

MINUTES of ESU CLASSIFIED ASSEMBLY October 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm, Friday, October 13, 2006 in the PKP Room of the Memorial Union

Members Present: Dan Arnold, Roger Heineken, Kathy Redeker (proxy for Art Gutierrez), Marc Magathan, Janet Rees, Eddie Brooks, Mary Lopez, Mary Conley, Jule Kirk, Natalie Spellman, Doug Cushenbery, Kathy Stayskal

Minutes of the September 22, 2006 meeting were approved.

Position Paper: Discussion held about presenting the position paper to legislators in Topeka as a united group with all of the Regents University Classified Senate groups. Mary Conley has been in communication with the classified representatives from Pittsburg State to coordinate scheduling of meetings. Conley will keep the ESU assembly members updated as she finds out more specifics and schedules.

Discussed determining what funds are available to use for hosting the KS Councils meeting in a few years. The assembly members agreed to try to determine if funds are available to serve a luncheon to those attending the meeting.

All are encouraged to attend the Lt. Gov. Debate on campus Oct. 24th in Albert Taylor Hall. There will be an opportunity to meet and greet after the formal debate is over.

Possible Goals for the year were discussed:

Tuition Assistance for Spouse and Dependents. The co-chairs will bring up the topic at the next Tuition/Budget Committee Meeting.

Classified vs Unclassified Leave Accrual. Try to find out the status of implementing additional leave accrual for Classified employees of Regent's institutions as allowed in Senate Bill 375

Fundraising for Classified Scholarship. Discussed holding a fundraiser to increase the Classified Dependent Scholarship endowed fund. Members inquired about how the scholarship is awarded, how students can apply and who the recent recipients have been.

Setup Bi-annual meeting with new ESU President. Discussed asking President Lane if he would be in favor of meeting with the Classified Employees group on an annual or bi-annual basis for open communication on issues and concerns affecting classified employees. Assembly members decided to invite President Lane to an upcoming Classified Assembly Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter Committee: (Natalie Spellman, Janet Rees, Kathy Stayskal) Nothing to report.

Membership Committee: (Doug Cushenbery, Dan Arnold) Roger Heineken has agreed to serve one year to fill the position vacated by Linda Huddleston

Seminar Committee: (Eddie Brooks, Jule Kirk) Eddie mentioned the possibility of an Informational seminar about Drug and Meth Lab Awareness. A seminar could be scheduled if the assembly is interested.

Campus Affairs: (Marc Magathan and Roger Heineken) Nothing to Report

Legislative Affairs: (Co-Chairs- Mary Conley and Art Gutierrez, Secretary- Mary Lopez) Nothing to report.

Open forum: Mary Conley announced that there will be a "Security on Campus" Awareness Day in the near future. A booth will be set up in the Memorial Union where individuals can stop by to get information about Campus security and Identity Theft prevention, etc.

Mary Conley participated in the Deferred Maintenance Tour. She stated that many thanks go out to the Physical Plant employees for managing to keep the campus running in spite of the deteriorating conditions of tunnels, infrastructure and deferred maintenance.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm

Submitted by Mary Lopez, Secretary

Next meeting will be on November 17, 2006 at 2:15 p.m. in the PKP Room of the Memorial Union.