

ESU CLASSIFIED ASSEMBLY Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Members Present: Mary Conley, Kara Wolford, Dan Arnold, Taime Pitchford, Donna Breshears, Kathy Stayskal, Debbie Eagan, Chris Parks, Karla Ingold for Kim Gaines, and Judy Anderson, ex-officio.

Mary Conley called the 2:30 p.m. meeting to order in the Memorial Union PKP room.

President Art Gutierrez was in Topeka today.

Debbie Eagan is replacing Vicki Deere and was introduced, and Judy Anderson, the new HR Director, was introduced.

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Taime moved and Kara seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed.

Kansas Council of Classified Senates meeting was discussed. Taime and Dan reported that it was decided to prepare a "resolution" rather than a "position paper" to present to the legislature. Taime noted that Sue Peterson was instrumental in the preparation of the paper. The resolution was distributed to those attending.

Ft. Hays was not at the Ks. Council meeting. According to their web site, they are close to pulling out of classified assy.

"Ks. Council of Classified Senates" is still the official name of the group, but a request to change the name to "University Classified Support Staff" has been presented and is pending COPS response.

Taime and Dan reported that everyone worked together well on the resolution paper. The feeling was not to wait 5 years to implement the plan, because of legislative turnover.

In Topeka today, the adding of extra leave for Classified employees was on the COPS agenda. Mary reported that the proposed addition of getting the extra benefit for employees with 1-5 years will probably not be presented, but the original request was being considered, according to our President.

Legislature Days will be Feb 4 & 5, 2008. Mary informed Judy that usually 8 people go from ESU, and are given administrative leave. Others may go, but must take annual leave.

Mary suggested having people from KU come talk to Classified Assy. about "Unclassified Support Staff".

**IN OLD BUSINESS:**

Previously, the Assembly discussed sending the President of Classified Assy. to the monthly Ks. BOR meeting; however after meeting with Pres. Lane, he didn't think we needed to meet with the BOR.

Mary asked President Lane about the status of the parking reimbursements for Classified Employees. They are still determining if they can reimburse us legally.

Dependent tuition assistance - no action.

President Lane and the administrative team suggested another option for distributing the \$50k might be debit cards. They are checking into that option.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Newsletter: no report

Membership: Debbie Eagan will be co-chair of this with Dan, replacing Vicki Deere.

Seminar: Chris & Taime are working on a seminar.

Campus Affairs: Kathy & Donna discussed previous activities that had been done, normally around Ks. Day in January, Classified Appreciation Day.

Legislative Affairs: No additional report.

Scholarship Committee: no report

**OPEN FORUM:**

Chris Parks suggested another meeting for Classified Assy. with Art when he returns from the COPS meeting, and before going to President Lane. Mary will e-mail members whether Art feels there is a need for this.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Ingold

For Kim Gaines.