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UNCLASSIFIED PROFESSIONAL SENATE
Meeting Minutes
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1. Call to Order: The Senate convened at 8:30 in 425 Ahlberg Hall, with President Marsha Gladhart presiding.

Senators Present: Marsha Gladhart, Linda Black, Tom Brock, Sue Burdette, Vic Chavez, Connie Dietz, Mike Erickson, Klent Harkness, Dotty Harpool, Joe Kleinsasser, Julia Lee, Kristi Mohler, Susan Ratz, Ellie Skokan, Mike Wood.

Senators Absent: Kaye Monk-Morgan, Amy Schafer.

Guests Present: Chris May, reporter from the Sunflower.

2. Review of agenda - no changes.
3. Minutes of the October 4, 2001 meeting were approved as distributed.
4. Senate President's report
 1. Constituent Head Meeting:
 - * WSU requesting permission to refinance three bond issues to decrease interest on these.
 - * The delay on the 21st Street construction is due to issues the City must solve.
 - * Discussion of tuition increase - handout to Senators showing WSU proposal in response to Board of Regents requirement for a five year plan.
 2. The SGA President will speak with us at the next meeting. President Gladhart made a presentation at the last SGA meeting. SGA asked for information on the UP classification. Were interested in the differences between classified, unclassified UP, and faculty.
 3. Mary Herrin will present budget at the Nov 15 meeting.
 4. Pres. Gladhart and Mike Wood talked with a representative of UP s at KSU regarding the advantages of having a separate senate. Had reviewed our minutes on the WEB site. Asked about the history of the Senate and what input the Senate had to university policy. A joint conference/meeting was encouraged - possibly by video conferencing.
 5. Discussion of our UP minutes, who gets these and how. Need to get the Feb through July, 2001 minutes on the WEB, and decided to try e-mail of minutes to the University President and VP s, and to the other senate presidents.
 6. Asked for feedback on the general session. Was well attended - about 75 at meeting - and senators reported comments from members that it was informative.

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Discussed why more do not attend, how to interest and educate UP s, and get information out on the list-serve.

5. Committee Reports

A. Senate Standing Committees:

1. Professional Development Committee - Klent Harkness reported that he had met with Anita Kirkpatrick regarding possibilities with on-line training. Will look at and perhaps test the idea.
2. Grievance Steering Committee, Awards and Recognition Committee, and Election Committee - no reports.

B. Senate Ad hoc Committees:

1. Legislative Committee - Connie Dietz reported that she will put the November 14 meeting with the legislators on the list-serve. To date 2 have responded. Determined that if we have 3 or 4 that come the meeting will be held.
2. Service Committee - Kristi Mohler reported no meeting, but did talk with Jason Bennett regarding service project possibilities. Will talk with Mary Peterson and Christine Schneikart-Luebbe for ideas as well.

C. University Governance Committees:

1. Employee Club - Joe Kleinsasser reports meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.
2. Food Service - Dotty Harpool reported a very quick response to the request for volunteers for the focus group on food service. There were 18 responses within 20 minutes so the group will be large.

7. New, Other, Continuing Business:

Mike Wood asked for discussion regarding ways to let the full campus know of safety precautions and how to handle situations such as mail threats. The question is, "is there a crisis protocol for the campus?" and if so distribute this information. Joe Kleinsasser will talk with the University Communications and see what general policy is to accomplish this. Ellie Skoken also asked for more/better distribution of information on handling reserve call ups and inquiries on international students. Joe agreed to include this as well.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.