

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNCLASSIFIED PROFESSIONAL SENATE
Minutes - April 1, 1993

The Unclassified Professional Senate convened on April 1, 1993, at 8:30 a.m. in 425 Ahlberg Hall.

Members Present: Barbara Bowman, Frankie Brown, Tom Brock, Stephen Gladhart, Noah Hart, Bonnie Johnson, Nancy Kraemer, Barbara Mason, Don Nance, Cathy Razook-Ellsworth, Jim Rogers, Amy Schafer, Mike Turner, Dale Valentine

Members Absent: Janet Nickel, Jill Pletcher, Doug Vandersee

1. Approval of Prior Minutes

Noah Hart noted that the March 18 minutes listed him both in attendance and absent; he was absent from that meeting. With that correction, the minutes of the March 18, 1993, meeting were approved as amended.

2. Reports

A. UPS President - D. Valentine

1. The Board of Regents have accepted the university's mission statement in concept, but has stated that "approval of the Aspiration Statements does not imply tacit approval of listed degrees nor preclude the possibility of other proposed degrees over the next eight year period." The Board planned to review three WSU degree proposals (PhD in Community/Clinical Psychology, MEd in Curriculum and Instruction, and MEd in Sports Administration) in March, with remaining degree proposals to be held for review by the new president.
2. The Regents directed that program discontinuance procedures arising from the universities' program review documents begin following the February Board meeting.
3. The Regents have postponed action on the shared leave proposal until a future meeting.
4. The Kansas Senate Ways and Means Committee has rejected the Governor's FY'94 budget recommendation for a 1.0% increase in state contributions for unclassified retirement, reduced the recommendation for unclassified salary increases from 3.0% to 2.5%, and reduced the recommended OOE increase from 4.0% to 3.5%. The Committee also recommended raising non-resident tuition by an additional 2.0% over the Regents' recommendation; the Regents plan to appeal this recommendation.
5. F. Brown, B. Johnson, C. Razook-Ellsworth, and D. Valentine recently previewed a videotape for presentation as a "brown bag" session for unclassified professionals. The date and time will be announced with the call to the April 21 general meeting.

B. Election Update - N. Kraemer

N. Kraemer reported that 150 of a possible 395 ballots (38% response rate) were returned in the election of five persons to the 1993 Election Committee; the five winners are Michel Best, Jean Elliott, Dorothy Harmon, Linda Matson, and Howard Taylor; Frankie Brown and Jim Rogers will serve as the two appointees from the current Senate. Nomination forms for the Senate and the 1994 Election Committee were mailed to the constituency on March 31 and are due back by April 9. Ballots should be mailed on April 19 and will be due back by April 27. The 1993 Election Committee will confirm nominees, count ballots, and recommend a slate of candidates for the two senators to be appointed by the current Senate.

C. TQM Workshops - F. Brown, C. Razook-Ellsworth

Flyers have been mailed to announce the TQM workshops scheduled for April 27 and May 12.

D. Capital Improvement Planning Committee - T. Brock

The Capital Improvement Planning Committee met on March 30 to review the university's list of rehabilitation and repair projects and the five-year capital improvement plan. The list of repair and renovation projects includes 126 items, nine of which are planned for completion in FY'94. The Senate expressed concern about the items listed and asked how priorities were established; T. Brock responded that the Committee was presented with the completed list as information only and had no input into its development.

The five-year capital improvement plan lists four projects (Chemistry Building and Phase I of Central Energy Plant expansion and utility tunnels; Elliott School of Communication; remodeling of the Ulrich Museum; and parking and road system improvements) for an estimated total cost of \$41.3 million.

Dates for up-coming events include:

Dedication of the Science Building:	May 6-7
Groundbreaking for the Elliott School:	August 9 (anticipated completion Fall '94)
Dedication of the Coleman Tennis Complex:	September 11

3. Agenda for April 21 General Meeting

Agenda items for the April 21 general meeting will be:

- A. Introduction of 1993 Election Committee
- B. Introduction of Senate/1994 Election Committee Nominees
- C. Budget Update - Mary Herrin
- D. Enrollment Issues - Marty Shawver
- E. Information/Update on Senate Activities
- F. Tuition Assistance Committee - volunteers for next year
- G. Updates/Information
 1. Smoking Policy
 2. Employee Assistance Programs
 3. TQM Workshops
 4. Senate Reception

4. Recognition Program

The Senate discussed possible development of a recognition program for unclassified professionals. The Activities Committee (F. Brown, B. Johnson, C. Razook-Ellsworth) will prepare a proposal for the Senate's review.

5. Outside Income Policy - M. Turner

M. Turner distributed a second draft of the policy on consulting and outside income. D. Nance expressed concern about the time and paperwork required to report each activity individually, and he suggested that the policy simply state something to the effect that each vice president will obtain the required information on consulting and outside income for persons within their divisions. The Senate entered into discussion regarding varying expectations and roles throughout the university and how those would be affected by the proposed policy. M. Turner will prepare another draft based on this discussion and invited the senators to send any recommendations on the policy to him.

6. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Unclassified Professional Senate will be held on Thursday, April 15, 1993, at 8:30 a.m. in 425 Ahlberg Hall.

Meeting adjourned 10:07 a.m.