Unclassified Professional Senate
Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2003
Room 425, Ahlberg Hall

I. Call to order: President Erickson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. in 425 Ahlberg Hall.
   c. Ex-Officio members present: Mike Turner.

II. Presentation by Vice President King – Vice President Elizabeth King and her staff showed the Senate a PowerPoint presentation. University Endowment is a non-profit organization. Some of the highlights from the presentation were that they have experienced the first drop in funds in 10 years, how scholarship money is broken out with the colleges and general account, the distribution of investments, members of the investment group, payout adjustment that had to be made for the upcoming fiscal year, impact that adjustment will have is $1.4 million negative balance being projected, current fundraising and how the current economy has impacted some of those funds, they have $12.4 million in WSU Foundation funds as of 3-31-03 and have met FY03 goals in total received funds, Funding Priorities are Welcome Center, Faculty Distinction/Development, Endowed Scholarships, Endowed Fellowship/Researchship.

III. Review of Agenda – President Erickson reviewed the agenda and no changes were made.

IV. Review and Approval of April 17, 2003 minutes – A motion to approve the April 17, 2003 minutes was made by Senator Harpool, seconded by Senator Matson. Motion passed 10-0.

V. President’s Report
   a. President Erickson attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting where President Beggs said he was waiting until April 22nd to see the state revenue estimates. President Beggs also reviewed the Mill Levy Budget requests line by line. President Beggs said that the library and infrastructure fee would be moved into designated tuition. President Beggs is trying to give pay raises this year not matter what the legislature does, this includes Unclassified Professionals. Since April 22nd, revenue estimates were shorter but not as severe as projected. President Beggs said reclassification (of classified employees) might be opened up again. Senator Wynne asked what was happening with the requests that were not even considered? Mr. Turner said they would be looked at again for this December. He can tell you if they will be supported pending funding or not right now if you have a request in. There are requests that were supported pending funding that have been approved.

VI. Committee reports
   a. Service – nothing to report.
   b. Professional Development – no report.
   c. Recognition – President Erickson reminded everyone that the Shocker Pride Picnic is next Wednesday.
   d. Legislative – nothing to report.
   e. Grievance – nothing to report.
   f. Election – Spring Election – Senator Brock said that Chris Cavanaugh emailed out election results as follows: Academic Affairs and Research elected Barbara Mason, Mark McCain, Kristi Mohler, John Rankin and Mike Wood. Student Affairs elected Marilyn Yourdon. Administration and Finance elected Cindy David. President/Advancement had no election this year. President Erickson thanked Senator Brock, Senator Wynne and Mr. Cavanaugh for their work on this committee.

VII. New/Continuing Business
   a. Spring General Meeting – RSC Ballroom, 8:15 am – A flyer was handed out for feedback, this flyer will be sent to all Unclassified Professionals. President Erickson confirmed that the President’s Office would pay for the continental breakfast at our meeting. Agenda items will include the introduction of President-
elect Dotty Harpool, introduction of all current Senators and newly elected Senators, Legislative Committee report on the recent survey and possibly the Topeka trip. Senator Harpool suggested listing the current committees and briefly explaining their purpose. President Erickson agreed and said that each committee chair could give the brief explanation and recognize their committee members. Senator
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Wynne suggested sending special, personal invitations to the newly elected Senators. Senator Kleinsasser will put the meeting announcement in the WSU New Digest email. President Erickson is waiting for confirmation from Mary Herrin to if she can speak to the group about the FY04 budget. If she is unable to do so President Erickson will ask Eric Sexton if he is available. President Erickson will also report on the Senate’s activities this past year. Let President Erickson know if there are any additions to the agenda. President Erickson will send out the agenda to all Senators prior to May 15th.

VIII. As May Arise
a. Senator Harpool had lunch with Tom Sloan, Legislator from Lawrence and Chair of the Higher Education Committee. He was looking for input on the proposed bill to move Regents classified employees into a separate “group” from other state classified employees. Mr. Turner has heard that the bill has a 50-50 chance of passing, however, some employees fear job security will be lost in the move. He also asked each of the constituent heads, including Senator Harpool, what their constituents would want other than money (if pay raises were not an option)? She answered that we would like something along the lines of tenure, a show of support for an individual’s commitment to the university. Mr. Sloan said he heard good things about our visit and commented that Eric Sexton is an excellent lobbyist for us, one of the best in the state. Senator Harpool feels the meeting went very well. Everyone agreed it was good to see Mr. Sloan out asking for input.

b. Senator Kleinsasser thanked President Erickson for his presidential service this past year and all Senators echoed that sentiment.

c. Senator Matson asked when we would decide the meeting schedule for the coming year. President-Elect Harpool said she thought the location was fine and we should schedule soon. It was agreed that after the General Meeting the Senate would meet to set dates for the upcoming year. Senator Kleinsasser recommended that Senators that cannot attend the meeting should send the best times and days of the week that would work for their schedule to President-Elect Harpool.

IX. Adjourn – Senator Wynne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Senator all. Motion passed 10-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Meeting minutes submitted by Kevin Crabtree, Unclassified Professional Senate Secretary