

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES COUNCIL
April 24, 2003
Washington Campus, Lib 112
MINUTES SUMMARY

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

Absent: Nora Moore, Lee Proctor

Item 1: Call to Order

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Claudia Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2003 meeting and Angie Alvarez seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Item 3: Board of Regent Meeting Observation

Trey Merritt attended the April 22, 2003 Board of Regents meeting and he reviewed his notes of the meeting.

Item 4: Reception for Dr. Lindermann

During the meeting all Council members agreed to donate cookies and attend the reception for Dr. Lindermann; however, the day after the Council meeting Dr. Lindermann formally declined to be AC's new President.

Item 5: April Pinning Ceremony

Trey Merritt and Lee Proctor are in charge of the April 29, 2003 CEC/Administrator Pinning Ceremony.

Item 6: Volunteers for Budget Meetings

Each Council member volunteered to attend one budget hearing meeting. Janice will distribute a complete list of dates and times at the May CEC meeting.

Item 7: Volunteers for Ad Hoc Committee

Trey Merritt and Billy Touchstone agreed to serve on the Ad Hoc Suggestions Committee headed by Victor Fite.

Item 8: CEC Election

The following people were nominated to serve on the Council: Katie Ahlbom, Angie Alvarez, Deborah Brown, Susan Brown, Andrea Loyd, Shelly Sparks, Mike West, Dora Ramos and Kathe Tow. After Council members counted the ballots, Angie Alvarez, Mike West, and Susan Brown had highest votes and Kathe Tow had the highest votes on the East Campus. However, after Janice Newburg completed a recount of the ballots she discovered that the East Campus had a tie between Kathe Tow and Dora Ramos. Therefore, a run-off election was held and results are pending. Janice Newburg will send out an email to everyone announcing new Council members as soon as the East Campus ballots are tallied again.

Item 9: Dr. Bud Joyner to Join Council (3:00 pm)

Dr. Joyner discussed the current budget situation and where AC stands at this point. He said we are going to meet our August deadline for current fiscal year budget cuts. He spoke briefly about the ERS insurance changes that will take effect May 1st. An email will be sent to everyone explaining the changes. There have been several suggestions made regarding teaching faculty being able to retire and then being hired back to teach part-time at 50% of their regular pay. Dr. Joyner said this proposal or suggestion would be discussed with all employee groups and then their opinions would be taken into consideration regarding the issue.

Janie Roach asked Dr. Joyner if academic programs were going to be cut. Dr. Joyner responded that no viable academic program would be cut. He reiterated that only those programs with extremely low student numbers and that are no longer cost effective would be cut.

Angie Kleffman asked Dr. Joyner about the rumor she had heard about the Perkins Grant being cut or given to the public schools. Dr. Joyner stated that he had not heard anything about this rumor and asked Angie to explain it. Dr. Joyner stated that the Perkins Grant would not be cut during the next fiscal year and that in the event that the grant money is cut it would be because the US President's plan would distribute the money differently throughout the States due to needing more developmental education in public schools. He said that if there are any changes made to Perkins Grant funding they would not take effect until 2004.

Angie Kleffman also asked Dr. Joyner about the rumor of students not being allowed to change to audit status after the 12th class day. Dr. Joyner said that this is a new policy that would be going into effect very soon.

Claudia Robinson asked Dr. Joyner if the hiring freeze would be lifted as of September 1, 2003. Dr. Joyner indicated that he thought the hiring freeze would be lifted on September 1.

Item 10: Next Meeting

2:00 pm, Thursday, May 29, 2003, Washington Street Campus, Lib 112.

Margie Clements will attend the next Board of Regents meeting on May 27, 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