Pittsburg State University Classified Senate Minutes for December 11, 2013

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2014

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, Larry Overman

Senators Present: Tim Anderson, Carrol Bell, Terri Blessent, Bryna Broyles, Heather Busch, Barbara Circle, Dacia Clark, Wylie DeGruson, Betty Geier, Dina Gladson, Steve Hall, Donna Jacobs, Karen LaSota, Woody Lopez, Janet Miller, Tracey Mussa, Sara Peak, and Stephanie Willis

Senators Absent: John Bartels (excused), Michael McLane, Josh Tucker (excused)

Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting

   Meeting called to order by Senate President Dacia Clark at 1:31 PM.

2. Review of Meeting Minutes

   The minutes for November 13, 2013 were reviewed. There was one correction to the minutes – Bryna Broyles name was misspelled under Public Relations report. 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 $2,193.20 on November 30, 2013. There were no expenditures, so the 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. The Board of Regents is working on a Social Media Policy that would give the University CEO (President) the power to fire over Facebook/Twitter/etc. comments that are “disruptive” to the University. They discussed the upcoming USSSG “Town Hall Meetings” that will be held in January. Dacia gave Dr. Scott a copy of our Position Paper. She also talked to Dr. Scott about an issue that was brought to her regarding custodians not having a “tiered” system. They make the same rate, regardless of how much more or less work they have. There is not much we can do about it now, but possible reclassification with USS if it passes.

5. Committee Reports

A. Election Committee: New Senator, Carrol Bell has been elected to fill the vacancy by Shari Saia.

B. Welcoming Committee: No new classified employees.

C. Parking Committee: No report.

D. Diversity Committee: The Diversity Committee is still trying to determine if their survey results from last spring are representative enough. They are considering bringing in a statistician (from on-campus) to look at the numbers. They are trying to come up with a strategic plan for Diversity.

E. Animal Use and Care Committee: This committee has been disbanded, so there will be no future meetings.

F. Position Paper Committee: No report.

G. Public Relations Committee: Senate photo is now up on the bulletin board.

H. Legislative Update: Shawn Naccarato was absent from the meeting, because he has been meeting with legislators. The Board of Regents and university Foundations have been working together on legislative outreach (Gorilla Legislative Network). Alumni are matched with legislators to advocate on behalf of Pittsburg State University.

6. Old Business: Dr. Scott will be attending our January meeting to talk to the Senate and answer any questions.
7. New Business:

The Student Health Fee Council needs a representative from Classified Senate to sit on the Council. Janet Miller volunteered.

Day on the Hill will be either Tuesday, January 28, 2014 or Thursday, January 30, 2014. The representatives from Classified Senate will be Janet Miller, Dacia Clark, Dina Gladson, Barbara Circle, Josh Tucker, John Bartels, and Phillip Deierling (if he is allowed).

Fort Hays State University voted overwhelmingly to move to USS status.

Kansas State University has also voted to move to USS status.

USSSG Town Hall meetings will be held in the lower level of the Alumni Center at the following times:

- Thursday, January 23, 2014, 10:00 am
- Thursday, January 23, 2014, 3:00 pm
- Friday, January 31, 2014, 8:30 am
- Friday, January 31, 2014, 1:30 pm

There will be a panel consisting of Dr. Scott, Michele Sexton, Shawn Naccarato, Dacia Clark, and Tim Anderson to answer questions. Classified employees will receive a handbook prior to the meetings. These handbooks will have a label and your driver’s license should match this name to ensure a smooth voting process in February. If it doesn’t match, please contact HRS immediately.

8. Good of the Order:

Guest Larry Overman asked questions about the USSSG process.

9. Adjournment: 2:30 PM

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