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KSU Classified Senate Employee Newsletter

President's Column

Dear Classified Employees:

It is really a pleasure for me to report that the 2003-2004 K-State Classified Senate year is getting off to such a good start. Indications are that this year may rank among the best. For the first time in recent years, all senatorial positions have been filled; the committees are beginning their work, and we have some clear goals.

Insurance, educational benefits and other issues of common concern are being addressed by the Classified Senate officers and committees. On Friday, October 17, the Kansas Council (representatives of the classified senates of all the Kansas Regents institutions) met at Ft. Hays State University. From this meeting, a position paper will be developed that will express the needs and preferences of classified employees with respect to a variety of issues.

The Position Paper will be used to carry our message to Kansas senators and representatives in Topeka during the soon-to-be scheduled Legislative Day. Please watch for details on this day and make your best effort to participate.

This is your Senate, and as President, I hope that you will contact me with your concerns (gyou@lib.ksu.edu). We are off to an excellent start and I know that we can accomplish a great deal by working together.

Gay Youngman, Classified Senate President

Upcoming Senate Meetings

The following are the dates, times and locations of the future Classified Senate meetings. All meetings are open to classified employees and begin at 12:45 pm.

Wednesday, November 5, 2003 Wednesday, December 3, 2003 Wednesday, January 14, 2004 Wednesday, February 4, 2004 Wednesday, March 3, 2004 Wednesday, April 7, 2004 Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Classified Senate Sub-Committees

Education & Enrichment: The primary mission of the Education Committee is to bring proposals before the Administration on education and training issues. Pam Davis Cathy Sandoval

Senate Elections: The Elections Committee is responsible for filling vacancies on the Senate, as well as, preparing for annual elections The election system provides all colleges and administrative units with a representative based on the number of classified employees within the college/unit.

Pam Schierer Ginger Schwwerdt Paula Conners Cheryl Martin

<u>Codes & By-Laws:</u> The purpose of the Codes & By-Laws Committee is to serve as a point of reference on the Classified Senate Codes and By-Laws and to draft additions/modifications for approval by the Classified Senate. Lori Hutchins Cyreathia (SAM) Reyer

Personnel/Benefits: Each year Classified Senate's Personnel & Benefits committee prepares a "position paper" which lists those items they believe the KSU Classified Employees would like to see considered during the legislative session.

Cathy Sandoval Loleta Sump Donna Rogers Marlene Walker Kristi Fronce Theresa McCarthy Laverna Leeson

Public Relations: The Public Relations Committee creates and distributes <u>The Roar</u>, maintains the Classified Senate Web Page (web site <u>www.ksu.edu/class-senate</u>). The committee works with other Classified Senate Committees to distribute information on any special events or information of interest to the classified employees.

> Cyreathia (SAM) Reyer, Chair Beth Miller Eddi Devore Cheryl Martin

 Recognition Ceremony:
 This Committee plans and prepares

 for the recognition ceremony held in the spring.
 Ginger Schwerdt

 Pam Schrier
 Loleta Sump

 Cyreathia (SAM) Reyer
 Marlene Walker

 Jackie Yonning
 Paula Conners

 Sharon Schroll
 Paula Conners

Connie Schmidt Linda Sorell Cheryl Martin Thank you to all who visited the Classified Senate Booth at the October 1, Benefits Fair. Congratulations to: *Peggy Grater - Motor Pool Door Prize Winner*