

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES COUNCIL
APRIL 26, 2001
SUMMARY

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

Absent: Tommie Ausbrooks, Cindy McCormick, Kathe Tow

Minutes

The minutes from March 29, 2001 were approved.

Classified Employees Education Award Proposal

The education award proposal was approved by Executive Committee. An announcement letter will be drafted by our next meeting. It was suggested that Gary Warren and Peggy Southall might be able to assist. In an effort to determine funding considerations, a reply may be requested from individuals who anticipate being eligible for the award during the next budgeted fiscal year.

CEC Election

There has been a good response from employees on the votes returned. The deadline date is tomorrow. An announcement should be made in about two weeks. The newly elected council members will be invited to our next meeting.

Salary Committee Recommendation

The Council received a salary increase distribution recommendation from the Salary Committee. Discussion ensued, and the Council voted to seek clarification of the proposal from the Salary Committee.

Vacancy on the Council

Cindy McCormick is leaving Amarillo College, creating a vacancy on the council. Because her position will be vacant after the election, the fifth highest vote recipient will be asked to fill the vacancy.

Questions/Responses

Two responses were received which will be published in the next questions report.

Dr. Williams Joins the Council

Legislative Appropriations - There will be just over \$2 million awarded to AC above our current funding for the next biennium. Although this sounds like a large number, there are over \$4.8 million in additional budget requests for next fiscal year. The executive committee is facing a dilemma on which requests need to be cut and which need to be funded.

Because of the large requests for next fiscal year, the Executive Committee has been considering other options to increase revenue for the college. The options include tax,

tuition and continuing education rate increases. No one option is being considered over another at this point. If taxes were increased, it would be proposed to increase \$10 per \$100,000 value. This would be an income increase of \$700,000. For every \$1 tuition increase, \$240,000 is generated in new income. Continuing Education is currently funded at \$1.35 per hour. The proposed increase would raise the per hour rate to \$1.50. The increase in revenue has not been calculated for Contin. Ed.

A proposal to recognize employees with 30+ years of service recommended last Spring was presented to the Board of Regents. At this time Gary Waren has been instructed to convene a committee to determine what type of recognition will be appropriate.

Next Meeting

Regular Council Meeting, election of new officers
Thursday, May 24, 2001
CUB Private Dining
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.