Pittsburg State University Classified Senate Minutes for March 14, 2012

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Location: Inaugural Room of the Overman Student Center 1:30 pm

The Classified Senate welcomes all classified employees; you do not have to be a Senator to attend.

Welcome guests: Josh Tucker


Senators Absent: John Bartels (excused), Sara Bueltel (excused), Shari Saia (excused), and Laura Werberger.

Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting

   Meeting called to order by Senate President Donna Jacobs at 1:32 PM.

2. Review of Meeting Minutes

   The minutes for February 8, 2012, were reviewed no revision or corrections were noted or made. The minutes were accepted after a motion for approval was made, seconded, and passed.

3. Treasurer’s Report

   The Classified Senate Operating Budget had a beginning balance of $1,895.85 on 2/29/2012. $10.86 was spent on the teleconference, $20.76 was spent on greeting cards and we had two charges for $6.58 that were credited back to the account from Fairfield Inn in Manhattan, KS. The current ending balance is $1877.39.

   The donation account had a beginning balance of $33.64. There were no expenditures so the ending balance remains at $33.64.

   A motion was made for acceptance of the treasurer’s report, seconded, and passed.

4. Committee Reports
A. Position Paper: On February 15th, Lesa Reeves of K-State went before the Board of Regents and made a statement on behalf of classified senate. They said nothing when she was finished except thank you. Julene Miller, general counsel for KBOR came out of the meeting after Lesa made her statement and she asked Lesa, “Are you aware as classified employees that you can vote to become support staff?” The conversation with her did not go well. We spoke with her for 15 minutes. Donna told Dr. Scott and Shawn about their meeting with Julene. Dr. Scott had an opportunity to speak with her and Donna received an e-mail from Dr. Scott that said her intention was never to be disrespectful.

B. Election: We have three positions that are still open.


While this vote is damaging, the fight for fair wages is by no means over. Rep. Gatewood, Rep. Lane, Rep. Carlin all spoke in favor of the market adjustments. Contact your representatives and let them know how you feel about sub-par pay for serving the public. As a reminder, state equipment or time cannot be used for political purposes.

*spoke against market adjustments.

D. Public Relations: Need to update bulletin board with picture and new list of senators.

E. Advocacy: Donna has been working with Dennis Constance, the president of classified support staff at KU. We want to talk with the KU senate about their experience moving to support staff. Donna suggested that since our meetings in April are scheduled on the same day that we could possibly do a video conference with them. We had a motion made to move the April 11th meeting to 10:30 to accommodate KU’s meeting time. It was seconded and approved. Once the video
conference call is done if we then feel like we should actually bring them to our campus then we will do that. Tim said that we need to come up with a set list of questions that we want to ask them. Tracey was going to reserve room 126 Hughes for the video conference. Donna will talk to Center for Teaching and Learning to see if someone can video it.

F. Welcoming: None

5. Senate President’s report with University President: Met with President Scott on March 13th and talked about Gorilla Day on the Hill and the Board of Regents meeting. Majority of conversation was about our side meeting with Julene Miller and how President Scott doesn’t believe her intentions were bad. President Scott spoke with her in Topeka. We are receiving some higher education financing for the school of construction and polymer research center but that’s it. No additional funding for raises for anyone at least through the state.


7. Old Business: None

8. New Business: None

9. Good of the Order: The KBOR has also backed the state with if they don’t provide money for all regents employees to get a raise then they also not back the market adjustment for classified employees. Donna is working to update our handbooks. Athletic Fee Counsel voted to increase the athletic fee by $5.00 next year and that will maintain the current level of funding. There was a 70 percent approval rate for the student vote on the proposal for an increase in fees for funding campus improvements. Only 13 percent of the student population voted. Donna is on the tuition committee but they haven’t given an actual percentage increase yet. They are still listening to administrators come forward with funding requests. Tentatively they are putting in a 1% raise across the board for unclassified. Donna is also on the Legislative Coordinating Council and they were talking about the concealed carry bill. Regent universities and hospitals have been taken out of this bill. License plate bill passed in the senate so that you can pay for your alumni tag at the motor vehicle office.

10. Adjournment: 2:40 PM

Minutes recorded by Dacia Keller
Secretary of Classified Senate, 2011-2012