

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNCLASSIFIED PROFESSIONAL SENATE
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 1996

The Senate convened at 8:30am in room 425 Ahlberg Hall.

Senators Present: Linda Black, Greg Buell, Margie Dersi, Mike Erickson, Karen Gelvin, Jim Herrman, Dori Jones-Chism, Donald Knaub, Nancy Kraemer, Marvis Lary, Kathleen Rager, Larry Ramos, LaVona Spencer, Boyd White, Mike Wood.

Senators Absent: Robert Hull, Phillip Ladwig

Guests Present: Mike Turner, Julie Raush, Lynette Murphy, Celia Goering,
Lynne Syring

I. The minutes of the September 26th meeting were approved as corrected.

II. Presentation on the Downtown, Southside, and Westside Centers.

Kathy Rager, Director of the Downtown Center, reported that credit hour production is up 19% over last fall and that programs which continue to be strong are administration of justice, social work, public administration, general education courses and computer science workshops. She indicated that customer service, marketing, and programming are the keys to the Downtown Center success. She sees degree completion and certificate programs for working adults as critical future initiatives.

Lynne Syring, Director of the Southside Center, explained that this new facility is the result of a partnership between WSU, Cowley County Community College and the Vocational Technical College. The WSU emphasis at the center is on upper level courses in accelerated formats. The community college courses particularly serve as feeders into the WSU courses. She highlighted the promising statistic of 48 new WSU students and 48 prior students returning to WSU this semester at the Southside Center.

Celia Goering, Director of the Westside Center, emphasized the collaborative relationship of the center directors and the continued growth on the westside where credit hour production is up 38%. She stressed the importance of the center's connection to the main campus and the user friendly atmosphere that she and her staff strive for. She indicated that a student can almost complete the general education requirements at the Westside Center and that her major challenge is finding more space to keep up with the growth.

III. Presentation - Role of the Reporter with the Senates

Julie Raush and Lynette Murphy of the Office of University Communications reported on the responsibility of the Inside WSU reporter at the UPS meetings. Julie indicated that she supplements her notes with the tape recording of the meetings to increase accuracy. She will call individuals for permission to use a direct quote. The president of the UPS reviews stories before they are printed in Inside WSU. Lynette stated that their goal is to present things as they are happening. A discussion followed in which issues were raised regarding the ability to speak freely at meetings, how and when to take discussions off line, the impact of interpretation on accuracy, inflammatory language, and censoring information. Linda Black asked the senate to consider the points raised and called for further discussion at the next meeting to determine if any action needs to be taken.

IV. Committee and Task Force Reports

1. Professional Development - Chris Green of Career Services has been added to this committee which will be meeting to draft the training needs assessment survey.
2. Legislative - no activity at this time.
3. University Cabinet - meeting held on September 26th which addressed budget, enrollment figures and center reports.
4. Academic Affairs - 1)The Academic Affairs Council met on October 9th. 2) Linda Black met with Dr. Patton regarding the unclassified professionals who teach and the issue of their reclassification as faculty. He asked for a written document listing the issues and questions involved. Marvis Lary was asked to reconvene the subcommittee on this topic to respond to Dr. Patton's request.
5. University Strategic Planning - membership list attached. Third meeting to take place soon. This committee is just getting started.
6. Task Force on change in termination requirements for some UP positions - no action at this time as President Hughes has been out of town.
7. New Employee Mentoring - no report
8. New Academic Affairs Committee - Administrative Review Committee - The UP Senate was asked to submit 3 names of unclassified professionals who could serve on this committee. Nancy Kraemer, Don Knaub, and Greg Buell were recommended for appointment. Dr. Patton will select two to serve.
9. Activate group to deal with suggestions/ changes to the UPS policies - Nancy Kraemer, Barbara Bowman, and 1 or 2 others will serve.

V. Identify agenda items for the General Meeting scheduled for 3pm on Nov. 7th - President Hughes and Mary Herrin will be invited to speak. A brief report on UPS activities will also be included.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05am.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, **October 24th at 8:30am in room 425 Ahlberg Hall.**

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Rager.