

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNCLASSIFIED PROFESSIONAL SENATE
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 1996

The Senate convened at 8:30am in conference 101A, Ulrich Museum.

Senators Present: Linda Black, Greg Buell, Margie Dersi, Mike Erickson, Jim Herrman,
Bob Hull, Dori Jones-Chism, Donald Knaub, Nancy Kraemer, Phil Ladwig,
Marvis Lary, Kathleen Rager, Julie Roush, Lavona Spencer, Mike Wood.

Senators Absent: Karen Gelvin, Larry Ramos, Boyd White

Guests Present: None

I. Introductions

II. The minutes of the June 27th meeting were approved as amended.

III. Committee appointments and charges to committees - status report

Election Committee: Charge clear from constitution. Committee members accurate as reported.

Grievance Committee: Charge clear via constitution. All three members of the senate will go off this committee at the same time. Nancy Kraemer suggested that the terms be staggered.

Support Committee: Linda will check the files for additional information.

Advisory and Appeals: All members willing to continue to serve.

Professional Development: Kathy Rager and Bob Hull will be meeting and will report on progress at the next meeting.

Classification Review: On hold. Classified staff need to be added.

Legislative Committee: Charge of this committee is to keep us aware of important legislative issues.

Tuition Assistance: Membership confirmed as listed.

Traffic Appeals: Membership confirmed as listed.

Library Appeals: Don Knaub was removed from the list of appointees as he will not be continuing.

North Central Accreditation: Grady Landrum will continue.

University Cabinet, Budget Advisory, and Academic Affairs: The Capital Improvement and Planning committee was added.

University Strategic Planning: Linda Matson has been named to this committee.

Mike Wood identified additional committees from last year:

Conflict of Interest Committee- Skip Wilson

Library Campaign Committee - Tom Verago

IV. Change in notice of termination requirements for some positions. Mike Wood reported that the State Board at its May meeting changed the number of positions identified as "serving at the pleasure of the president". This category will now extend to director, assistant and associate director levels. Positions in this category may be terminated at the pleasure of the president, i.e. there is no time frame for termination notification. This will go into effect in July 97. Linda Black's suggestion that a task force be formed of past and present presidents of the Unclassified Professional Senate to deal with this development, was approved. That group consisting of Don Nance, Nancy Kraemer, Mike Wood and Linda Black, will meet with Barbara Bowman and Mike Turner to put something in writing to the president and to invite him to meet with the Unclassified Professional Senate to discuss this topic.

V. Other items

Mike Wood reported that the President has decided that unclassified professionals who teach for 50% or more of their time, are not eligible for tuition assistance. They may take classes provided through Bobby Patton for staff development where tuition is paid.

Linda Black will call Bobby Patton seeking a response to a memo sent to him, raising concern that there were no unclassified professionals appointed to the committee which is evaluating the current orientation process. Nancy Kraemer suggested that classified staff should also be involved.

Kathy Rager will connect with Rob Gibson regarding getting the minutes on the Unclassified Professional Senate web site. She will also ask him to check that the handbook which is currently on the web is the latest version.

Greg Buell suggested that the UPS particularly support volleyball this fall. The decision was made to encourage participation at all Shocker Volleyball games but to particularly focus on the November 1st game against SW Missouri State.

Jim Herrman reported that there has been a change in the Shocker Cards for faculty and staff. They need to include the classification of faculty or staff. Those cards which have been done without that designation will need to be down over.

The meeting adjourned after Don Knaub conducted a tour of the new Ulrich exhibit, *People, Place, and Patterns*.

VI. Next meeting will be on **September 26th at 8:30am in 101A Ulrich Museum.**

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Rager.