

Unclassified Professional Senate 2008-2009

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Mark McCain presiding in Linda Black's absence called the meeting to order.

Present were: Terry Coltrain, Maureen Dasey-Morales, Gabrielle Dodosh, Carla Eckels, Lori Evans, Grady Landrum, Mark McCain, Vincent Miller, Billie Norden, Becky North, Jim Pearce, Frankie Brown.

The minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected.

Andy Schlapp, Executive Director Government Relations and Board of Trustees, spoke to the senate regarding best ways to approach the Kansas State Legislature. He stated that the UP senate was the first WSU senate he has visited and asked for questions from the senate to help him understand issues of interest to the UP's. He stated that building good relationships while visiting the Legislature is of primary importance to let them know who we are. Andy said that it is important to understand the pressures that the legislators are under and how fluid their schedules are when setting up meetings. He stated he would be happy to help set up meetings with legislators and/or committees to help with relationship building.

Mark announced that Elizabeth King has requested time on the agenda to update the senate on the Foundation. This is scheduled for April 1, 2009. Mark stated that the August 2008 Orientation was recorded and is posted on the CTRE web site. Mark will ask Kevin to post a link to it on the UP website.

Constituents Head meeting summary:

1. COBO is looking at an insurance bridge for Unclassified Staff who retire before Medicare eligibility.
2. University Press of Kansas is reducing their budget by 2%. WSU pays a portion of this budget.
3. Sustainability and the Future of Higher Ed
4. AEGD has half of the dollars raised for the new facility
5. WSU will receive \$1.6 million for Repair and Rehabilitation
6. K-State, KU, and Pittsburg State will all be doing searches for a President.
7. The Faculty Senate has been looking at the 60 day waiting period for health insurance and ways to bridge the gap
8. Mark said he asked about the budget cuts. Fiscal Year 2009 3% cuts are being covered internally. All VP's have been asked to create scenarios anticipating the cuts for FY 2010, working with 7% to 9% as a range. The numbers will not be final until after the state finalizes their budget in May or June.

It was stated that the layoff policy and procedure for UP's should be reviewed due to the uncertainty of the budget. Frankie said she would chair the review and would ask Lisa Jones to be on the committee. She asked for two volunteers from the senate. Maureen Dasey-Morales and Becky North volunteered.

Mark stated that the next Constituents Head meeting would be January 12, and asked for any questions the senate would like him to present. Becky North said the question could be "How can we help with discussion surrounding the Flex Plan concept for a possible four-day workweek?" Frankie said that Lana Antis is chairing a committee regarding the viability of WSU going to a four-day workweek.

Committees:

- A. Service – Jim Pearce said "Stuff the Bus" went well, with a lot of good help
- B. Professional Development – Becky North passed out evaluation results of "The NEW Basics" and "Learn More" survey results. She stated that 130 people attended the first session. Lana is chairing the Orientation committee looking at what can we do "outside the box".
- C. Legislative – Terry Coltrain said he had a call from a woman at SRS who is interested in STARS and how WSU was promoting this program to vendors. Terry said there has been only one new vendor added to Sedgwick County, and Sam's has dropped off for now.
- D. Dining Services – Terry said there is to be a meeting this month
- E. UPS Website – The link to Learn More and Mike Wood's Power Point presentation are on the UP website.

Jim Pearce nominated Terry Coltrain for President-Elect for the Senate for 2009/2010. Terry is interested in the position but asked that he be allowed to consult with Chris Cavanaugh before accepting. The nomination was tabled until the next senate meeting. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

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