

Classified Employees Council  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 24, 2007

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** Washington Street Campus, Private Dining Room

**Members Present:** Katie Ahlbom, Paula Garrison, Holly Hicks, Rhonda Higgs, Cheryl Howard, Mike Jager, Lissa Merchant, Donna Pergrem, Anthony Ramos, Cynthia Urbina, Chere Whitfield, Corey Willis

**Members Absent:** Gala Carpenter, Connie deJesus, Cherie Haney, Tonja Hester

Called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chere Whitfield.

**Topic** Dr. Jones Joins the Council

**Discussion/Information** Dr. Jones shared that Joyce Herring, General Manager of KACV TV/FM, has been named Vice President of the Public Broadcasting System and will be moving to Washington D.C.

An architectural team was on campus to assess needs and make suggestions on how to accomplish the needs with a certain amount of money.

There will be a proposed salary increase in the fiscal year 2007-08. Employees making under \$40,000 a year will receive a \$1000 increase and employees making over \$40,000 a year will receive a 2.5% increase.

**Topic** Introduction of New CEC Members

**Discussion/Information** Chere introduced Corey Willis, IST - Web Services; Lissa Merchant, Sciences and Engineering; Mike Jager, Central Receiving; and Paula Garrison, Associate Degree Nursing as the new CEC members. Chere also stressed the importance of confidentiality.

**Topic** Approval of April Minutes

**Discussion/Information** The April minutes will be emailed to members for final approval.

**Topic** Update from Holly Hicks on the Ask-It-Basket Question

**Discussion/Information** Holly spoke with Luke Morrison in Leisure Studies about the question that was submitted to the CEC asking if a day care and day camp for summer could be offered at the Washington Street Campus. Luke said that a Kid's College committee is being formed to put together some art camps.

**Topic** Goodbye to Exiting Members

**Discussion/Information** The exiting members were thanked for serving on the CEC and excused from the meeting.

**Topic** May Board of Regents (BOR) Meeting

**Discussion/Information** Holly gave an overview of the May BOR meeting.

During public comment Jordan Mills from the Dumas Independent School District spoke. He talked about the Quest program and that 107 students from Dumas High were graduating with Quest.

The Student Government Association President was not in attendance so no report was given.

Renee Vinson gave the education report for Moore County Campus. They have come up with a slogan titled "Get to Know Moore". Comments were made on their facility expansion. They are in Phase 3 of the expansion and may have a Phase 4 and 5. The Quest program was commented on again. They have 107 graduating out of 229 from Dumas High with the program for 2007. They plan to have 110 graduating with Quest for 2008, 122 for 2009, and 240 for 2010. Danielle Arias, Student Support Services Coordinator, talked about Student Support Services. They met all of their objectives for the 2005-2006 year.

Bruce Cotgreave talked about renovations at AC. Heating and air was installed in the Nixon Gym. It also received a new coat of paint.

Terry Berg talked about the Budget.

Dr. Jones gave the President's Report. Dr. Jones and Dr. Matney went to the Faculty Retreat in Santa Fe, New Mexico. They felt they received some good information from the faculty. He said that Joyce Herring was leaving AC for a new job in Washington D.C. Dr. Jones asked the Board if they could have a budget workshop on June 26<sup>th</sup> before the June BOR meeting. They have a balanced budget pending any changes from the legislature.

Student loans were mentioned being on default. They are a part of AC's bad debt. The Board and Dr. Jones want Kay Mooney to do a report.

Dr. Jones talked about capital needs. Our top five needs are Nursing, Allied Health, Biology, Byrd Building, and Technology.

**Topic** Election of New CEC Officers

**Discussion/Information** The election of new officers was tabled until the June meeting due to the absence of some members.

**Topic** 2007-08 Sign-Up for BOR Meetings and Pinnings

**Discussion/Information** Members signed up for Board of Regents meetings and pinnings. Holly explained to the new members that there is a CEC webpage on myAC which contains minutes and the pinning and BOR meeting schedules. It was suggested that if a member can't attend the BOR meeting he signed up for, he will need to find someone to trade with. This way every member will attend a meeting during the year.

**Topic** Miscellaneous

**Discussion/Information** Rhonda Higgs, Katie Ahlbom, and Cherie Haney will be contacted to join our CEC meeting when we discuss the special meeting held on staff development and classified employees awards.

Anthony Ramos is resigning from the CEC. He is moving to Dallas.

**Adjournment** 2:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting** June 28, 2007