

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNCLASSIFIED PROFESSIONAL SENATE
Meeting Minutes
June 26, 1997

The Senate was convened at 9:00am at the home of President Linda Black.

Senators Present: Kevin Curry, Margie Dersi, Mike Erickson, Karen Gelvin, Jim Herrman, Robert Hull, Dori Jones-Chism, Donald Knaub, Nancy Kraemer, Marvis Lary, Phillip Ladwig, Linda Matson, Glendon Miller, Kathleen Rager, Larry Ramos, Boyd White, Mike Wood.

Senators Absent: Greg Buell, Jim Rogers, LaVona Spencer.

Guests Present: Barbara Bowman, Mike Turner.

I. The minutes of the May 22nd meeting were approved as submitted.

II. Senate President's Report

1. Circulated for review by senators were the 1999 Preliminary Budget Request and the Revised Pages for Board of Regents Policy Manual .
2. Linda reviewed the accomplishments of the past year and challenges ahead:
 - a) UP's who teach more than 50% of the time are in the process of being assigned as faculty part-time.
 - b) Some directors received notification that they are now classified as "serving at the pleasure of the President". The UPS should continue to follow this issue.
 - c) The UPS proposed addition to the policy on program discontinuance has been sent to Ted Ayers for review. The UPS should continue to follow any developments in this area.
 - d) Linda has served on the committee to explore the issue of Athletic Program Enhancement including bringing football back to WSU. An outside consultant has been selected to assist in determining the feasibility of this effort and the extent of community support.
 - e) The unofficial notes from the final meeting with the NCA accreditation team were circulated for review.
 - f) The subject of programatic review was tabled until the next meeting.
 - g) The UPS was represented on the University Council, the Academic Affairs Council, the Budget Advisory Committee, and on the Capital Equipment Budget Advisory Committee.
 - h) Fall and Spring general meetings were held.

III. President-elect Bob Hull expressed his enthusiasm at the prospect of the coming year and indicated that having had the opportunity to work with Linda Black since his election in January has been very beneficial.

IV. Election of the Secretary. Mike Erickson was unanimously elected Secretary of the UPS for the coming year.

V. Committee Reports:

1. Professional Development - Bob Hull reported that a grant proposal was submitted which may complement the committee's work in the area of bringing together WSU noncredit offerings on a website. A Spirit Night was sponsored by this committee at one of the women's basketball games. Assistance was also given to Marlise McCammon in increasing the responses to the employee training needs assessment. The credit staff development course which was held this semester, is being looked at as a requirement for all new employees.

2. Legislative - Margie Dersi indicated that Eric Sexton will be invited to address the UPS in the coming year. He has suggested that senators become more involved with their legislators.

3. UP's who teach - Marvis Lary indicated that faculty rank was given for the percentage of time spent teaching for those in the College of Health Professions. Other colleges have been strongly encouraged to comply. The new approach will be reviewed at the end of one year.

4. University Strategic Planning - Mike Wood and Linda Matson indicated that President Hughes has accepted this committee's report. A document will be sent out in the fall for general discussion. It is seen as a template for further planning.

5. Grievance - Jim Herrman reported that the by laws were written with help of Lavona Spencer and Jim Rogers. They will be reviewed in July. More appointments need to be made to the steering committee for the coming year. There is one grievance in progress.

6. Traffic Appeals - Margie Dersi will continue on this committee. Karen Gelvin, Dori Jones-Chism and Nancy Kraemer also volunteered to serve in the coming year.

VI. Other items as may occur.

Linda Sturgis has asked the UPS to staff a day at the fair from 9am to 9pm. Wednesday, September 10th, has been tentatively selected. A mailing will go out asking for coverage in 2 hour blocks, if possible. Two or three people are needed during the day and more at night.

Jim Herrman, Marvis Lary, and Mike Wood, are leaving the senate as their terms are up. They indicated that they enjoyed their tenure and thanked the group.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

The next regular senate meeting is on **July 24th at 8:30am in 211 NIAR.**

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Rager.