



Classified Senate President's Notes

by *Lesya Reves*

The spring semester is coming to a close. We wish our graduates the best as they head out into the world to follow their career path. Congratulations!



We will have some new representatives on Classified Senate with elections completed in March. New Senators are Mike Ashcraft, Administration and Finance; Michelle Edwards, Student Life; Kari Lindeen, Architecture, Planning and Design; and John Wolf, College of Agriculture.

Those returning Senators are Janet Finney, Human Ecology; Doris Galvan, Engineering; Will Hirsch, Administration and Finance; Sharon Maike, Student Life and Lesya Reves, Veterinary Medicine. We want to thank Jody Fronce, Vickey Grochowski, Cherry Rosenberry and Lois Schreiner for their service to Classified Senate and wish them all the best. We will miss you!

Senate elections were held in April. The Executive Council for K-State Classified Senate for 2012-2013 are President- Dale Billam, Vice President – Janice Taggart, Secretary – Pat Fine, Treasurer – Annette Hernandez, and At-Large – Kerry Jennings.

Our 35th Annual Classified Employee Recognition was held on Wednesday, April 25th. We had a great turn out. It is so wonderful to share in the accomplishments of our classified employees. We want to thank our dedicated employees for their years of service. To those who excel at their jobs and were recognized as an "Employee of the Year" and the three "Employee of Excellence" winners-

Well Done!!! John Currie was our speaker. We appreciate his dedication to K-State Athletics and his support of classified employees. It was great to have President Schulz in attendance to assist in handing out awards.

I gave another report to the Board of Regents on behalf of the Classified and Support Staff Council on February 15th. You can read both reports on the Classified Senate website under the Legislative Resolutions tab. During both of these reports, I outlined the CSSC Position Paper asking for reinstatement of Market Adjustments, Cost of Living Adjustments, and fully funding KPERs retirement and longevity bonuses. The Board of Regents had breakfast with the Executive Council of the K-State Classified Senate on April 6th in which they resolved to do a better job of advocating on behalf of classified employees. We appreciate the Board of Regents understanding how important their support is to us.

The Higher Learning Commission made their campus visit April 8-11. Classified Senate was able to share concerns and let them know some of the challenges classified employees face. We had many positive things to share with them on our experiences as K-State employees.

We had another wonderful Landon Lecture on April 10th with Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. He gave a great talk and encouraged our college students to the value of a career in Agriculture.

President Schulz, Dr. Sue Peterson, State Senator Roger Reitz and State Representative Tom Phillips were in attendance at our April Classified Senate meeting. President Schulz gave an update on the hiring of men's basketball coach, Bruce Weber. Welcome Coach Weber! President Schulz continues to support and encourage classified employees. Sen. Reitz and Rep. Phillips gave suggestions on how to advocate on behalf of classified employees. Sen.

Reitz pointed out the importance to vote in the upcoming primary and general elections this year. Rep. Phillips shared his support for K-State classified employees knowing the value we bring to the university, city of Manhattan and surrounding counties.

As this year comes to a close for me as your Classified Senate President, I want to thank all of those who encouraged me. It has been a wonderful experience. Thank you!!!

Senate Election

Classified Senate is pleased to announce the results of the recent election. Your Classified Senators for 2012-2013 are as follows:

COLLEGES

Agriculture & Extension (4)

1. Christina Nash (2013) 1st term
2. Maria Sweet (2013) 1st term
3. Janice Taggart (2014) 1st term
4. John Wolf (2015) 1st term

Architecture, Planning & Design (1)

1. Karilyn Lindeen (2015) 1st term

Arts and Sciences (1)

1. Lindsay Thompson (2013) 1st term

Business (1)

1. Pam Warren (2013) 1st term

Education (1)

1. Susan Erichsen (2014) 1st term

Engineering (1)

1. Doris Galvan (2015) 1st term,

Human Ecology (1)

1. Janet Finney (2015) 2nd term

Veterinary Medicine (2)

1. Rob Reves (2013) 1st term
2. Lesa Reves (2015) 2nd term

Hale Library (1)

1. Pat Fine (2014) 1st term

KSU Salina (1)

1. Annette Hernandez (2014) 2nd term

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

Administrative and Finance (6)

1. Brad Millington (2013) 1st term
2. Dale Billam (2013) 1st term
3. Terri Wyrick (2014) 2nd term
4. Michael Seymour I (2014) 1st term
5. Will Hirsch (2015) 1st term
6. Mike Ashcraft (2015) 1st term

Student Life (4)

1. Michele Edwards (2015) 1st term
2. Sharon Maike (2015) 1st term
3. Carol Marden (2014) replaced Hanna Manning
4. Kerry Jennings (2014) 1st term

President / Provost (1)

1. Ramon Dominguez (2013) 1st term

Local Agencies (1)

1. Paula Connors (2013) 1st term

Dale Billam will be the next President, with Janice Taggart as acting Vice President, Annette Hernandez as Treasurer, Pat Fine as Secretary, and Kerry Jennings At-Large . Congratulations to the newly elected Senators. All Classified Senate meetings are open to all classified employees. You are encouraged and welcome to attend any or all of our meetings.

2012 K-State Classified Employee Recognition Ceremony



The 35th Annual Classified Employee Recognition Ceremony hosted by Classified Senate was held on April 25, 2012, at 2 P.M. in the K-State Union Ballroom. The program was emceed by President Lesa Reves and Vice President Dale Billam, with Athletics Director John Currie as the ceremony's key speaker.

Twenty Employees of the Year, who were chosen by their individual Colleges, Administrative Units, Local Agencies and/or Departments, were recognized and received awards for their outstanding performance in 2011. Years of Service were given to those employees, who, by the end of December 2011, had dedicated 5, 15, 25, 35, and 45 years of service to K-State. Ninety-seven retirees were recognized for their retirement from Kansas State University in 2011.

Three recipients received the prestigious award for Classified Award of Excellence. This year's winners were Kim Schurle, Paul Wagoner, and John Wolf.

Several hundred employees were in attendance, accompanied by many family members and friends. Door prizes were provided by Office of the President, K-State Student Union Bookstore and Vice President of Administration and Finance. A reception followed the ceremony.

Classified Senate would like to extend our sincere thanks to those in attendance and congratulations, once again, to all who received awards!

2012 K-State Classified Award of Excellence Recipients



Office and Clerical:
Kim Schurle,
Duplication/Mail
Manager Assistant
(Administrative
Specialist), Division of
Continuing Education.
“Kim oversees the

Duplicating and Mail Center for the Division and provides project management services for distance education, conferences, and other Division programs. Kim is an exemplary employee that everyone in the Division counts on daily. Individuals appreciate Kim's can do attitude, willingness to go the extra mile, and ability to get the job done on time in an excellent manner. Kim goes about her work in a quiet, extremely patient,

unassuming manner, constantly thinking about the next way to make things better and how to insert more creativity, fun, and quality team experience into the workplace. Her efforts build camaraderie throughout the division and contribute towards high morale. It is easy to become overwhelmed by all of the information, projects, responsibilities/tasks, deadlines, and questions that Kim deals with every day, but she seamlessly completes all tasks, meets deadlines and requirements, and cheerfully makes herself available professionally, personally and in a volunteer role.”

Service and Maintenance: Paul Wagoner,
Agricultural Technician, KSU Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. “Paul makes significant contributions as an employee and supervisor in the Large Animal Section of the hospital. Cheerfulness and thrift are two of Paul's outstanding characteristics and they are very evident every day in the way he carries out the many duties assigned to him. He works hard to identify ways to improve the hospital services, and then follows through to help these improvements come to pass. The Executive Associate Dean in charge of the hospital said: “Our large animal hospital is the envy of veterinary teaching hospital directors across North America and Paul's leadership, commitment to mission and incredible work ethic are the reason.” Paul is mission-focused and unrelentingly committed to creating an exceptional, safe learning environment for veterinary students. He is a stellar employee who constantly makes his work environment better, safer, more efficient and more cost-effective. Paul has an unequaled commitment to excellence, unparalleled initiative and creativity and a consistently exceptional level of performance.”

Technical and Professional: John Wolf,
Manager of KSU Meat Lab (Research Technologist), Animal Sciences and Industry. “John Wolf provides the highest level of technical support to hundreds of meat science and food safety research projects. His extensive knowledge of meat processing and equipment operation, along with his connections across the state with commercial meat companies and technology providers, is one of the

most important elements leading to K-State's national recognition as a top tier meat science/food safety research and education institution. John stepped up to lead K-State efforts to bring the meat processing suite online at the Biosecurity Research Institute (BRI). This world-class bio containment facility is equipped with both animal harvest and meat processing pilot plants to allow commercial scale research projects to be completed using large volumes of dangerous human pathogens. From the day that engineers and architects began planning construction of this unique facility, John Wolf was the primary information source as to lay-out, equipment specifications, work-flow and biosafety needs of the meat processing suite. Last year a first of its kind commercial scale beef trim grinding study under BSL-3 conditions was conducted at the BRI. This study would not have been possible without the guidance, support, and hard work that John contributed to the research team. John works with these research efforts while continuing to be responsible for the Meat Laboratory operations in Weber Hall. He has been instrumental in seeking new sources of revenue, including the initiation of smoked turkey, ham and gift boxes for the holidays. In addition he manages all daily operations required for teaching and research."

Classified Employee Opportunity Fund Meritorious Service Award Recipients

- Darla Thomas, Animal Sciences and Industry Department
- Christina Nash, Animal Sciences and Industry Department
- Diana Hollingshead, Division of Facilities Custodial Services
- Jayme Brown, Agronomy Department
- Amy Capoun, Agronomy Department
- Vicky Geyer, Industrial & Manufacturing Systems Engineering Department

\$200 was awarded to each of these classified employees, who demonstrated exceptional leadership and/or extraordinary effort in their position which proved to be a valuable service to the K-State community. Congratulations to the

award recipients. To learn more about this award, visit our website at:

<http://www.k-state.edu/class-senate/award.html>

Parking Permit Increase Proposed

Parking Operations Council held an Open Forum to explore the possibility of increasing the cost of our parking permits by \$20 a year. The forum was April 19th at 3:30 p.m. in the Big 12 room giving individuals the opportunity to share how the increase would affect them. If the proposal passes, this increase would reflect in our permits for 2012-2013. We will keep you up to date on what is determined.



Classified Representation

Senators have been busy representing Classified Employees. On April 10th, Classified Senators met with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to aid in the evaluation of K-State including its processes and programs. The meeting was about an hour long with two HLC representatives. Senators were allowed to contribute to questions and comments as they saw fit. To learn more about the HLC self-study, please visit: <http://www.k-state.edu/hlcstudy/>

In addition to this, the executive council met with the Kansas Board of Regents over breakfast on April 6th. This was an excellent opportunity for senators to discuss with regents our position paper (which we included in the Winter 2012 ROAR.) The regents were very supportive and appreciative us and everything we do. It was overall a great experience and very informative. We truly appreciated their time and support.

Project Search

Graduating from high school and entering the job market is tough... doing so with a disability is even tougher. Imagine if there was a program that took 18-21 year olds with disabilities and turned them from high school graduates into competitive job applicants. Well, THERE IS! Project SEARCH accepts 8-12 interns to spend one year in an intensive job skills training program. During this time, interns complete three unpaid internships, supported by job coaches, that help them to enhance their job skills, build their resumes as well as create relationships with co-workers and supervisors. This May we will be culminating our first year at K-State Student Union and through out the university. Maybe you have seen our interns on campus. They work at Hale Library, Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex, Animal Science and Industry, Chartwells, Center for Child Development, Facilities Services,

the Alumni Center and throughout the K-State Student Union. Two of our interns have already been hired into paying jobs and our other interns are working on applying. These competitive job applicants have extensive resumes and glowing references. We thank all of the departments at the K-State Student Union and around Kansas State University for hosting our interns. This fall Project SEARCH will have a new group of high school graduates beginning their journey to becoming competitive job applicants. Interns receive scaffolded support from job coaches as they learn their new jobs. After nine weeks the interns move on to their next internship. Let Project SEARCH show you how hosting an intern can be hugely beneficial to your department or business! Contact Jenna Bell (jennab@manhattan.k12.ks.us OR 532-3947) the coordinator for Project SEARCH and inquire about hosting an unpaid intern.

