

ESU CLASSIFIED ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Members Present: Mary Conley, Kara Wolford, Taime Pitchford, Donna Breshears, Kathy Stayskal, Debbie Eagan, Janet Rees, Chris Parks, Art Gutierrez, Dan Arnold, Jule Kirk and Kim Gaines.

Members Absent: Judy Anderson

Mary Conley called the meeting to order at 2:15pm

Minutes from the March 12, 2008 meeting were read. Kathy moved to approve the minutes with corrections and Chris seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary discussed the response from Pittsburg State University on leave issues. It is currently under discussion with Council of Presidents and Council of Business Officers. K-BOR heard from a few representatives and they discussed tabling it until after the legislation makes their decision on HB2916.

Mary and Art reported on their meeting with President Lane and Vice President Ray Hauke. They discussed the leave issue that is currently being debated in COPS and COBO. President Lane advised them that they would need to meet with the union reps on campus to see that it doesn't break any legality with the union.

After much discussion on what we would like to see happen for the leave issues being discussed by COPS and COBO, *Donna Breshears moved to accept the leave request that COBO has proposed and move it forward to the K-BOR and Dan Arnold seconded the motion. Motion passed by all.*

Mary and Art were asked for an update regarding the \$50,000 incentive that had been offered by President Lane and was to be distributed to ESU Classified employees.

After much discussion, Taime Pitchford made the following verbal motion to help move the incentive forward:

"The ESU Classified Assembly respectfully request that full and complete distribution of the FY08 funds, set aside for classified employees as a one-time internal incentive, be made to all classified employees, in whatever manner deemed manageable and legal by ESU Administration, within the current fiscal year". Dan Arnold seconded. Motion passed by all.

Mary also reported on the balance of the Classified Assembly Account Balance and showed how the money is being spent. The committee discussed the balance.

Art advised us that David Hendricks had asked him to be on the Memorial Union Remodel Committee. Art is currently not able to do that but has asked to see if another Classified Assembly Representative would like to, he would like them to please email him.

OLD BUSINESS:

HB2916

Art and Mary advised that the committees in the House passed their bill and the Senate passed their bill with a few changes. It then went to the Joint Committee and they passed it with changes. The Senate then passed the revised pay plan bill and the House has not voted on the final revised bill. It will be taken up when they return for the extra session. Mary did advise that Rep. Barnett is fully supporting the bill and that we should advise other classified employees to contact Peggy Mast and Don Hill, on our own time, to try and gain their support for the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter Committee: Nothing new at this time.

Membership Committee: 4 People will be leaving this year and they did request any information on who might like to serve next year.

Seminar Committee: Taimé reminded us that the Biofeedback seminar will be this week and she encouraged all to attend.

Campus Affairs: Nothing at this time.

Scholarship Committee: Jule Kirk advised the 4 individuals have been selected and the notification letters have been sent out. There are 4 scholarships to be given away, with each recipient receiving \$200.

Legislative Affairs: Mary advised that it was decided at the KBOR meeting that Classified Assembly Representatives will meet with the Kansas Board of Regents twice a year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

Submitted by Kim Gaines, Secretary

Next meeting will be on May 14, 2008 at 2:15 p.m. in the PKP Room of the Memorial Union.