



WICHITA STATE  
UNIVERSITY

UNCLASSIFIED  
PROFESSIONAL SENATE

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 17, 2013**

**Present:** Ellen Abbey, Belinda Bishop, Gina Crabtree, Janelle Darr, Gabrielle Dodosh, Kathy Downes, Sally Fiscus, April Keim, Amanda Konecny, Maria Martino, Mark McCain, Brett Morrill, Susan Norton, Sheelu Surender, Frankie Brown (ex-officio), Connie Dietz (ex-officio), Jessica Treadwell (ex-officio), Heather Perkins (at-large).

**Absent:** Quinn Addis, Cheryl Miller, Andrea Stipp

**Guests:** Lyston Skerritt, Eric Maki

**I. Call to order at 9:05 AM**

**II. Approval of August 20, 2013 minutes**

Motion made by Brett Morrill and seconded by Mario Martino. Motion passed.

**III. Guest – Lyston Skerritt, Student Involvement – Campus Read Program**

Mr. Skerritt updated the senate on the Campus Read program. The book chosen was *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. This year Student Involvement will concentrate on Civic Engagement and assisted in Moore, Oklahoma with the tornado recovery. Mr. Skerritt distributed a flyer for Service Week which will begin the first week of October. Sally indicated that the senate Service Committee may be interested in getting involved with some of these projects.

**IV. President Bardo Meeting Report**

- a. Gina reported that President Bardo did not have any requests of the Senate at this time. They discussed the question about access to information. Gina indicated that the Registrar's Office has made available on its website information about how to request, including examples of access types. Access to student records in particular is available on a need-to-know basis.
- b. The President indicated that they are still working on the policy document and it is currently in the Office of the General Counsel. He said that he would like to see policy control at the department level and will be working toward that. A review of the grievance policy will have Senate involvement.
- c. The smoking ban proposed by SGA was also discussed. Dr. Bardo does not feel like the proposal has enough traction at this time. Gina will be meeting with the SGA President and may have other updates on this subject.
- d. Gina asked if the Senate should be more assertive on the legislative committee and the President said that he does not feel like we need to do that at this time. He indicated that WSU needs to identify individuals who can have impact in the legislative process and work with them.
- e. The Pappas review of Admissions and Financial Aid has taken longer than expected but is going well. The next area reviewed will be information technology and UCATS. There will be an announcement at

the Strategic Planning meeting later today in regard to the change in structure of IT after the resignation of Dr. Pendse.

**V. New/Old Business**

- a. Ex-officio and At-large Update - Heather Perkins and Quinn Addis accepted the appointments as at-large and CLUR senators respectively. Gina reached out to Athletics, Alumni Association and the Rhatigan Center for Ex-officio members. Andi Stipp will join us as an ex-officio member from the Rhatigan Center.
- b. University Policies Recommendations - This was discussed with President Bardo.
- c. Constitutional Review - Brett Morrill indicated that the committee has not met but will be meeting soon.
- d. Senate documents in Cube - Gina reminded senators to use the Cube to provide information. Send any documents to April Keim and cc Gina.

**VI. Reports from Committee Chairs**

- a. Service – Sally Fiscus reported that the committee has not met. Gabrielle Dodosh and Maria Martino volunteered to serve on the committee with Sally.
- b. Professional Development – Kathy Downes reported that Tech Day will be held October 29, 2013 at the Ablah Library between 11am – 2pm. The Learn More deadline was September 9<sup>th</sup>, but if you have a proposal, please contact Kathy or Becky North.
- c. Awards/Recognition – Gabrielle Dodosh reported that this committee has not met.
- d. Legislative – No report.
- e. Grievance – Sally Fiscus reported that ten new names were randomly generated for the Grievance Committee pool. Sally made a motion to accept the names, Susan Norton seconded. Motion passed.
- f. Election – Gina reported that this committee will not meet until later in the year.
- g. Dining Services – Sheelu Surrender reported that she contacted David Casida and this committee will be reactivated soon.
- h. UPS Website – Kevin Crabtree reported that the agenda is posted to the website prior to the meeting.
- i. RSC Board of Directors – No report.
- j. Wellness – Maria Martino reported that the committee was meeting at the same time as the senate. She would report to us at the October meeting.
- k. Traffic Appeals – Brett Morrill reported that three tickets were contested.
- l. Unclassified Professional Staff Council – Connie Dietz reported that this committee has not met.
- m. Library Appeals – Susan Norton reported that the appeals committee did not meet.

**VII. As May Arise**

- a. Susan Norton reported that the EEO search committee met September 16<sup>th</sup> and has narrowed down to six candidates. They will begin phone interviews before bringing candidates to campus. They hope to have someone hired by January.
- b. Engineering Dean's search candidate will be in this week.
- c. The General Meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2013. Please think about who should be on the agenda so we can discuss at the October meeting.

**VIII. Announcements**

- a. **Next Meeting: October 15, 2013**

**IX. Adjourned at 10:00 AM**