

Classified Employees Council Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: October 25, 2007

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Washington Street Campus, Private Dining Room

Members Present: Gala Carpenter, Catfish Evans, Paula Garrison, Tonja Hester, Holly Hicks, Cheryl Howard, Lissa Merchant, Donna Pergrem, Chere Whitfield, and Corey Willis

Members Absent: Connie deJesus, Mike Jager

Called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Gala Carpenter.

Approval of August Minutes

Minutes will be updated then forwarded via email for approval. Holly will place approved minutes on myAC and Amarillo College Electronic Archives.

Topic Dr. Jones

Discussion/Information

Dr. Jones updated the Council on the recent events from the Governor's Office. Jones held a Press Conference on October 25, 2007.

Jones reminded everyone to vote on November 6th. Globe News and TV News Channels have offered good, accurate coverage.

Topic October 23, 2007 Board of Regents Meeting Updates

Information/Discussion

Overview by Holly Hicks

Invocation: Dr. David Woodburn

Minutes: September minutes were approved

Student Government Report:

Overview by Elizabeth Bauman

Fall Fest and the Poetry Slam were a smash hit. They were both organized well, and everyone enjoyed it.

The Association was going to revisit the smoking issue.

Parking Lots: The parking lots will be assigned names and identifying signage installed for identification purposes. If a need arises, persons can be more easily located.

Education Report – Top of Texas Tech Prep Consortium:

Lou Ann Seabourn did a presentation on the new Tech Prep Consortium. John Smoot is the director over the Consortium and also the coordinator over AC's council. Lou Ann talked about what Tech Prep is and how it affects Texas, the Panhandle, and Amarillo College.

Consent Agenda:

Board went over this fairly quickly. They did comment about the fixed seating in the Auditorium at the B & I Center updated.

Interlocal Agreement with Amarillo College and Amarillo Independent School District to use Elliot/Russell for office supplies:

This was approved. With this agreement, it will save AC about 10% on office supplies.

Financial Report:

Terry Berg just went over the financial statements as of September 30, 2007 that was attached to the BOR meeting agenda.

President's Report:

Dr. Jones reminded everyone Election Day is Nov. 6th. He said that there is going to be a party on Nov. 8th. At this party, Sharon Oeschger is going to be recognized as the philanthropist of the year. Some of the vetoed funds have been restored. This was released at 5 p.m. on Oct. 23. There is a rumor that AC has a back-up plan that will take care of our problem with out having the bond election. This is not true. AC's reserves are not high enough to take care of the problems, and that's why we are doing the bond election. Also another rumor is that AC and WT will merge. They have passed on this issue. A University Center has been a topic of talk in the last two weeks. It was in a 20/20 report recently. Multiple schools are looking into this. The old Albertsons on Washington and I-40 is being looked at as the location they are going to house the University Center.

Regents' Report:

Sharon Oeschger said that the Art Force had a party at the Aztec Art Center. Everyone had a wonderful time; even, Larry Oeschger (her husband) enjoyed it. People from the community and students of AC were at the party. Local talent performed at the party. She also mentioned about the AC Foundation Balloon Festival this weekend. Twenty-one balloons will be at the festival. Forty thousand dollars has been raised for scholarships from this event.

Christmas Decorations:

Frank Nelson was wondering about Christmas decorations for AC. We use to have them on the buildings, but they got to be difficult to maintain. It was suggested that Frank Nelson and Bruce Cotgreave or Student Government Association check into getting Christmas decoration for AC this year.

Real Property:

Board moved to closed meeting before discussion began.

Adjournment:

Moved to Closed Meeting:

**Topic Updates Ask It Basket
Information/Discussion**

Gala Carpenter had a question that was reviewed by the CEC Council. The issue was referred to Human Resources to be answered.

**Topic Updates from CEC members serving on other committees
Information/Discussion**

Holly Hicks – Outstanding Classified Employee Performance Award

Tonya Hester – Classified & Administrators Travel Committee

Holly Hicks – Pinning Ceremony for October. Invitations have been sent, plans are in process for October's pinning.

**Topic Updates Classified Evaluation Discussion – New Ideas
Information/Discussion**

The Committee will review the process for the Outstanding Classified Employee Performance Award at the January meeting.

Gala Carpenter wants to review the events scheduled for classified employees.

**Topic State Employees Charitable Campaign – Chili Cook-Off
Information/Discussion**

Recap of event – raised about \$500 for SECC.
Create a guideline for future reference.

**Topic Miscellaneous-November/December Meeting
Information/Discussion**

These meetings will be combined. There will be a Christmas Party with goodies and Chinese gift exchange on December 6, 2007 in the Private Dining Room. Gala Carpenter will forward final plans.

October Pinning: Holly Hicks, Corey Willis, & Cheryl Howard

October Board of Regents Meeting: Holly Hicks

Adjournment

3:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 5, 2007 from 2p-4p for a Christmas Party. Bring a gift and a food dish.