

ESU CLASSIFIED ASSEMBLY Friday, May 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm in PKP Room of the Memorial Union.

Members Present: Dan Arnold, Roger Heineken, Art Guterrez, Mary Conley, Marion Jones for Jule Kirk, Marc Magathan, Debbie Roether for Mary Lopez, Janet Rees, Cheryl Wooderson for Natalie Spellman and Kathy Stayskal.

Minutes of the April 13, 2007 meeting were approved.

Mary Conley and Art Gutierrez met with President Lane and Ray Hauke concerning SB375 (giving Board of Regents the authority to allow regents universities to raise Classified leave allowance up to but not to exceed Unclassified vacation leave amounts). It was reported that the VP's at all five universities (KU is the exception) are in favor of a phased-in increase and will bring this issue to the joint meeting of Presidents and VP's.

Points of utmost interest regarding the position paper were discussed and prioritized. The following issues will be fervently supported at the joint council.

Funding for wage increases pursuant to the Hay Group recommendations

Pay for experience (step increases)/longevity

COLA

Increase discretionary days allowance and/or increased vacation leave allowance

Art recapped the President's Tuition and Budget presentation.

Tuition and fees were raised (ESU still maintains a "best value" ranking)

Proposed tuition allowance breaks for staff dependants

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship: N/A

Newsletter: N/A

Membership: Will begin work on replacing representatives with terms ending

Seminar: N/A

Campus Affairs: Suggested a year-end letter expressing appreciation to reinforce our working relationship with President Lane. Mary and Art will compose and present for signatures at our next meeting

Legislative Affairs: Art and Mary will represent ESU at the Joint Council Meeting of Classified Assemblies to be held in June at K State

OPEN FORUM:

Suggestion was made to consider recommending pay for a capped amount of unused accrued vacation hours versus losing them at the end of the fiscal year (in some areas it is difficult to "use" earned vacation).

Meeting adjourned 3:15 pm

Submitted by Kathy Stayskal