Pittsburg State University Classified Senate Minutes for November 13, 2013

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

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: Phillip Deierling, Tim James, Larry Overman

Senators Present: John Bartels, Terri Blessent, Heather Busch, Barbara Circle, Dacia Clark, Wylie DeGruson, Betty Geier, Steve Hall, Donna Jacobs, Karen LaSota, Woody Lopez, Michael McLane, Tracey Mussa, Shawn Naccarato, Sara Peak, Josh Tucker, and Stephanie Willis

Senators Absent: Tim Anderson (Excused), Bryna Broyles, Dina Gladson (excused), Janet Miller (excused)

Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting

   Meeting called to order by Senate President Dacia Clark at 1:30 PM.

2. Review of Meeting Minutes

   The minutes for October 9, 2013 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 $2,266.43 on October 31, 2013. $73.23 was spent on travel to Emporia (rental car). The current ending balance is $2,193.20.

   The donation account had a beginning balance of $35.00. There were no expenditures so the ending balance remains at $35.00.

   A motion was made for acceptance of the treasurer’s report, seconded, and passed.
4. Senate President’s report with University President:

President Dacia Clark met with PSU President, Dr. Scott and Shawn Naccarato. President’s Council has endorsed USSSG’s recommendations. The USSSG will hold the last forums in January before we vote in February. They also discussed the Classified and Support Staff Council Position Paper.

5. Committee Reports

A. Election Committee: Senator Shari Saia submitted her letter of resignation from her seat, leaving an open position in the Senate. The Election Committee (Heather Busch and Barbara Circle) will meet and start proceeding on filling the vacancy.

B. Welcoming Committee: No new classified employees.

C. Parking Committee: No report.

D. Diversity Committee: The Diversity Committee conducted a survey in spring 2013 to gather a baseline of the feelings of diversity on campus. The Survey results are in, but the committee feels that they did not receive enough student input, and is considering gathering more information.

E. Animal Use and Care Committee: No report

F. Position Paper Committee: The Position Paper Committee presented the final draft of the Position Paper. Instead of asking for anything, the Committee decided to “educate” legislators, since the budget has already been passed for next year. Each of the schools has submitted Talking Points to use when promoting our Position Paper, and they also created a bookmark with some fast facts. There was a motion to accept the Position Paper, which was seconded, and passed. Thank you to Dina Gladson for putting together the bookmark.

G. Public Relations Committee: Bryna Broyles was not in attendance. Senate group photo is on website, but not on the bulletin board yet.

H. Legislative Update: The Legislative bus tour went well. Dr. Scott’s presentation to the legislators was right on. Ivan Crossland (donor/hires Pittsburg State graduates) and Michael Gray (Pittsburg Mayor) presented to the legislators as an outside voice, there was a Q&A, and they toured the KTC and Kansas Polymer Research Center. Shawn felt there was less aggression from legislators, but not sure if that will matter when it’s time to talk about more cuts. Overall, we felt good about the visit.
6. **Old Business:** None.

7. **New Business:**

   The Athletic Fee Council needs a representative from Classified Senate to sit on the Council. Donna Jacobs volunteered.

   Dr. Scott has offered to come to a meeting and talk to the Classified Senate regarding USSSG, Position Paper, etc. He is available for the January meeting; Dacia will see if he is available for the December meeting.

   Human Resource Services has drafted a USS policy handbook and Jamie Brooksher is looking over it. They hope to have it out by the end of the year for Classified Employees to review. There was some discussion on electronic and hard copies of the policy and who should get them. Many Senators thought that everyone should have a hard copy, regardless of the cost.

   There was some discussion over the other schools moving to Support Staff. Fort Hays votes November 19, 2013. Kansas State votes November 19-22. Emporia will vote in March, and Wichita will vote in April. University of Kansas offered the option for some of their Classified employees to move to Unclassified, and 300 out of 480 went (including 19 Senators).

8. **Good of the Order:**

   The USSSG voting will take place on February 11, 2014, from 7:00 am to 6 pm in the lower level of the Alumni Center, by paper ballot. Votes will be counted by non-PSU affiliated community members.

   November 19, 2013, Student Government Association is hosting “Give a Damn, Bring a Can” legislative forum in the Crimson & Gold Ballroom at 7:00 pm. Mayor Michael Gray and State Representative Julie Menghini will be present.

9. **Adjournment:** 2:50 PM

Minutes recorded by Heather Busch
Secretary of Classified Senate, 2013-2014