Pittsburg State University Classified Senate Minutes for August 8, 2012

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 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, Shawn Naccaratto


Senators Absent: Terri Blessent (excused), Barb Circle (excused), Tracey Mussa (excused), Laura Werberger.

Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting

   Meeting called to order by Senate President Tim Anderson at 1:30 PM.

2. Review of Meeting Minutes

   The minutes for July 11, 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

   There was no treasurer’s report as nothing has been posted since June 30, 2012. A motion was made for acceptance of no treasurer’s report, seconded, and passed.

4. Committee Reports

   A. Opening Meeting Committee: Dacia is still working on looking at notebooks for giveaways for the opening meeting.

   B. Election: We still have two open spots.

   C. Welcoming Committee: No report.

   Legislative: Conference call was last Thursday. We discussed setting up our own appointments with the senators and representatives in our district. Dale Bilam said that Sue Peterson was supposed to be getting a copy of senators that supported higher ed. Ft. Hays asked that when we go to Day on the Hill we get in contact with folks that have control of the money, which we try to do this anyway. We talked about creating a letter from all of us make a draft to say this is who we are and this is what we do. Lesa Reves started what she called the white paper. Send to each of the senators. Put in e-mail form so that each classified senator has a copy and they can start sending the letters out also. Emails are due by August 23rd. Draft letter committee – finalize in
September. Tim told everybody that they were all welcome to attend the opening meeting at any time we just wouldn’t be able to provide lunch unless you are on the position paper committee. Tim told everybody in the conference call to make sure we get names of attendees for the opening meeting to us by August 16th.

5. **Senate President’s report with University President:** Tim did not get to meet with Dr. Scott.

6. **Legislative Update by Shawn Naccarato:** We are going to have a lot of new faces in Topeka. The Senate is going to be substantially more conservative then it was last year. Most of the folks who would have been there to advocate for higher education are gone. Jake LaTurner will advocate for us in so far as not cutting. He is 24 and a graduate of PSU. But across the board increases it’s probably not going to happen. We are going to have to have a different approach and are going to want to change the way we go about doing things. We are going to have complete change across the state, as much as 40% turnover in the house. Up to $100,000 they pay no income tax for small business owners. Got rid of the sales tax. We are in a competition with Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado and Nebraska for small business owners. As an institution we are looked at favorably in Topeka.

7. **Old Business:** None

8. **New Business:** Peter Chang from Faculty Senate, Laura Ismert from Student Senate, Missi Kelly from unclassified senate and Tim met with Dr. Scott about upcoming issues we are going to be facing this school year. Dr. Scott wants to work on becoming a tobacco-free campus. He wants us to help support the students.

   Tried to have a legislative forum with Bob Marshall and Jacob LaTurner but it didn’t work out.

   Tim said we have to be able to tell a story of what we do is valuable. John said we have to educate these people. Tim asked for people to be on the letter writing committee. John, Steve, Josh and Tim volunteered to be on that committee.

   Josh Tucker wants to fill one of the senate positions that are open. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

9. **Good of the Order:** John thinks we should be neutral on the smoke-free campus. Several other people agreed with that.

10. **Adjournment:** 2:30 PM

Minutes recorded by Dacia Keller
Acting Secretary of Classified Senate, 2012-2013