

Unclassified Professional Senate 2009-2010

February 3, 207 RSC

Present were: Linda Black, Pam Chamberlin, Terry Coltrain, Connie Dietz, Kathy Downes, Lori Evans, Jason Holmes, Grady Landrum, Becky North, Susan Norton, Jim Pearce, Melissa Ward, Frankie Brown and Kevin Crabtree

1. Terry Coltrain called the meeting to order and announced that he will be leaving WSU in June to pursue other interests.
2. Agenda was reviewed and accepted.
3. Motion to approve minutes from January 6th was made (Pearce/Black) and carried. Note: UPS met informally on January 20th for presentation on RSC renovation.
4. Old Business
 - a. KBOR representation initiative update and discussion:
 - i. KU will also form a working group and will meet soon with WSU's working group.
 - b. Faculty Senate Budget Committee
 - i. Grady will attend these meetings. Tanya Wickersham went to last KBOR meeting. Governor says no more cuts. Deb Soles plans to have Faculty Senate, UP Senate, Classified Senate and SGA issue a joint statement.
 - c. Constituent Head Meeting:
 - i. We are down 23% from highest budget and enrollment is up 2.5 – 3%
 - ii. Still not clear but if there are more cuts, 5 things will be looked at:
 1. State won't pay interest on buildings
 2. Funding for NIAR may be cut
 3. Abolish faculty of distinction match from the state
 4. Community College and Technical Schools
 5. Reduction of base
5. Committee business:
 - a. Service – Humana needs volunteers to help package food for Haiti this weekend at the WSU Metroplex.
 - b. Professional Development –
 - i. Nine people showed up for Web 2.0 workshop.
 - ii. A speaker from USD 259 will come to April workshop and talk about technology in schools so we can be prepared for incoming students
 - iii. Need to plan UPS spring meeting for early May
 - c. Awards – discussion was held about whether or not Foundation employees are eligible for nomination. Need to look at original award criteria.
 - d. By-Laws –
 - i. Linda reported that one of the issues is to determine if UPS should have a representative from Foundation, Athletics, RSC, etc.
 - ii. Linda will e-mail by-laws for review
 - iii. Past president is supposed to serve one year after term so what happens if ex-President leaves? Is it the past-past president that fills that spot? We need to lay out timeline as an addendum for key dates for continuity.
 - e. Tuition Assistance – Frankie asked this committee be removed
6. New Business:
 - a. Look at possible dates for spring general meeting and discuss at next meeting. Last year held on May 11th.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Lori Evans