Pittsburg State University Classified Senate Minutes for May 9, 2012

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 13, 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:** Steve Buckner and Irene Robinson

**Senators Present:** Tim Anderson, John Bartels, Terri Blessent, Sara Bueltel, Barb Circle, Wylie DeGruson, Phillip Deierling, Betty Geier, Donna Jacobs, Dacia Keller, Andrew Lance, Janet Miller, Tracey Mussa, Greg Parker, Shari Saia and Laura Werberger

**Senators Absent:** None

**Agenda**

1. **Opening of Meeting**

   Meeting called to order by Senate President Donna Jacobs at 1:30 PM.

2. **Review of Meeting Minutes**

   The minutes for March 14, 2012 & April 11, 2012 were reviewed. No revisions or corrections were noted or made. Both 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 $1,628.54 on 4/30/12. $12.91 was spent for monthly conference call. The current ending balance is $1,615.63.

   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. Election:** Terri Blessent, Wylie DeGruson, Betty Geier, Janet Miller, Greg Parker and Shari Saia are all running for a second term. Motion was made to nominate these six people for a second term, was voted on and passed.

5. **Senate President’s report with University President:** Attended faculty senate meeting and let them know about the conference call we had with KU, we were having elections and that Tim would be our President next year.

   Donna and Tim met with President Scott yesterday and Shawn was there by conference call. President and Mrs. Scott are moving into the university house on May 24th. It’s not finished but the house that they have been renting sold. Donna and Tim told President Scott about our video conference with KU and that we felt that the information we received from that video conference wasn’t exactly what we expected. All KU has to say was they were very happy they went support staff. Dr. Scott said that maybe because we videotaped it that they felt like they couldn’t be completely honest. He suggested that we bring them to campus to visit with them.

6. **Legislative Update:** Conference call with Shawn Naccarato. House was in session debating until midnight last night. Two things that would be of interest to us: 1. The 1% across the board COLA for state employees and 2. reinstatement of the market pay plan. They both failed in the House but COLA only failed by 8 votes and reinstatement of the market pay plan only failed by 1 vote. It’s going to depend on the redistricting maps. Shawn felt there was a 60/40 chance that at least one of those two things will pass. The state has the money this year so they don’t have that as an argument. They might not get finished up in Topeka this week. Shawn agreed with President Scott that maybe KU felt like they couldn’t be honest during the video conference.

7. **Old Business:** None

8. **New Business:** Following the video conference with KU, Tracey received an e-mail from a KU employee and Support Staff Senator, who wishes to remain anonymous, about the enhanced vacation leave. This employee has been at KU for 15 years and was never told about the enhanced leave and didn’t feel like the campus as a whole was told about it.

   Tracey then received a phone call from the same person on her personal cell phone. She told Tracey that we didn’t see the eye rolling going on in the video conference. She said they gave up their rights for an 18 cent raise. She said that many of them were not for support staff. She said if they weren’t in support they were hushed up at the town hall meetings. She said the moderator would talk over us and we basically couldn’t speak. She said the town hall meetings were a big joke. She also didn’t feel that their relationship was better with the administration.
We have changed our luncheon from June 20th to June 6th at noon in Kansas East and West Room in the Overman Student Center.
The classified support staff conference call was on May 3rd. KU’s custodial and maintenance staff merged with housing. A couple of jobs were cut but employees will have the chance to apply for new positions. There will be eighteen new jobs. They will also have time changes such as 4:30 am start time and midnight shifts. Carla at Emporia State said they had a classified picnic and had employees sign cards in support of the market adjustment which they then mailed to the legislators. They also talked about how to keep our legislators in the loop when the session is over. There was a short discussion about the employee health survey where you have to go online to answer questions in order to get our health insurance at the reduced rate. A few people at Wichita State had voiced their discontent about this. Wrap up meeting is in Manhattan and Lesa is checking into a date. They are looking at the first week of June. The first week of September is when PSU will do the opening meeting for all the regent schools of the classified support staff.

Tim and Donna worked on a budget proposal and submitted to Brad Hodson and his committee. Last year we submitted $2555 and received $2500. This year we submitted $3,913 knowing that we will have the two meetings, including the opening meeting regarding the position paper and the wrap up meeting. We also included $399 for an IPAD 2 to be passed from President to President. President Scott said he would make sure that we would have enough money to at least fund the position paper meeting and last meeting. He also said he was fine with us purchasing in IPAD 2. Motion was made that if we have enough money this year we will buy the IPAD two with this fiscal year’s money. Motion passed.

9. **Good of the Order:** Go out and talk to other classified employees so we can have a full senate next year.

10. **Adjournment:** 2:42 PM

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