

November 4, 2003

**Unclassified Professional Senate
Meeting Minutes—November 4, 2003
210 Rhatigan Student Center**

I. Call to order:

Senators present: David Butler, Cindy David, Dotty Harpool, Joe Kleinsasser, John Lee, Linda Matson, Mark McCain, Kristi Mohler, Gary Ott, Rich Renollet, Ellie Skokan, Mike Wood, Marilyn Yourdon, John DuVall.

II. Review of Agenda: no changes made.

III. Review and Approval of September 2, 2003 minutes: minutes were not distributed; will be sent with November 4 minutes.

IV. President's Report:

Dotty Harpool reported on highlights of:

Constituents Heads Meeting: Robert Kindrick has allocated \$200,000 (a one time allocation) to Ablah Library to compensate for budget cuts; apparent reduction of library journals and serials misleading, because number of electronic publications added has resulted in net increase. Ron Kopita discussed a new mandate for Performance Agreements, new evaluation tool mandated by Board of Regents and Kansas legislature. Ted Ayres reviewed university crisis management plan, which is part of university policy and procedures manual. Central Services has taken over printing and copying from Communications; any inquiries should be directed to Ellen Abbey.

Deans and Directors Meeting: The North Central Accreditation Association has accepted WSU's response to issues raised in the course of its last evaluation. Deans have been asked to hold back 2% of their budgets to cover potential \$1.75 million shortfall anticipated this year. All UPs should be aware of new state cell-phone policy (for example, don't talk and drive with a state phone). The proposed WSU doctorate in audiology continues to move forward. Board of Regents will fight "sex ed" amendment proposed by Sen. Susan Wagle that may have direct impact on course content. WSU opposes any changes to geographic service areas among Regents institutions.

State Insurance Advisory Committee: Claudia Keller has been recommended to serve on this committee by Classified and Unclassified Professional senates.

New state paperless policy: Beginning January 1, all communication from the state (ultimately including paychecks) will be electronic. All WSU employees will have a WSU email address. Any WSU employees without email or computer access will be given access to equipment and training. Everyone on campus will have wichita.edu address.

Revision of WSU Smoking policy: smoking is permitted in residence halls in designated smoking rooms.

Revision of Alcohol policy: amended to allow serving of alcohol on campus in any non-classroom spaces; all other previous restrictions still apply.

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V. Committee Reports:

Service: “Stuff the Bus” is scheduled for December 4 9:45-10:15 and will be promoted at the general meeting November 24; committee is trying to contact student groups to get them involved.

Professional Development: A list of existing professional development opportunities will be completed by January.

Legislative: Instead of compiling advocacy handbook, committee will work with Eric Sexton to make better use of information already existing on WSU website, and is making plans for spring trip to Topeka.

Grievance Steering Committee: Current membership is Mike Erickson, Tom Brock, Tricia Self, Connie White, Rich Renellot, and Cindy David.

Dining Services: Cindy David will replace Tom Brock as the UP representative on this committee..

Classified Civil Service: Classified employees at KU have voted to change from civil service to university employees. It is recommended that Unclassified Professional Senators, who might be viewed as official representatives of the administration, be asked not to discuss this issue with anyone.

VI. New/Continuing Business:

Fall General Meeting: November 24 2-4 p.m. Regents Room, RSC. Senators will introduce themselves to Board of Regents representative Janice De Bauge, who will give an overview of the BOR and take questions. David Alexander will make a short presentation on ERP. Dottie will arrange to have a “save the date” email sent out shortly. It is important that we have a good turnout of UPs.

UCPS consideration of a proposed Tuition Advisory Committee was tabled pending receipt of more information.

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VIII: Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.