle will begin running on August 20 and will run every 10 minutes beginning at 7 am until 6 pm from the Bramlage East Lot to the turn around at the union. Riders must be affiliated with the university. A shelter will be constructed in the East Lot.
- V. Minutes:
  - A. Tracy Ivy moved to accept the July minutes as presented. Connie Kissee seconded. Minutes were approved as presented.
- VI. Treasurer's Report:
  - A. John Wolf presented the Treasurer's Report. Connie Kissee moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Cyreathia (SAM) Reyer seconded. Treasurer's report was approved as presented.
- VII. Executive Council Report:
  - A. Barbara Nagel brought up the possibility of a Budget Forum for Classified Employees. Barbara discussed the idea with Cindy Bontrager and she was excited to presenting the forum. Discussion took place with a decision that a forum of this type would be beneficial to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Connie Kissee moved to host the forum. Richard Herrman seconded. Motion passed that Classified Senate would host a budget forum. Discussion then took place regarding the date with an optimal time of a day in October between 2:30 and 4

pm. Barbara will work with Cindy, faculty and student senates to come up with a mutual date.

- B. Connie Kissee will give an update on the Oversight Commission Meeting during the report of the Legislative Affairs Committee.

#### VIII. Senate Standing Committees:

- A. **Campus Affairs:** The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 8 from 12 -1 in Ackert 107. A letter was sent to Gary Leitnaker requesting information on the number of positions converted from Classified to Unclassified and hiring above step. The data will go back the last 7 years. Judy Anderson is working on the information.

October 4 is the Benefits Fair. We will have a booth and will be having a sign up sheet for senators to work the booth.

- B. **Legislative Affairs:** Six senators went to the Oversight Commission Meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>. A statement was made that classified salaries was discretionary. Four non-state employers talked about their company's use of merit raises. Everyone agreed that the matrix needs to be overhauled. The KU Provost asked the company representatives how their company's would be able to proceed if their bosses did not fund salary increases. AT&T indicated that if no funds equals no priorities set.

They did get a chance to visit with legislators afterwards. Neville Kenning, from the Hay Group indicated that the matrix is broke and that the COLA's broke the system.

Everyone needs to be writing their legislators. Salaries need to be a priority and not discretionary.

The next Legislative Affairs meeting will be tomorrow (8/2/07) at 1 pm in 123 Hale.

- C. **Recognition Ceremony Committee:** A meeting will be set up for next week. Topic of agenda will be looking at moving the ceremony to April.
- D. **Public Relations Committee:** Passed around a preview of the Roar. Reminded all senators to turn in their bio's. Barbara Nagel volunteered to send everyone a copy of hers to help other get ideas for theirs. Great job done by the PR Committee.

IX. University Committee Reports:

- A. **Alternative Service Committee:** At the next meeting the committee will be prioritizing the items from the brainstorming session. Then will use those priorities to move forward in putting together the beginnings of a proposal. The next meeting will be held August 8 from 1-3 in Anderson 116.

X. Old Business:

- A. The next KCCS meeting will be held on November 5. This meeting will be to develop the position paper.

XI. New Business:

- A. Barbara Nagel brought up for discussion if we should have Classified Senators as a member of the Faculty and Student senates. We would also ask one of their members to be on our Senate as well as an ex officio member. Connie Kissee moved to approve the above. Tracy Ivy seconded. Motion passed. Connie will start contacting the other senates.

XII. Adjournment:

- A. Cyreathia (SAM) Reyer moved to adjourn. Connie Kissee seconded. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned.