# KANSAS STATE



A Newsletter for Classified Employees of Kansas State University – Summer 2013



#### Classified Senate President's Notes

The summer break is almost over and the students will be returning soon. Classified employees have continued to perform their duties through the summer with their usual

high quality, often in adverse conditions. I am very proud and humbled to serve you as your president for 2013-2014.

This year is already proving to be a busy and important one for us. We will continue celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of K-State during the Fall semester. We will also be continuing to educate classified employees on alternative service, which will be decided with a vote in late November.

I hope that each of you have had the opportunity to attend one of the many open forums that have been presented by the Alternative Service Committee (ASC.) The committee has done a tremendous job of researching and writing the white papers that were presented for your consideration and input. If you have not had the opportunity, please contact Carol Marden, or go to the ASC website. There is also a link on the Classified Senate and Human Resources websites. We will also be hearing from President Schulz prior to making our decision at the polls. Regardless of how you vote, it is important that you VOTE! This decision is very important for all classified employees, and we all need to be a part of it.

I hope that you have a great Fall semester! Please contact me, or any of your senators with your ideas, or concerns. We are here to serve you!

GO CATS!

Janice Taggart

#### Make a difference! Join the 2013 All-University Campaign for K-State

Last year, 42 percent of K-State faculty and staff including many classified employees — made a gift to the All-University Campaign and helped set an all-time record for participation! This fall, faculty and staff will join together again to make a difference in the university's future.

The All-University Campaign for K-State is an internal fundraising effort run by campus faculty and staff volunteers specifically focused on the participation of all employees including the Manhattan campus, K-State Salina, K-State Olathe, K-State Alumni Association, KSU Foundation and K-State Athletics. It is an annual campaign for all members of the campus community to participate in by supporting the areas of the university they care about most.

Through participation, we show our K-State pride and send a powerful message to our donors, legislators, corporations and foundations, alumni and friends that we believe in K-State's future. Every gift, regardless of the size, makes a difference. As our 150<sup>th</sup> year comes to a close, we hope you will join us this year!

There are lots of ways to participate. Here are a few:

**Decide how you would like to make a difference.** When you make a gift to the All-University Campaign, you decide how your gift makes a difference. Our website lists thousands of K-State funds you can explore. Last year, 254 gifts were made to the Classified Opportunity Fund, which helps fund professional development opportunities

for classified staff. To learn how you can make a difference, visit <u>www.k-</u> <u>stateauc.org/</u>.



**Make a gift.** In September, you will receive your All-University Campaign packet, which includes a contribution form. You can make a gift by filling out your contribution form, or you can give online at <u>www.k-stateauc.org</u>.

Win fabulous prizes! If you participate in the All-University Campaign, you are automatically entered into a drawing to win prizes! Prize winners will be announced on Mondays on the All-University Campaign's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages, as well as on the All-University Campaign <u>website</u>.



The 2013 All-University Campaign co-chairs are Pam Warren, College of Business Administration; Larry Erickson, College of Engineering; Asha Muthukrishnan, K-State Libraries; and Kathryn Harth, Continuing Education. **Contact a co-chair.** All-University Campaign cochairs and volunteers are available to come to your work group's staff meeting or other gatherings to talk about the campaign an answer questions.

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#### **Your Senators**



Thank you to all of the senators who work many hours each week representing Classified Employees. You are all appreciated!

#### Agriculture & Extension (4)

- 1. Janice Taggart (2014) 1<sup>st</sup> term
- 2. John Wolf (2015) 1<sup>st</sup> term
- 3. Amy Capoun (2016) 1<sup>st</sup> term
- 4. Brittany Green (2016) 1<sup>st</sup> term

#### Architecture, Planning & Design (1)

1. Karilyn Lindeen (2015) 1<sup>st</sup> term

#### Arts and Sciences (1)

1. Lindsay Thompson (2016) 2<sup>nd</sup> term

#### Business (1)

1. Pam Warren (2016)  $2^{nd}$  term

#### Education (1)

1. Susan Erichsen (2014) 1<sup>st</sup> term

#### Engineering (1)

1. Doris Galvan (2015) 1<sup>st</sup> term,

#### Human Ecology (1)

1. Janet Finney (2015) 2<sup>nd</sup> term

#### Veterinary Medicine (2)

- 1. Rob Reves (2016) 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- 2. Lesa Reves (2015) 2<sup>nd</sup> term

#### Hale Library (1)

1. Pat Fine (2014) 1<sup>st</sup> term

#### K-State Salina (1)

1. Annette Hernandez (2014) 2<sup>nd</sup> term

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS**

#### Administrative and Finance (6)

- 1. Terri Wyrick (2014) 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- 2. Michael Seymour I (2014) 1<sup>st</sup> term
- 3. Julie Wilburn (2015) 1<sup>st</sup> term
- 4. Mike Ashcraft (2015) 1<sup>st</sup> term
- 5. Jen Schlegel (2016) 1<sup>st</sup> term
- 6. Brian Sheaves (2016) 2<sup>nd</sup> term

#### Student Life (4)

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

#### **President / Provost (1)**

1. Michael Seymour II (2016) 1<sup>st</sup> term

#### Local Agencies (1)

1. Vacant

#### UNIVERSITY SUPPORT **STAFF UPDATE**

The Alternative Service Committee (ASC) has been working on revising the white papers (plan) for University Support Staff (USS) from the input gathered at the classified employees' group discussions held in April and May, 2013. The given to white papers will be revised Administration in early August for approval and then will be presented by President Schultz at four town hall meetings in the Alumni Center Banquet Room on November 4, 2013 at 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. and November 15, 2013 at 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 10:00-11:00 a.m. The town hall meetings will be live streamed and the URL will be publicized at a later date.

In early August, 2013, Administration will make an official announcement to provide 90 days' notice of

the date, time, and place of the election. The election for the voting on the conversion of classified positions from State Civil Service to University Support Staff will be administered by the Kansas State University Office of Planning and Analysis on November 19-21, 2013. The ballot will be available electronically through each classified employee's email with a secure link. Employees requesting a paper ballot may contact Planning and Analysis. During October, 2013, a paper and electronic notification will be sent to each classified employee that will include instructions on the process for voting, as well as a copy of the ballot question. ASC will also have a booth at the Benefits Expo at the Student Union in October that will have information regarding the white papers, election process, employee handbook for USS, and the ballot question.



As part of keeping classified employees updated on the committee's progress, ASC is submitting bimonthly articles to K-State Today that provide a summary of approved meeting minutes, as well as emailing that summation to all classified employees. The best way for classified employees to keep informed and educated on University Support Staff is to visit the committee's webpage often where communications, copies of white papers, frequently asked questions, and progress of can be found: http://www.kthe plan state.edu/altservcomm/.

Thank you classified employees for partnering with the ASC to make employment at Kansas State University better.

#### On the Calendar

Here are a few upcoming events for your calendar.

- August 26<sup>th</sup>: First Day of Fall 2013 Classes
- August 30<sup>th</sup>: First Home Football Game. Football season will start a day early this year. The Wildcats' opener against North Dakota State will be played at 7:30 p.m. at Snyder Family Stadium. The game will be televised on Fox Sports 1, the new sports network.
- September 2<sup>nd</sup>: Labor Day. University Holiday

- September 4<sup>th</sup>: September Classified Senate meeting in the Cottonwood Room of the K-State Student Union starting at 12:30 p.m.
- September 6<sup>th</sup>: First Home Volleyball Game at Ahearn Field House starting at 10:00 a.m.
- September 8<sup>th</sup>: Season kickoff at McCain with Foreigner at 7:30 p.m.



# ROAR

If you have suggestions or comments for the ROAR, please contact Terri Wyrick (<u>twyrick@ksu.edu</u>) or Lindsay Thompson (<u>lindsay@ksu.edu</u>).

#### 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:

- August 7, 2013 12:30 p.m. K Ballroom
- September 4, 2013 12:30 p.m. Cottonwood Rm
- October 2, 2013 12:30 p.m. Cottonwood Rm

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



K-State Classified Senate 118 Anderson Hall Manhattan, KS 66506

www.ksu.edu/class-senate/



# **EAT SHOP PLAY MEET**

Nearly 75% of students voting in an April referendum supported renovating and expanding the Union. Funding for the project is expected to be \$25 million. The majority of funds will come from a student privilege fee increase of \$20 per student, per semester. Union and K-State Libraries existing debt service funds will be repurposed to the project as they become available upon bond maturity. The Union renovation is expected to focus on the following areas:

- Student space
- Consolidation of student organization space to one area - Lounge space easily accessed by students, with
- comfortable seating and 24 hour, secured access
- Retail expansion
  - Enhance retail visible and accessible from the outside
- Expand convenience store
- Expand computer store
- Food service improvements
- Re-purpose Union Station
- Re-design Union Food Court
- Coffee shop with direct access to outside
- Meeting space
- Consolidate Union administration offices to one area
- Tech upgrades to meeting areas
- Replace and modernize Union Ballroom ceiling, with automatic room partitions
- Recreation area upgrades
- Prominent new entrance areas, particularly in southwest corner
- Loading dock screening
- East addition to accommodate additional student organization and retail needs

We are soliciting proposals for architectural programming and conceptual design services from gualified architectural firms. Once selected, this architect will begin to develop a comprehensive building program, conceptual design renderings and phasing/sequencing recommendations. This process will begin in late August, and we anticipate it to take about six months.

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## FALL BOWLING

**FALL 2013 BOWLING LEAGUES** Now forming





UNION RECREATION

DISCOUNT TICKETS

Discounted Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun tickets can now be purchased at the K-State Student Union Recreation Center. Tickets for admission to both parks are available for \$35.66, tax included. Junior and Senior tickets are not available. Only cash or check will be accepted and exact amount is required.

Tickets can be purchased during office hours in the Union Recreation Center located in the lower level of the Union. Office hours are 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-midnight Friday, noon-midnight Saturday and noon-10 p.m. Sunday.

For more information about other Union Recreation programs, including summer bowling leagues and youth or adult bowling classes, visit union.edu/play.

## CHARGING STATION



#### **PROVIDED BY YOUR K-STATE STUDENT UNION\***

**Charging Station** Power up in your Union with the KwikBoost Floorstand charging station. Available for students, faculty, staff and visitors, the KwikBoost Floorstand provides convenient charging solutions for mobile devices while on the go.

Fast • Safe • Efficient The charging station offers fast, safe and efficient service to those visiting the Union. KwikBoost technology intelligently identifies a user's device and quickly delivers a full speed charge based on the device's power demands. The charging station also provides a safe auxiliary charging solution that pushes the right amount of power to devices of every type—no more, no less. Over-current surge protection handles unexpected power surges without harming user's devices. Charging stations are user friendly and environmentally responsible by remaining inactive when not in use with no unnecessary lights or power intensive features. The charging station is located on the first floor of the Union.



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