

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES COUNCIL
March 27, 2003
East Campus, Room 9
MINUTES SUMMARY

Present: Angie Alvarez, Brenda Andrews, Margie Clements, Rhoda Key, Angie Kleffman, Trey Merritt, Nora Moore, Janice Newburg, Lee Proctor, Janie Roach, Claudia Robinson, Billy Touchstone

Absent: N/A

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Margie Clements made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2003 meeting and Brenda Andrews seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Item 3: Board of Regent Meeting Observation

Trey Merritt attended the February 26, 2003 Board of Regents meeting and he reviewed his notes of the meeting.

Item 4: Performance Award Pins (OCEPA)

Per Janice Newburg, Bobbie Glasscock spoke with Betty Howell about finding an alternate funding source for the OCEPA pins. After Bobbie's meeting with Betty, the Council decided to table purchasing the OCEPA pins until funding is available.

Item 5: April Pinning Ceremony

Janice Newburg gave Trey Merritt and Lee Proctor information so Trey and Lee can plan the next CEC/Administrator Pinning Ceremony.

Item 6: CEC Election

Janice Newburg to date has received 3 volunteer names to serve on the Council. Volunteer names are due to her by April 11th. She will send out a ballot via email after all the volunteer names have been compiled. New members will attend the May CEC meeting and new officers will also be chosen.

The Council agreed to amend the CEC Constitution to allow members who filled a vacated Council position to re-run in the next election for a full-term position. Angie Kleffman will write the statement and send out the amended CEC Constitution for suggestions. The amendment will be voted on during the next Council meeting.

Item 7: Dr. Bud Joyner to Join Council (3:00 pm)

Dr. Joyner updated the Council on the current budget situation and House Bill One which will impact AC's budget dramatically during the next two fiscal years. He said that the Board of Regents and the President's Office will be taking an active roll in meeting with appropriate legislators and attending legislative meetings.

Dr. Joyner stated he will also be working with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce to gain community support for possible tax increases.

The 2003-04 budget information has been distributed to appropriate budget officer. Dr. Joyner stated that the budget process for 2003-04 will be a brand new approach to what has been done in the past. Dr. Joyner said that he would be inviting representatives from every employee group to attend the budget meetings that will be held at the end of April and all of May.

Dr. Joyner reminded the Council that the rumors circulating about Good Friday were false and that AC would be open for business that day.

Summer hours will go into effect May 12th and end August 1st.

Dr. Joyner said that he and College Relations are still receiving cost saving suggestions. The suggestions should be listed on the AC&U web site.

John Hicks, CEO of BSA, replaced Louise Daniels on the Board of Regents.

Angie Kleffman asked Dr. Joyner about the rumor circulating on Institutional Funds for student workers being cut for summer. Dr. Joyner said he would check with Human Resources and provide Janice Newburg with his findings. He said that he had not heard anything about these funds being cut and that he didn't understand where this information was coming from.

Dr. Joyner said that all AC employees should be receiving information about health insurance changes that will go into effect May 1st.

Dr. Joyner reiterated that there will be no involuntary job cuts for viable positions. In addition, there will be no salary cuts.

Item 8: Next Meeting

2:00 pm, Thursday, April 24, 2003, Washington Street Campus, Lib 112.

Claudia Robinson will attend the next Board of Regents meeting on April 22, 2003.

Item 9: Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Kleffman, Secretary
Classified Employees Council

Janice Newburg, Chair
Classified Employees Council