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Delinda Royse, acting for President Linda Black called the meeting to order.

Present were: Terry Coltrain, Kevin Crabtree, Maureen Dasey-Morales, Gabrielle Dodosh, Carla Eckels, Lori Evans, Janet Jensen, Grady Landrum, Mark McCain, Billie Norden, Becky North, Jim Pearce, Delinda Royse.

Delinda reviewed the Agenda and changes were noted. Phil Ladwig was unable to attend today's meeting, but later will report on the Higher Education Forum he attended.

The minutes of the October 15, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Committee reports:

- A. Service – Jim Pearce reported that he has not received the boxes and posters for Stuff the Bus yet. The YWCA said they would be available soon. Delinda stated that Chris Lamb is ready to take charge of the Stuff the Bus collection for Athletics.
- B. Professional Development. – Becky North distributed a flyer about the “*Learn More*” programs being developed by the committee. The date of December 18, 2008 from 1:30 – 2:30 is the first in “a series of discussions, demonstrations, Web pages and more” that will help bring WSU employees up to date on new technology available on the Web. The program for December 18, *The New Basics* will demonstrate the following: Wikis, Blogs, Twitter, flickr, and Facebook. The presentation will be in Jabara Hall Room 127. A concern was voiced that this room might not be large enough for those wishing to attend. Two students, Mike Wood and Bill Vanderburgh, will be involved as panel members. The committee will be distributing flyers to all employees on campus at a cost of \$130.00. Since the Classified, Faculty, and UP Senates are sponsoring this development program, it is hoped that the cost of printing the flyers will be shared.
- C. Legislative – Terry Coltrain reported that he would have a flyer with information about the STARS program available at the UP General meeting. He stated that he would like to give only two cards to each UP at the general assembly, but keep the bulk of the cards for those who volunteer to pass out the cards. The flyer will include information for contacting him if someone is interested in volunteering.

Dr. Beggs arrived to speak to the senate. The following is a summary of his remarks:

- 1. Dr. Beggs stated generally things are going well at WSU, and plans have been put in place to cover the 2% budget cut for this year using resources available. Fiscal Year 2009 budget planning was helped due to fall credit hours being above the projection for the semester. Tuition revenue and the state revenue indicators will affect budget for the rest of this fiscal year. The administration is working on the anticipated 5% budget cut for FY 2010.
- 2. Sedgwick County Scholarships are making a big difference in enrollment at WSU since they assist approximately 2700 students.
- 3. Dr. Beggs said all avenues where dollars can be saved are being reviewed. He stated that Economic Development projects have slowed but not stopped.
- 4. At this time, the Board of Regents is looking at efficiencies at the universities.
- 5. Deferred maintenance interest generated from Tuition Credit is 30% less than expected, as many companies cannot take advantage of the Tuition Credit in this economy. This will affect bond payments on Deferred Maintenance projects.
- 6. Some positive aspects at WSU are the Bio-Science Engineering program, and the AEGD (Advanced Education in General Dentistry) program that recently announced a fund drive to build a new facility just south of the Metropolitan Complex. Delta Dental of Kansas is supporting and gave a generous donation to begin this fund drive. The Dean’s Scholars Program has been working with 50 high school seniors and the Honors Scholarship program with high school juniors to bring academically gifted students to WSU.
- 7. Dr. Beggs was asked about on-line courses. He said the issue there is cost of development and support. WSU does have many courses available today, and working on developing more.
- 8. Dr. Beggs was asked about what cuts were planned in regards to the budget for FY 2010. He stated that the VP’s and Deans have been given the numbers to work with, but state revenue projections for spring 2009 may change that.

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Committee reports (cont.)

- D. Dining Services – Terry Coltrain said he missed the first meeting, but will be attending the next committee meeting which will be held in January
- E. By-Laws – Delinda said that Ted Ayres did have some remarks after reviewing the by-law proposals, and these will be readdressed in committee.

Terry stated he has been asked to speak at the Classified Senate meeting on November 12, but will time his presentation to be able to present the STARS program at the UP General meeting. Becky North stated the Professional Development Committee would also be producing a survey. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

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