

Welcome from our 2016-2017 University Support Staff Senate President, Carol Marden



Welcome to the Fall 2016 semester.

As one of my first acts as USS President, it was my privilege to have welcomed all the new and returning senators for 2016/2017. It is an outstanding group of K-State Senators that I would encourage each of you to get to know. I hope you will find that each Senator listens intently to your thought, your concerns, your suggestions, or whatever is on your mind as well as conveying the most current information. You will find that each of us is working diligently to lend a voice to each of you that is communicated to Senior Administration and to the Kansas Board of Regents. That is our service to each of you, a service that we are happy to provide as we serve on countless university committees.

The topics that we are currently collaborating with our senior leadership are the USS appeals process, weapons policy, and, of course, the long anticipated market study completed jointly by CBIZ and HCS. Health Insurance and its rising costs is also an issue as it contributes to a decreased net salary for hard working USS employees. These are just a few of the very pressing issues that we are facing together and can only be addressed together.

On a more positive note, many of you may be enjoying the leave enhancement that was implemented this past summer. It was a long time in its implementation, but through time, perseverance, and persistence it finally found its way through Senior Administration at Kansas State University, the Legislature, and finally the Kansas Board of Regents.

It is my privilege to serve as your President this year. Carrie Fink from the Office of the Registrar is the current Vice President. We both welcome your emails as we move through the coming year. No suggestion is too small or too large. Every communication will be taken seriously and will be thoroughly discussed. That is my commitment to you as the current President of University Support Staff Senate. I may be contacted at cmarden@k-state.edu or Carrie Fink may be contacted at cafink@k-state.edu.

Go Cats!

Carol

Your 2016-2017 University Support Staff Senators

As our mission states: “This Senate is formed to serve as a body which articulates University Support Staff’s interests, concerns, and recommendations to the Vice President for Administration and Finance on matters of policy, training, and educational opportunities; as well as representing the constituency of University-wide standing and ad-hoc committees, and for searches for key administrative positions directly affecting University Support Staff personnel.””

It is our mission to serve you and be your voice. If you have concerns that you would like to bring up or have address, please contact the senator that represents your department.

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Take advantage of Total Rewards

Are you thinking of taking a few classes toward finishing that degree?? Don’t forget that as a K-State Employee you can apply for Tuition Assistance. This will cover the tuition for up to three credit hours a semester. You are eligible if you are a full time, benefits eligible employee and you are eligible to apply upon your employment at the University. Classes can be taken through Manhattan, Olathe, and the Salina campuses.

For more information and a link to the application, go to: <http://www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits/tuition/>.

Get to know our new Senators

With the start of the new school year now in full swing, we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce our senators. These wonderful folks work tirelessly to give thorough representation to the constituents for the colleges that they represent. The following new senators were sworn in at our June USS meeting: Roxann Blasi, Becki Bohnenblust, Jane Cleveland, Kelly Ingalsbe, Joy Knutson, Cyreathia Reyer, Susan Shuman, Michelle Vogel.

In the paragraphs that follow, you will learn a little more about each of them.



Roxann Blasi

Veterinary Medicine | rblasi@ksu.edu | 532-4653

Short Biography: I was raised on a farm in Rocky Ford, Colorado where my parents still reside. I moved to Manhattan from Anchorage, Alaska in 2012. My husband Dale is a Professor in Animal Sciences. We reside in Manhattan. Dale has two daughters, Jessica and Jisel. I have four children, Lauren, Hunter, Brooke, Kade, and grandson Caulder.

Brief Work History: I started at KSU Veterinary Health Center as a Healthcare Tech II in 2013. Prior to my employment at Kansas State University I worked as a medical sales manager. I have spent most of my career working in hospitals as an operating room buyer as well as a surgical scrub tech.

Personal Interests: Camping and fishing are a favorite.

Additional Comments: Serving as a Senator representing the Veterinary Health Center is a distinct honor. I look forward to serving my term.



Becki Bohnenblust

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Jane Cleveland

President/Provost | jac122@ksu.edu | 532-3186

Short Biography: I was born and raised in Junction City. I attended K-State and started working in the Information Technology field in 1980. My husband Mike and I have three children and five grandchildren.

Brief Work History: I started working for K-State in January 2002 in the Computing and Network Services department as the second-shift Computer Operations Supervisor. In July 2012 our unit joined the Information Technology Assistance Center (iTAC) and in July 2014 I moved to first shift. Prior to coming to KSU I worked fifteen years for Foot Locker as a IT Systems Analyst.

Personal Interests: I enjoy traveling, crafting, baking/cooking and spending time with family and friends. Most of all, I cherish every moment with my grandchildren.

Additional Comments: feel honored to serve as a USS Senator. It is rewarding to help others and I enjoy working at K-State.



Kelly Ingalsbe

Agriculture & Extension | ingalsbe@ksu.edu | 532-6423

Short Biography: I was born and raised in the small town of Linn, Kansas where everybody knows your name. After attending Cloud County Community College I moved to Manhattan where after six years decided big city living wasn't for us and have been in Wamego ever since. I am widowed with two beautiful daughters whom are both teachers and both getting married within 7 months of each other.

Brief Work History: Started at K-State in 1992 working within the College of Veterinary Medicine until 2005 when I took a Human Resource job at Wamego City Hospital. I returned to K-State in the fall of 2013 and currently work as an Accountant II in Communication and Agricultural Education Business office in Umberger Hall.

