



The Roar



KSU Classified Senate Newsletter

February 2007

Survey Results

The Classified Senate conducted a survey on May 2, 2006 with the assistance of the Office of Planning and Analysis. This survey was conducted to gather information on the number of classified employees who work a second job and why. While the results of the survey are compelling they are not surprising given the salary conditions of classified state employees over recent years. The information gathered from the survey will be a useful tool in providing statistical support regarding issues of state budgetary funding for classified employees.

In review of the overall results, 1,044 classified employees responded (58.32%) out of 1,790 that were surveyed which was a very good response rate. Out of the total number of classified employees who responded, 41.5% or 429 classified employees said they had a second job. Of those 429 respondents, 86.9% indicated that the second job was out of financial necessity. In addition, 22% indicated that another member of the household had a second job with 82.6% indicating that the second job was for additional income.

One of the opened ended questions on the survey asked "If you are of retirement age, are you not able to retire because of health or life insurance benefits?" A majority of the respondents listed the cost of the health insurance as a primary factor for not retiring early or even wanting to retire at age 65. Retirement at any age would put too much of a financial strain on their already struggling finances. A common response recorded was "benefits and retirement have not kept up with living costs in the past 15 years. I would be forced to take a full-time job to supplement retirement in order to maintain health coverage."

The Classified Senate would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the survey. The responses will prove to be a valuable resource in the future when talking to university administrators or state legislators about the salary conditions for classified employees at Kansas State University.

Legislative Forum

The Classified Senate of Kansas State University would like to invite you, with the approval of your supervisor, to come to the Little Theater on Feb. 12th at 4:00 to 5:00 to meet with Roger Reitz, and Sydney Carlin. They will be here to tell you a little about themselves and answer questions. So please come and join us and let them know what the Classified Employees are concerned about.

**Classified Employee
Recognition Ceremony
Wednesday, May 23, 2007
2:00 p.m.
K-State Student Union
Ballroom**

Senate Meetings

All Classified Senate meetings are open to classified employees. You are encouraged and welcome to attend any or all of our meetings. Senate meetings begin at 12:45 p.m. Below are the dates and locations.

- March 7, 2007KSSU Staterooms 1 & 2
- April 4, 2007KSSU Staterooms 1 & 2
- May 2, 2007KSSU Staterooms 1 & 2

2006 – 2007 Classified Senators

Administration and Finance

Which includes: Vice President's Office, Budget Office, Employee Relations, Controller's Office, Division of Human Resources, Information Systems, Public Safety, and Division of Facilities

- Annette Boddy
- Richard Herrman
- Laverna Leeson
- Theresa McCarthy
- Joseph Myers
- Jennyfer Owensby

Ag and Extension

- Cyreathia (Sam) Reyer
- Lois Schreiner
- John Wolf
- Vacant Seat

Architecture Planning & Design

- Vacant Seat

Arts & Sciences Rebecca Bohnenblust

Business Claudia Leeds

Education Janel Harder

Engineering Peggy Selvidge

Hale Library Connie Kisse

Human Ecology Libby Vathauer

Institutional Advancement

Which includes: Vice President's Office, Admissions, Career & Employment Services, Education/Personal Development, Housing and Dining Services, New Student Services, Printing Services, Registrar's Office, Student Financial Aid, Student Life, University Counseling, University Publications, and Lafene Health Center

- Richard Brenner
- Carolyn Elliott
- Carol Marden
- Barbara Nagel

Local Agencies Paula Connors

Which includes: Athletics, K-State Student Union, Child Development Center, and Student Publications

President/Provost Vickey Grochowski

Which includes: Affirmative Action, Beach Museum of Art, McCain Auditorium, University Attorney, Research & Graduate School, Research/Vice Provost, Telecommunications, Computing & Network Services, Division of Continuing Education, and Regents Educational Community Center

KSU Salina Marlene Walker

Veterinary Medicine

- Susan Ekstrum
- Lori Buss