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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, Vic Chavez, Connie Dietz, Mike Erickson, Klent Harkness, Dotty Harpool, Joe Kleinsasser, Julia Lee, Kristi Mohler, Kaye Monk-Morgan, Amy Schafer, Ellie Skokan, Mike Wood.

Senators Absent: Sue Burdette, Susan Ratz.

Guests Present: Mike Turner, Director of Human Resources.

Marty Shawver, Assoc VP, Academic Affairs

Kim Volz, Orientation Coordinator

2. Review of agenda - no changes.
3. Marty Shawver and Kim Volz gave a presentation explaining the new process for orientation of students new to WSU. They provided some history of orientation at WSU, a summary of issues/problems, and reasons for the change of focus from a registration model to a series of events that will begin with one-on-one advising.

Shocker Connection is the name of this new program. It includes a series of contacts with the new students beginning with a letter telling them about the process and a first newsletter with advisor contacts and other information. Students will receive their admission materials such as catalogue, schedule, handbook, etc when they come for their advising appointment. The week before classes begin will be scheduled for a series of events to socialize and familiarize students with WSU and the campus. Colleges and departments may wish to hold an event for majors in their area during this time.

4. Minutes for Dec 20, 2001 were approved with one typo identified for correction.
5. President's Report
 1. Constituent Heads meeting focused on the tuition increase proposal. The "Principles for Establishing Tuition Rates at WSU", and principles to be used if the state finds it necessary to reduce the base state general fund were shared with Senators. A handout from the Legislative Committee which summarizes elements of revenue source and expenditures in the Governor's budget was also shared with the

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Senators. General discussion of budget issues followed.

2. The Unclassified Professionals at KU have asked that a representative from WSU go to a general meeting with other UPs in the Regents system. The Senators agreed that we should send someone and agreed that President Marsha Gladhart should go if possible. Issues identified for inclusion were salary equity, share/hear information on UP organization on other campuses, model organization statewide like the Classified staff are organized, sabbaticals, and consulting issues. It was suggested that video conferencing be considered by such a group rather than spending time to get to meetings.

6. Committee Reports

A. Senate Standing Committees:

1. Professional Development - Klent Harkness referred senators to the flyer with new courses available and encouraged UPs to sign up for these.

2. Awards and Recognition - Vic Chavez asked for more volunteers to assist with screening of nominees. Would like 8 to 10 readers. Suggested by senators was that a random list of UPs by division be requested from Jim Rogers so that the readers represent each area and that non-senators are also asked to do this.

3. Grievance Committee - continues to report a grievance is in process.

B. Senate Ad hoc Committees:

1. Legislative Committee - shared handout of governor's budget summarizing revenue and expenditures recommendations.

2. Service Committee - Dotty Harpool reports only 3 have responded to the email for attendance at the basketball game. There will not be a reserved section.

Kristi Mohler reported that the group has tried a number of ideas this past year. Will get committee back together to plan for next year.

C. University Governance Committees:

1. Employee Club - Joe Kleinsasser and Mike Turner reported that this is with the Kansas Governmental Ethics Committee for review.

2. Food Service - Dotty Harpool reported the next meeting will be in February.

7. New and Continuing Business

1. Election of the President-Elect. The President asked for nominations. Mike Erickson was nominated and accepted the nomination. There was a motion and second that nominations be closed when no further nominations were received. Motion was carried unanimously.

2. Activities for spring, 2002. The President asked for volunteers

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to assist her in developing a plan to reach out to the general membership, and to develop a plan for the spring general meeting. Connie Dietz, Kay Monk-Morgan, and Mike Erickson volunteered. President Marsha Gladhart will set up the first meeting.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Next meeting will be on February 7, 2002 at 8:30 in room 425 Ahlberg Hall