MINUTES OF THE CLASSIFIED SENATE APRIL 5, 2006

I. President Paula Connors called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call:

A. Attending: Annette Boddy, LaVonne Boetel, Lori Buss, Paula Connors, Sherry Donahey, Susan Ekstrum, Kristi Fronce, Vickey Grochowski, Janel Harder, Richard Herrman, Connie Kissee, Claudia Leeds, Lavera Leeson, Gary Leitnaker, Carol Marden, Cheryl Martin, Theresa McCarthy, Barbara Nagel, Roxana Ortiz, Jennyfer Owensby, Cyreathia (SAM) Reyer, Cathy Sandoval, Linda Sorell, Marlene Walker, John Wolf

B. **ABSENT**:

III. Gary Leitnaker Report:

A. Gary discussed the status of SB 577 and HB 2968. As of Friday, HB 2968 passed and awaiting the Governor's signature. HB 2968 allows for a 1.5% increase effective 6/18/06 and effective September 10, a 2.5% step increase for all current classified employees who have a satisfactory or above on a current evaluation. This bill also allows for step 16 to be funded. It also includes a provision for a 30¢ an hour increase for the trades positions.

IV. Minutes:

A. The March minutes were distributed via e-mail. Laverna moved to accepted the minutes as presented. John seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

V. Budget Report:

- A. Janel outlined the budget report. Sam moved to accept the budget report as presented. Richard seconded the motion. The budget report was approved as presented.
- B. In order for Janel to have maintain an accurate accounting of this year's recognition ceremony expenses, a decision was made that all invoices are to be routed to Susan and she will provide Janel with copies for her files.

VI. Executive Council Report:

- A. Executive Council reviewed the agenda.
- B. Beth Miller accepted a position off campus and has resigned her senate seat.
- C. Paula will assume Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee for the remainder of this term.

VII. Senate Standing Committees

- A. <u>Campus Affairs Committee -Recognition Ceremony</u>: Susan distributed a flyer that Vickey created for the Ceremony. Vicky will e-mail to Sam who in turn will forward to the entire Senate. Senators will need to print and post in their areas. Last Thursday was the deadline for door prizes. Susan is waiting on a few more names and the program will be ready for printing. Refreshments will be in the Cottonwood Room this year. May 23 is set aside for set up and practice runs. Please remember that even though some may not be on the Campus Affairs Committee, **everyone** needs to be in attendance on the 24th, there will be jobs for everyone.
- B. <u>Legislative Affairs Committee:</u> No meeting held. Paula wants to meet with the Legislative Affairs Committee members after the meeting to schedule a meeting. The next meeting will work on by-laws. Letters had gone out to solicit nominations to fill seats for next term. Paula will obtain the information from Beth.
- C. <u>Alternative Service Committee:</u> Laverna distributed a copy of the survey going out to all classified employees. She explained the use of the term "Significant Other". The state does not accept significant others in terms of benefits, but in this survey we are looking at households and they are part of the household and their salary contributes to the household. The survey will be reviewed at the next ASC meeting and then back to Planning and Analysis. Planning and Analysis have agreed to administer the survey, collect and analyze the data at no cost to Classified Senate nor the ASC. Results should be available by the first of June.

VIII. Campus Committee Reports:

- A. <u>Parking Council</u> approved the three year rate based on income (like that used for health benefits). Waiting on a bond issue. There will be an open forum on April 27 in the Big 12 room beginning at 3:00 p.m. on the parking garage. Increases in parking permits will increase effective July 1. The cost of fines will increase.
- B. Recreation Council: Recreation Services has received new equipment.

IX. Old Business:

A. No old business

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- A. Election of Officers ballots were distributed, collected and counted. Officers for the next term are: President-Elect Barbara Nagel; Vice President Janel Harder; Secretary Laverna Leeson; Budget Coordinator Jennifer Owensby; At-Large Cyreathia (SAM) Reyer. Officers will be sworn in at the May meeting.
- B. Classified Affairs and Legislative Affairs chairs will be appointed by Richard.

C. Senators who are going off senate need to bring their notebooks to the next meeting and Officers will need to bring their notebooks to the next meeting as well.

XI. Adjournment:

A. Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. Cathy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 3 in KKSU 213.