CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES COUNCIL MARCH 29, 2001 SUMMARY

Present: Cindy McCormick, Lesa Merritt, Jeanette Nelson, Janice Newburg, Lee Proctor, Debra Russell, Mart Self, Britt Sosebee, Kim Thompson, Kathe Tow, Beverly Vinson

Absent: Tommie Ausbrooks

<u>Minutes</u>

The minutes from March 6, 2001 were approved as they appeared in the Everyone email.

Board of Regents Meeting

The regular Board of Regents Meeting scheduled for March 27, 2001 has been rescheduled for April 3, 2001.

Classified Professional Development Budget

Because past retreats and other expenses have been less than the allocated budget amounts, next year's retreat budget request has been reduced from \$4500.00 to \$4000.00.

Sneak Peek

Sneak Peek is scheduled for April 20, 2001. Kim checked with Brad Johnson and Elizabeth Davis on the its status. It is likely that CEC will be asked to help at the registration and exit points during the function. Elizabeth will send a request when they have more details available.

Classified Employee Education Award Proposal

The Classified Education Award Proposal was sent to Dr. Williams on March 9, 2001. The Council has not been requested to provide additional information at this time.

CEC Election

Kim has updated the Nomination forms and will be sending them out through campus mail next week, with a requested response date of April 12, 2001. Those who respond will be sent further information about the council and the responsibilities of the members.

Quarterly Service Award Pinning

The next Service Award Pinning Ceremony is scheduled for May 15, 2001 in Badger Den at 2:00 p.m. Most of the arrangements have been finalized at this time.

Miscellaneous

Professional Development Activities - While the retreat and other classified development group activities are line item budget requests, Kim indicated many employees may not know that any department or division may submit requested classified activities to Classified Development Committee to be considered for approval throughout the year.

Salary Committee - It was discussed that the Classified Salary committee might be better served if the CEC representatives on the salary committee could serve for more than a one-year term if possible. Kim recommended that this consideration be given each year when appointing a CEC representative to that committee. The membership of the Salary Committee currently includes Gary Waren, Sharon Doggett, two CEC representatives and two generally elected classified representatives.

Dr. Williams Joins the Council

Legislative Update - The Appropriation Bill is essentially finished. AC will be funded at last biennium's rate plus the increase in growth we experienced. There will not be a change in the funding formula as had been hoped.

The the bill that proposes the transfer of ownership of the TSTC property to AC is passing as it is going through committees. So far there have not been any complications and there are not anticipated, however the process is not complete yet.

Dr. Williams briefly explained redistricting and population needs.

The Education Award Proposal was presented to the Executive Committee where it was positively received. It was passed to Gary Waren for a cost analysis.

Classified salary distribution recommendation is needed from the Salary Committee and the CEC by late April or early May. The AC budget will be taken before the Board of Regents in June.

A proposal for a Fourth Employee Group, being worked on by Gary Waren, is expected by late April or early May.

<u>Next Meeting</u> Regular Council Meeting Thursday, April 26, 2001 CUB Private Dining 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Dr. Williams will join us at 2:00)