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Unclassified Professional Senate

Meeting Minutes—January 23, 2003

Room 425, Ahlberg Hall

- I. Call to order: President Mike Erickson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in 425 Ahlberg Hall.
 - a. Senators present: Tom Brock, David Butler, Connie Dietz, Mike Erickson, Rob Gibson, Marsha Gladhart, Dotty Harpool, Joe Kleinsasser, Linda Matson, John Lee.
 - b. Senators absent: Sue Burdette, Ellie Skokan, Klent Harkness, Rich Renollet, Kevin Crabtree, Kaye Monk-Morgan, Bill Wynne.
 - c. Ex-Officio members present: Mike Turner
- II. Review of agenda: President Erickson reviewed agenda, added President's report.
- III: Review and approval of January 8, 2003 minutes: unanimously approved.
- IV: Committee reports:
 - A. Service: no report
 - B. Professional Development: no report.
 - C. Recognition: Mike Erickson is looking for a chair before February 6. Recipients of last year's award will be asked to participate.
 - D. Legislative: Connie Dietz reported on plans for legislative visit to Topeka on Feb. 25. She distributed a list of legislators; those visiting Topeka were asked to make appointments for the 25th with their own representatives as private citizens, not as representatives of WSU. Phone or email contact with legislators should be on the employee's own time and personal phone or email account. The purpose of these appointments is to discuss the service that unclassified professionals provide to WSU and the Wichita community. Talking points for these visits will be ready by the next meeting. Participants will attend the Sedgwick County delegation luncheon; permission will be requested for Mike Erickson to address the delegation at this time. In preparation for the legislative visit, the Legislative Committee has prepared a survey for unclassified professionals. A draft of the survey was distributed and suggestions were made for changes/improvements. Rob Gibson will pursue the possibility of electronic distribution.
 - E. Grievance: no report.
- V. New/Continuing Business:
 - A. Food service policy: still awaiting Faculty Senate action.
- VI: President's Report: Enrollment is up, but increase is mostly from former or continuing students, not new ones. The possibility remains open of salary increases for next year, despite budget reductions. President Erickson and the Senate discussed possible further budget

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cuts and their implications. The Unclassified Professional Senate President at KU will testify before the House Higher Education Committee along with other system constituent heads.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.