Personal Interest: I enjoy spending time with my parents on their farm where dad was born and raised, love taking the back roads to check out the crops. Evenings you will find me taking my dog for a walk, working in the yard or snuggled up with my cat watching sports.



Joy Knutson

Admin. & Finance | jaknutso@ksu.edu | 532-1777

Short Biography: I grew up as a military brat, so I've lived in many places. After graduating from high school in Louisiana, I moved to Dallas. I then moved to Wamego in 2003. I have a son, a daughter in law and 2 grandchildren who live in South Dakota.

Brief Work History: I worked for Farm Bureau Insurance Company when I moved to Kansas and then started working at Kansas State University in 2006. I began in the Department of Psychological Sciences as an Accounting Specialist and then moved to the Division of Facilities as an Accountant 1 in 2011. I love working at K-State and enjoy helping people.

Personal Interests: I enjoy traveling, spending time with family and friends, camping and being at the lake in the spring and summer.



Cyreathia Reyer

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Short Biography: Original Manhattanite, graduated from Manhattan High School. Lived in the Manhattan until 1988 then moved to Wamego. I am married with two grown sons and three grandchildren.

Brief Work History: Began my career with Kansas State University December 1980. My first 7 years was in the Dean's Office of what was then called the College of Home Economics later to be named Human Ecology. Transferred to the Department of Forestry and have stayed with the department through the merger with Horticulture to now be known as the Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources.

Personal Interests: After our youngest son's NCAA eligibility ended and I was no longer travelling from stadium to stadium to watch him play, I started making jewelry as a way to occupy my time. I create jewelry using different mediums (beads, wire, polymer clay, metal clay and resin). I have recently expanded my crafting to include vinyl and etching with a blasting cabinet. We have an English Bulldog that is our baby and I help support the Bullysrule Bulldog Rescue by donating to their fundraising auctions.



Susan Shuman

Business | smshuman@ksu.edu | 532-6953

Short Biography: I started here at K-State in 2013. I am currently working to earn my Bachelors of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resource here at K-State. I will complete my degree in the summer of 2017.

Brief Work History: Prior to coming to K-State, I worked for Cintas Corporation, one of the leading uniform companies in the nation. During my time at Cintas I worked closely with local Human Resource Managers helping their diverse group of employees. It was during this time I found my real passion in helping co-workers with their HR needs.

Personal Interests: I love spending time with my family and my dog Lucy. In my spare time I enjoy DIY projects (huge Pinterest fan), baking, decorating, reading and watching movies.



Michelle Vogel

Student Life | mlvogel@ksu.edu | 532-0303

Short Biography: I was born and raised in Hutchinson, KS and graduated from Buhler High School in 1996. I graduated from Kansas State University in 2001 with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science. My husband, Matt, also graduated from Kansas State University and we decided to make Manhattan our home.

Brief Work History: I started my career working in Manhattan as a Real Estate Closer. After 12 years it was time for me to start a new adventure. I began working with the University in 2015. I was lucky to find a position with the Department of Housing and Dining and enjoy my job. I am currently working to earn my Master's Degree in Accounting.

Personal Interests: I enjoy spending time with my family, friends, traveling the world, cooking, and Kansas State Athletic events, especially the BatCats. I enjoy running, golfing and playing softball when I can find spare time. I am happy to be a part of the K-State Family.

Senate Meetings

You are encouraged and welcome to attend any or all of our meetings. Senate meetings begin at 12:30 p.m. Below are the dates and locations:

- Oct. 12, 2016 Flinthills Room, K-State Student Union
- Nov. 9, 2016, Cottonwood Room, K-State Student Union
- Dec. 14, 2016, Cottonwood Room, K-State Student Union

November 3, 2016, Forum Hall, K-State Student Union, University Support Staff Open Forum

All University Support Staff meetings are open to all University Support Staff.

ROAR

If you have suggestions or comments for the ROAR, please contact Emily Johnson at ewatts@ksu.edu.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY BENEFITS FAIR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

KSU UNION BALLROOM

ORGANIZATIONS

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of
Kansas
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Delta Dental of KS &
Surency Vision
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HealthQuest Wellness &
Employee Assistance
Programs
.....
State Employee Health Plan
.....
TIAA Financial Services
.....
VOYA Financial Inc.
.....
AND MANY MORE!



WELLNESS CHATS

9:45 a.m. Stress & Nutrition
IDENTIFY STEPS TO IMPROVE
NUTRITIONAL HABITS TO
MANAGE STRESS MORE
EFFECTIVELY

10:45 a.m. Chair Yoga
DEMONSTRATION AND
OVERVIEW OF EXERCISES
THAT CAN BE DONE AT YOUR
DESK OR IN THE OFFICE

1:00 p.m. Balancing Life
EXPLORE THE 7 ASPECTS OF
WELLNESS AND THE
IMPORTANCE FOR LIFE
BALANCE

INFORMATION SESSIONS

FLU SHOTS

WILL BE PROVIDED BY
Lafene Health Center
*PLEASE BRING YOUR INSURANCE
CARD AND ID TO RECEIVE ONE!*

Health Insurance Open Enrollment
9:00 AM & 2:00 PM

K P E R S Pre-Retirement Planning

12:00 PM

BOTH SESSIONS LOCATED IN UNION FORUM HALL



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