

**CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES COUNCIL
MAY 24, 2001
SUMMARY**

Present: Brenda Andrews, Tracey Hines, Angie Kleffman, Lesa Merritt, Margie Clements, Jeanette Nelson, Lee Proctor, Debra Russell, Mart Self, Britt Sosebee, Jerry Stacker, Kim Thompson, Kathe Tow, Beverly Vinson

Absent: Tommie Ausbrooks, Janice Newburg

Others Present: Elizabeth Davis, Sharon Doggett

Minutes

The minutes from April 26, 2001 were approved.

Classified Salary Committee

Sharon Doggett and Elizabeth Davis attended this month's meeting to clarify question the council had about the classified salary distribution recommendation. Sharon explained the history of the committee and why it was formed. After further discussion, the council voted to accept the Salary Committee's proposal as submitted. The proposal will be forwarded to Dr. Williams with no changes.

Since the Salary Committee is a sub-committee of CEC, it was suggested that the Council amend the constitution to include information on the committee, especially since there is no reference to sub-committees "AC Committees".

Dr. Williams Joins the Council

Appropriations Bill - The bill is not passed at this time, however it is expected to pass soon. The Senate Funding Formula will be funding AC at 65% instead of the 71% received in the last biennium. Fifty percent of AC's budget is state appropriations. Article 11 is being funded at 51 million instead of \$81 million as hoped. The disbursement of \$51 million will give AC an additional appropriation of about \$500,000 for the next two years. The lower funding level leaves us short in our budgeting. We are looking at the possibilities of raising taxes, tuition and/or fees. The Board of Regents appointed an ad-hock committee to study the possibility of raising taxes.

Currently, the Executive Committee is considering a 5% salary increase. Of that amount, 4% will go directly to salaries and 1% will be used for other salary initiatives. New positions that get approved will be primarily in the instructional areas. Equipment is an ongoing need, and funds will be needed for these areas.

The Board of Regents Meeting was held at the Moore County Campus this month. Faculty promotions were discussed. The bid to finish the second floor of the Student Services building was approved. Four Regents were appointed an ad-hoc committee to study the possibility of raising taxes. Amarillo National Bank was awarded the contract for Bank Depository. Closing the Gap, a State Higher Education proposal, was discussed.

The information about a fourth employee group is not available yet. It is hoped the information will be completed by mid June.

Quarterly Questions

Jeanette hopes to publish the quarterly report by mid June. There are still some outstanding questions she hopes to receive by then.

Election of Officers for 2001-02

Elections were held. The results are as follows:

Lesa Merritt, Chair
Tracey Hines, Vice-Chair
Janice Newburg, Secretary

Election of CEC Representatives 2001-02

Representatives to the Classified Development Committee are:

Brenda Andrews

Representatives to the Classified Employees Salary Committee are:

Beverly Vinson
Tracey Hines

Other

Kim reported that she received a letter from ACOPA asking the council to sponsor a Tee Box for their upcoming Golf Tournament. A decision did not need to be made this meeting.

Next Meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, June 28, 2001
LIB 112
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.