

Unclassified Professional Senate 2008-2009
September 17, 2008
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The meeting was called to order by the President, Linda Black.

Members present: Linda Black, Pam Chamberlin, Terry Coltrain, Gabrielle Dodosh, Carla Eckels, Lori Evans, Janet Jensen, Phil Ladwig, Grady Landrum, Cheryl Miller, Vincent Miller, Billie Norden, Becky North, Jim Pearce, Delinda Royse,

Linda introduced Christine Schneikart-Luebbe, who spoke about *Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year*. She handed out the brochures provided by the *Policy Center on the First Year of College*, which explains the program. WSU is one of 15 four-year institutions accepted into this program this year. Academic Affairs and Student Affairs will be working together on implementation with Christine and Keith Pickus as Co-chairs. She stated that the study of the nine *Foundational Dimensions* of the program would be assigned to teams consisting of 8 to 10 members from the university community (students, faculty, and staff). The teams will serve as a *self-study and improvement planning process*.

The minutes of the September 3rd meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Linda handed out a list of the Senate members, and a list of the committees. Becky North asked whom she is supposed to represent on the senate. After discussion about the possibility of dividing the unclassified professionals into calling or mail lists, Linda stated that she would put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Announcements:

Linda stated that the next senate meeting would be held October 8 instead of the 1st so that Mary Herrin would be available to speak to the senate. Mary will be asked to speak about any changes she may have implemented since she became vice president and about the state budget cuts. Dr. Beggs will speak at the November 5 senate meeting.

Linda will be attending the National Advisory Council on September 26

Dr. Miller requested that an unclassified professional from the library be assigned to Dean Rao's Review committee. Linda will try to contact Muhammad Usmani to see if he would be willing to serve.

Linda stated that Grady Landrum and Delinda Royse are the senate members appointed to the Search committee for the VP for Campus Life and University Relations.

At the Constituents Head meeting, the members went through the September Board of Regents Agenda. Dr. Beggs stated that the Board of Regents are doing a public opinion survey on Higher Education, but did not have any further information. He also commented on the Foundations of Excellence.

Committees:

- A. Service – Jim Pearce accepted the folder for Stuff the Bus that Kim Sandlin had put together from last year.
- B. Professional Development – Phil Ladwig said they met yesterday and welcome any ideas.
- C. Awards/Recognition – The last 2 years winners will be notified they are the members of this committee.
- D. Legislative – Terry Coltrain shared information on the STARS discount program for state employees. He stated that there were at least 2500 state employees in this area, other than university employees, who would benefit from the discounts. He will check into the cost of and the budget availability for printing a card that state employees could hand out to businesses. The card would give them the information needed to sign up with the State of Kansas.
- E. Grievance – a senate member has volunteered for this committee
- F. Election – Chris Cavanaugh has been graciously serving as chair of this committee for several years. Linda will contact him to see if he will continue.
- G. Dining services – Terry Coltrain volunteered
- H. UPS Website - Linda will send lists of senate members and committee members to Kevin Crabtree for updating the UPS web page.

The fall general meeting will be held on November 6 in the RSC ballroom. Linda asked the senate whom they would like to hear speak in addition to Dr. Beggs and Mary Herrin. Suggestions made were: Christine Schneikart-Luebbe or Keith Pickus on the "Foundations of Excellence", Ted Ayres or Lisa Jones regarding background checks for new hires, Mike Wood regarding on-line courses, Vince Miller regarding 20th day report, Terry Coltrain on the STARS discount program, Jim Pearce regarding service project, and Phil Ladwig regarding professional development.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

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