

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNCLASSIFIED PROFESSIONAL SENATE
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 1998

- I. Call to Order: The Senate convened at 8:35 AM in Room 425 Ahlberg Hall, with President Linda Matson presiding.

Senators Present: Linda Black, Andy Bowman, Abiola Dipeolu, Brian Luinstra, Barbara Mason, Mark McCain, Kristi Mohler, Jim Rogers, Mike Wood.

Senators Absent: Mary Bulla, Margie Dersi, John Koppenhaver, Glendon Miller, Connie White

Guests Present: Mike Turner, Connie Dietz

- II. Review of Agenda: There were no additions from the Senators.

- III. Minutes: Andy Bowman moved and Barbara Mason seconded a motion to approve the September 3rd minutes as written. Motion passed.

- IV. President's Report

- A. President Matson welcomed Abiola Dipeolu from Counseling & Testing. Abiola will fill a one-year term on the Senate. Mary Bulla, from Admissions, has accepted an appointment to a two-year term.
- B. President Matson reviewed highlights of the September 9th University Council meeting. Jimmy Rogers responded to questions about the Year 2000 computer compliance. Mike Turner explained the purpose of the University Service Council.
- C. President Matson reminded the Senators that the Race for Hunger begins at 12:00 PM on Friday, September 25th. There are still slots available for "racing." Staff who are interested in participating should call the following for more information: Bobbi Dreiling (3504), Mary Peterson (3078), or Shakura (6190). President Matson will ask Bobbi Dreiling to add an Unclassified Professional to next year's planning committee, as our group never seems to be included in the communication loop.
- D. President Matson shared a draft memo which she had prepared to send to President Hughes. The memo addressed our concerns relating to the proposed 7.5% salary increases over the next three years, and asked for clarification as to where Unclassified Professionals fall in that scenario. The Senators approved the draft and asked that it be sent forward.
- E. President Matson gave an update on the status of the WSU Presidential search. Four names were to be announced later in the day by the Board of Regents. Those three men and one woman will be invited to campus for meetings and interviews on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Linda encouraged all Senators to make a special effort to meet and visit with the candidates. The Regents will have final approval and plan to make an announcement of the new President within the first week of October.

- V. Committee Reports

- A. Senate Standing Committees

1. Election Committee: It is the collective opinion that the Senate can appoint a replacement for Dori Jones-Chism; that an election is not necessary.

2. Grievance Committee: Mike Turner reported that a grievance has been registered, and that the committee may need to meet, depending upon the success of the grievance process. Mike also stated that he had visited with EOE Officer Leonard Clark who indicated that he will want to attend the Unclassified Professional Senate meetings and that he will help with the Grievance Committee.

B. Senate Ad hoc Committees

1. Unclassified Professionals Who Teach: Linda Black reported that she and Marvis Lary will meet before the next Senate meeting to discuss the status of UP's who Teach. Linda stated that the new Dean of the College of Health Professions has indicated that resolving this issue is a priority.
2. Ulrich Museum Advisory Committee: This Committee is still in existence. In fact, its existence was positively noted in a grant review process last year. Don Knaub will check on the regularity of meetings.

VI. New Business

- A. President Matson reported that approximately 32 people attended the presentation of the Parking Plan on September 11th. Prominent among the concerns was that of eliminating playing fields from the campus, one of the more visible signs of student activity at WSU.
- B. President Matson reviewed a memo from Glendon Miller in which he reminded the Senate of recommendations made last year regarding the WSU President's Awards. It was suggested that (a) a separate committee be formed to deal with awards and recognition, (b) the new committee should begin early to develop guidelines for the President's Awards, (c) designees for the Award should go back to the UPS for approval prior to being sent forward to the President, (d) the new committee should consider revising the nomination process to include telephone interviews with those listed as supporting the nominee, (e) The UPS should combine with the Classified Senate to distribute information and nomination forms for the Awards rather than duplicate efforts, and (f) the practice of sending letters of congratulations to all nominees should be continued. Jimmy Rogers and Kristi Mohler volunteered to work on that committee. It was suggested that the committee should consist of four to five people.
- C. Mike Wood circulated an updated list of members with phone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses. Corrections were made. President Matson encouraged members to subscribe to the Listserv.
- D. President Matson shared some of her ideas for committee assignments from the UP constituency, based on indications made in an earlier survey. Barbara Mason volunteered to call the prospects.

VII. As May Arise

- A. Jimmy Rogers observed that this year's Conflict of Interest surveys were markedly improved. Mike Wood explained that a Regents-level committee worked last year to review several versions of the surveys (from six campuses) and that much effort went into consolidating the best of each survey.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Barbara Mason moved and Brian Luinstra seconded a motion for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am. The next meeting of the Senate is on October 1st in Ahlberg 425.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Wood, Secretary.