

**Classified Employees Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 27th, 2008

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Washington Street Campus, Private Dining Room 106

Members Present: Connie deJesus, Catfish Evans, Paula Garrison, Tonja Hester, Holly Hicks, Cheryl Howard, Mike Jager, Lissa Merchant, David Snelson, Chere Whitfield, and Corey Willis

Called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Holly Hicks.

Topic Dr. Jones

Discussion/Information

There will be a small increase in tuition. The Globe newspaper reported a raise in tuition. WT is raising fees. AC has a favorable editorial in the Globe newspaper.

Construction is beginning with the removal of the houses on Van Buren to make way for the parking lot. The West Campus construction will begin at the same time as the Washington Street projects. AC Literacy has been given new parking spaces they are meeting in the basement of the Lynn Library. The Amarillo Opera will be staying the houses they currently occupy.

Employee groups are asking for a 4% increase in pay. This will not be happening. It may be possible 2% now and 1 1/2 % later.

The newspaper has reported that tuition increases are the result of the Texas Legislature not funding its half of its obligation to colleges.

Summer hours begin May 12th.

The Albertsons purchase is off the table for various reasons.

Dr. Jones ends report.

Topic Board of Regents Meeting

Overview by Corey Willis

Date: March 25, 2008

Time: 6:00 p.m.

SGA

Smoking Resolution – Passed

Parking Signs Approved – Most if not all, already named

Nominated for Chapter of the Year

Badgerama Next month with a Ho Down / Redneck theme

Education Report

AEDC / AISD / AC Workforce Development Collaborative

Mission Statement

Develop a qualified workforce for Amarillo and region to sustain a vibrant economy.

Professor Emeritus Nomination

Diana Cox

Order of Annexation

City annexed 3 tracts of land to AC

Located off of Farmers Ave. & Georgia St. in the Hollywood Area

Tuition Changes

Increase Tuition: \$2.00 = \$34.00 / credit hour

Increase General Fee: \$2.00 = \$15.00 / credit hour

Increase Technology Fee: \$1.00 = \$8.00 / credit hour

Increase Out of District Fee: \$1.00 = \$17.00 / credit hour

Increase Out of State: \$4.00 = \$70.00 / credit hour

President Report

Plans & Drawings for new building ready Early April

End of Report.

Topic Approval of February's CEC Minutes

The committee reviewed and corrected last month's minutes. We agreed to approve them via e-mail. Holly will place approved minutes on myAC and Amarillo College Electronic Archives.

Topic Ask It Basket
Information/Discussion

Holly contacted the CEOC regarding the question we received last month. Lynn Thornton is the ex-officio on the council. Lynn later discussed the situation with Terry Berg. Terry sent a response to Holly. Holly noted the CEOC felt the reasoning behind the current pay structure was justified. Holly mentioned that part-time employees were given a raise three or four years ago and part-time employees are paid at a higher hourly rate than full-time employees. Holly will report our information back to Dale Longbine as well as send us a copy.

Topic CEC Election and Committes
Information/Discussion

The committee nominations, ballots, scheduling for counting ballots, was discussed. We reviewed the procedures for counting ballots. A sign-up list will be available for scheduling the counting.

Tonya reported there are just a few staff members who've signed up for committees. The CEC is required to assign staff to fill vacancies in the various campus committees. Tonya made a plea to encourage volunteers to sign up. Holly mentioned next month we will vote on the committee's appointments and then she will need to send an e-mail to Janice Newburg to inform her of our decisions.

Topic Ice Cream Social
Information/Discussion

Holly reminded us of the ice cream social we discussed last month. Discussion when this event is traditionally held. We have money left over from the Classified Employee Award. We would need to visit all the campuses.

Topic Classified Development Council
Information/Discussion

The theme for the CDC training day will be Organizational Skills. It will be from 3:00 to 4:30 in the afternoon, April 22nd in the Cub.

Topic Election E-mail
Information/Discussion

Holly asked for a volunteer to write an e-mail to the college to let the staff know they can ask us questions, to let them know we are here if they have a question or concern. Tonya suggested we wait until after the election. Cheryl thought we could include that comment in the E-mail announcing the new members if the committees.

Adjourned
3:05 p.m.