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Unclassified Professional Senate

Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2002

425 Ahlberg Hall

- I. Call to order: President Mike Erickson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:40 am in 425 Ahlberg Hall.
 - a. Senators present: Connie Dietz, Marsha Gladhart, Linda Matson, Ellie Skokan, Dotty Harpool, Rich Renollet, Joe Kleinsasser, Kevin Crabtree, John Lee,
 - b. Senators absent: Tom Brock, Sue Burdette, Rob Gibson, Bill Wynne, Klent Harkness, David Butler, Kaye Monk-Morgan.
 - c. Ex-Officio members present: Mike Turner.

- II. Review of Agenda: President Erickson reviewed agenda, nothing added.

- III. Review and Approval of September 19, 2002 minutes: Senator Matson moved and Senator Kleinsasser seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed 10-0.

- IV. President's report
 - a. President Erickson reported that the Constituents' Heads group will meet next week and he will report on their discussions at our next meeting.

- V. Committee reports
 - A. Service – Senator Matson reported that the committee has compiled all the information about volunteer opportunities. President Erickson gave Senator Matson a list of Unclassified Professionals that includes their emails for the new all UP listserv being created. President Erickson and Senator Matson will review the list to be sure it is accurate and will remove anyone from the Assistant Vice President level on up to the President. When list is ready to go, all volunteer opportunities will be sent out on the listserv. It will be updated once a month. Senator Kleinsasser asked that if volunteer opportunities are open to classified employees then he could include the message in the WSU News Digest that is sent to everyone. Senator Matson reported that the Race for The Cure was a great time. About 30 unclassified professionals participated. President Erickson finished 2nd in his age class. Ted Ayres, Randy Ellsworth and Julia Lee also placed in their age groups. The team raised \$600. Senator Matson reminded everyone that “Stuff The Bus” and Shocktoberfest events are coming up soon. They plan to have drop-off boxes located in several buildings on campus for “Stuff The Bus.” President Erickson asked Senator Kleinsasser if it would be possible to get something in the Inside WSU about the unclassified professionals team participating in the Race for Rachel. Senator Kleinsasser said if not in Inside WSU he could get something in the WSU News Digest and asked President Erickson to send him the information.
 - B. Professional Development – nothing to report.
 - C. Recognition – President Erickson talked with Vic Chavez, last year's chair, about who will serve on the committee this year and who might be interested in chairing the committee. The main concern right now is that if there are a number of nominations is there enough time before the scheduled announcement date to properly review them?
 - D. Legislative– Senator Dietz said the committee will meet in 2 weeks. Senator Dietz

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emailed Eric Sexton to see if he could find an electronic list of legislative candidates. Sexton said he would try to find something and send it to her. The list is not provided

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at the state's website. Senator Dietz would like everyone to receive this list and encourage people to meet the candidates and talk to him or her about the issues.

- E. Grievance—nothing to report.
- F. Advisory / UP Staff Reduction – Senator Matson reported that they are meeting today. President Erickson said that the Wichita Eagle recently listed what WSU has done to meet the budget cuts and it gave the impression that there was a hiring freeze. Mike Turner said there is no hiring freeze. His office has voluntarily moved some staff to $\frac{3}{4}$ status. Senator Dietz said that Dr. Kindrick told the Council of Deans that they are not filling probationary positions for programs under review by KBOR for low enrollment and/or graduates.

VI. New/Continuing Business

A. Fall General Meeting – Date and Agenda

President Erickson said that if we want to hold the meeting in 127 Jabara it is available any day in the afternoon from 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm except for Tuesday. Senator Matson likes the room because it is a master classroom and internet access is available. It was suggested that the meeting take place towards the end of November. Senator Gladhart said that the College of Education has an afternoon meeting on Thursdays so the Senate agreed to November 20th. President Erickson looked at last years General Meeting times and found that the October 11, 2001 meeting was at 2:00 pm. The Senate decided to schedule the meeting for 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm on November 20, 2002 in 127 Jabara. President Erickson asked for agenda items and said we should invite key legislators to attend. Senator Dietz asked that President Erickson give the Legislative Committee direction to invite the legislators now so they can give them enough time to commit. Senator Dietz suggested inviting senior members from the Sedgwick County area. Senator Kleinsasser asked if there would be enough time in the 1-hour meeting to have the Legislators speak and suggested that we should consider giving them questions and issues to discuss in advance so they can be prepared. President Erickson agreed. President Erickson thinks we should also work to educate the legislators on what the unclassified professional position in light of the “unclassified staff” position that exists in Topeka. Senator Dietz suggested we ask the legislators to talk about what they believe will happen during the upcoming session, especially with respect to the Ways & Means, Education and Appropriations committees. How will they deal with the money? What can we do? What information can we give them and how can we impact the process? Mike Turner pointed out that the senior committee members should still be in their positions after elections. A second agenda item suggested was to talk about the budget and how it looks at that point in time. Senator Kleinsasser said that WSU is still looking at rescissions. President Erickson all would like each Senate committee to give summary reports on the activities of their committee so that people can see what each committee is doing.

VII. As May Arise

- A. President Erickson distributed 2 handouts. The first was an article soliciting new committee members for the Employee Advisory Committee (EAC). The advertisement was part of the open enrollment packet that everyone at WSU received. There are currently 2 university members (1 from KSU, 1 from PSU) on the EAC. It would be good if WSU had someone on this committee. Mike Turner said he can lobby DTS on behalf of WSU to get a member on there, but he needs the UP senate to provide him with the name of someone who wants to serve. It is a 3-year

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appointment. Senator Dietz said it should be someone with knowledge of the issues and the health industry. Senator Dietz asked President Erickson to ask Anita Kirkpatrick if she is interested or maybe Nancy Kraemer. Mike Turner said Nancy was interested at one time. President Erickson will talk to Anita and Nancy. If

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anyone else finds someone interested you can send the names to him. Mike Turner confirmed that travel and meeting times for the committee are approved leave time because it is considered official business, however, it is up to the individual's supervisor. The second handout was something that was sent to legislators to explain why there were health care increases. Mike Turner suggested that PPO plans had a higher increase so people may want to look at other plans. President Erickson pointed out that everyone is not only paying for this year's increases but part of last year's also. Mike Turner said that last year when the subsidy ran out that the individuals are now paying the remainder, so in a way that is what is happening.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am. Next meeting is October 17, 2002.

Meeting minutes submitted by Kevin Crabtree, Unclassified Professional Senate Secretary