

The Purchasing Post

FOR THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE

As a newly elected member to Faculty Senate, I am learning more about the dynamics of the University, way beyond my world of Purchasing. One thing I admire about the Faculty Senate is that the last agenda item for every meeting is called “For the Good of the University”. It allows time for the group to remember that the University is more than faculty and unclassified personnel. Issues discussed and decisions made could affect students, parents, classified employees, even out to the City of Manhattan, State of Kansas, and the rest of the world. It is a good phrase for everyone to remember, especially when a decision is required that may be good for ourselves but has a negative impact on others.

Two Purchasing situations jump to my mind when considering a higher purpose outweighing the immediate need. Buying from the State Use Catalog vendors assists the disabled members of society by giving them a purpose. State Use Catalog has been mentioned many times in The Purchasing Post, as well as in training, so I won’t dwell any further on the topic.

The second Purchasing situation is sustainability, i.e. recycling waste and buying recycled materials in turn. This is a large topic and some points, like buying recycled paper, have already been discussed in the The Post. A recent program I want to bring to your attention is the K-State Departmental EcoRep Program, which focuses on making a difference in the department. Program participants, aka EcoReps, are asked to act as a communications liaison for their department, provide feedback to improve sustainability programs, and attend meetings with other reps to share programs and upcoming initiatives related to the department. EcoReps work with the K-State Office of Sustainability in energy conservation, recycling options and practices, and purchasing decisions. The K-State Departmental EcoReps Program gives your department a chance to enhance the workplace and collaborate with others to decrease the campus footprint. To represent your department or locate your departmental EcoRep, contact sustainability@k-state.edu. More info will follow in future issues.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Good-bye FY2012 – Be sure to have all encumbrances submitted by 5:00 pm on 6/25/2012.

Hello FY2013 – Purchase requisitions using FY13 funds may be submitted at any time. Orders will not be placed until after 7/1/2012.

Farewell & Good Luck

Katie Evans will be leaving Purchasing, as of 7/6/2012. Although Katie has only been with us for a short time, we will miss her cheerful presence and excellent work skills. Stop by and tell her good bye if you get the chance. Purchasing wishes her well.