K-State Classified Staff Appreciation Night at Tointon Family Stadium

K-State Classified Employee Appreciation Night is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, at Tointon Family Stadium.



Come and watch your student-athletes excel outside the classroom and see your Classified Award of Excellence winners throw out the first pitch!

Classified Employees should RSVP to lschrein@k-state.edu or call 532-1267 by May 2 at 10am to receive two complimentary tickets. Additional tickets can be purchased on game day at the group rate of \$3 each.

*Anyone who submits an RSVP can pick the tickets up the night of **May 4** at the baseball stadium. There will either be a table set up in front of the stadium or at the ticket booth.



We know that our Classified Staff work very hard at their jobs and we know you appreciate it. We've chosen this space as a spot for you to show them your thanks! If you want to brag about the staff, we'd love to hear it!

Please look for the Bragging Rights tab under the ROAR section of the Classified Senate website at www.k-state.edu/class-senate/roar.htm



ROAR



If you have suggestions or comments for the ROAR, please contact Ramon Dominguez (ramon@ksu.edu) or Lindsay Thompson (lindsay@ksu.edu).

Senate Meetings

All Classified Senate meetings are open to all classified employees. 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:

- May 2, 2012 – Cottonwood Room
- June 4, 2012 – Legends Room
- July 2, 2012

KSU Classified Senate
118 Anderson Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506
www.ksu.edu/class-senate/



YOUR K-STATE STUDENT UNION relaunched the K-State Student Union Ambassador program to provide outstanding student leaders with the opportunity to become a liaison with prospective students, on-campus organizations, and the Manhattan/K-State community as a whole to promote the Union and the Union Program Council (UPC).

Three ambassadors were chosen to represent the Union and UPC to various communities within and outside campus. These individuals include Cesserie Ballou, freshman in communication studies, history, and pre-law, Brenna Ford, sophomore in communication studies, and Rachel Mustain, junior in public relations.

Three additional ambassadors will be chosen in the fall. Each of your Union Ambassadors will serve the Union and UPC for the 2012-2013 school term.



CESSERIE BALLOU
 "There is so much contained in one building that it's hard not to recognize the importance of the Union."



RACHEL MUSTAIN
 "College isn't easy. As an ambassador, I hope to provide comfort to individuals and give them options to be a part of K-State in a fun, interactive environment."



BRENNA FORD
 "I look forward to connecting students and the Manhattan community to the Union's wide range of events and activities."

JAZZ FESTIVAL

SATURDAY
 JULY 14, 2012 6PM-11PM

LARRY NORVELL BAND SHELL, CITY PARK

FREE EVENT FIVE BANDS
 FEATURING PANORAMA & WATERMELON SLIM
 TWO INFLATABLES & OTHER FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

RECREATION UPGRADES

UNION RECREATION'S bowling automatic scoring system, Twelve Strike, was updated with the company's latest system in February. The update includes new monitors, an office computer system, two Cash Control Systems, and an intercom station.

SUMMER 2012 BOWLING LEAGUES

AT union.k-state.edu/play
 YOUR K-STATE STUDENT UNION

SUNDAY FAMILY MIXED	MONDAY MEN'S	TUESDAY MIXED	WEDNESDAY MIXED NO TAP	THURSDAY MEN'S	THURSDAY NO TAP
BEGINS JUN. 10 7pm	BEGINS JUN. 11 7pm	BEGINS JUN. 12 7pm	BEGINS JUN. 13 7pm	BEGINS JUN. 14 7pm	BEGINS JUN. 14 7pm

