

Unclassified Professional Senate 2008-2009

October 15, 2008

207 RSC

The President, Linda Black, called the meeting to order.

Present were: Linda Black, Larry Britton, Frankie Brown, Terry Coltrain, Maureen Dasey-Morales, Gabrielle Dodosh, Carla Eckels, Lori Evans, Janet Jensen, Phil Ladwig, Grady Landrum, Mark McCain, Billie Norden, Becky North, Jim Pearce, Delinda Royse. Frankie Brown introduced Lana Anthis, the new Associate Director of Human Resources.

Linda introduced Tanya Wickersham, President of the Classified Senate, who spoke to the senate about the State of Kansas Employee mentoring program. She stated that state employees are eligible for up to 90 minutes of paid time each pay period to volunteer in an approved Kansas Mentors' program. To find out more about the program and opportunities to volunteer visit this website: www.ksmentors.ks.gov/goldstar.htm. Tanya also stated that the WSU Human Resource website has information and forms under the link "Current Employees" and then link to "Benefits".

The minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting were reviewed, and approved as corrected.

Announcements:

- A. Terry Coltrain went to the 60th Anniversary reception for the Wind Tunnel since Linda was unable to attend. He stated it was a VIP event, very nice and informative.
- B. Terry Coltrain has checked the last 3 years budget for Unclassified Senate in which approximately 25% was spent each year. He feels there should be sufficient funds to print cards to give to businesses to promote the STARS program
- C. Phil Ladwig will represent the Unclassified Senate at the Higher Education Forum luncheon Tuesday, October 21

The Constituents Head meeting was held October 13. The discussion was primarily about the Kansas Board of Regents meeting. Dr. Beggs remarked that he continues to be positive about handling the budget and said the credit hours taken this year are helping with the budget. The BOR will be discussing long-term strategy for capital projects; payment on bonds; and sustainability for the university campuses. The Board of Regents Agenda has a section regarding the mill levy money for Sedgwick County. Linda was asked if the BOR agenda could be placed on the UP website. She will speak to Kevin about doing so. The background check policies were approved. Dr. Beggs stated that two Universities spoke at the meeting regarding their plans for efficiency. WSU will be reporting at a later meeting.

Committees:

- A. Service – Jim Pearce stated that the boxes and posters for *Stuff the Bus* would be available around November 1. Delinda said that T-shirts for volunteers in the community are available, and she would get the link for anyone interested. Stuff the bus volunteers would qualify for the T-shirts.
- B. Professional Development – Gabrielle Dodosh reported that Human Resources is looking to revamp the UP orientation and will be looking for volunteers to be on this committee.
Becky North suggested a new committee to organize "keeping up with the students" regarding technology (methods and terminology). A committee would be created to research methods of dispensing the information to all employees. Delinda suggested 10 or 15-minute webcasts that employees could access. A suggestion was made to include at least one student on this committee.
- C. Awards/Recognition – Linda Doll has taken the initiative for this committee
- D. Legislative – Terry has been in contact with Brent Smith, State of Kansas contact for the STARS program. The state administers this program, but they do not promote it. They have a business card which Terry asked permission to reproduce for WSU. He checked on printing these cards. Five-hundred would cost \$65.00 and One-thousand would cost \$100.00. He suggested that a list of state agencies in the Wichita area be printed on the back of the cards. Terry would like to see the cards available at the general meeting in November. Delinda made a motion that 1,000 of these cards be printed at a cost of \$100.00. Jim Pearce seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Jim suggested that signs be made available to the businesses to advertise they are a STARS participant.
Lana Anthis will now be working with the "flexible work schedule" committee.
- E. Dining services – Terry Coltrain said the Dining Services committee is planning on meeting on October 27, but he will be out of town. It is to be a get acquainted meeting.

The fall general meeting has been moved to November 12 in order for budget information coming from the State of Kansas to be received and available for the UP meeting. Dr. Beggs, Mary Herrin, Ted Ayres, and Keith Pickus are scheduled to speak. Linda has also asked for reports from various UP committees.

The next regular UP senate meeting will be held November 5, 2008 in room 207 RSC. Dr. Beggs will be the guest speaker.

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