Unclassified Professional Senate

Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2002

I. Call to order: The Senate was unable to officially convene due to the lack of a quorum. Senate President Mike Erickson called those present to order at approximately 8:50 am in 425 Ahlberg Hall.

   b. Senators absent: Sue Burdette, Connie Dietz, Rob Gibson, Marsha Gladhart, Bill Wynne, Dotty Harpool, Joe Kleinsasser, Kaye Monk-Morgan

II. Review of Agenda: President Erickson reviewed agenda, nothing added.

III. Review and Approval of July 18 minutes: No vote on the July 18, 2002 minutes was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

IV. President’s report

   a. President Erickson had nothing new to report.

V. Committee reports

   B. Professional Development – nothing to report.
   C. Recognition – nothing to report.
   D. Legislative– will meet soon, and monthly starting in September.
   E. Grievance– nothing to report.
   F. Advisory / UP Staff Reduction – have not had a meeting yet but have talked with all members. Linda Black is the chair. Committee plans to prepare emergency plan and wants to be a proactive committee.
   G. Employee Club – Mike Turner has submitted information to the state and regents level for recommendations, and they recommend that we find a way to provide this service for all state employees.

VI. Continuing Business

   A. Reclassification of classified employees – President Erickson talked to the Classified Senate President Randy Sessions to express our support. President Sessions is meeting with President Beggs and will meet again with President Erickson. Senator Matson referred to the article in the Wichita Eagle about the University of Kansas salary issues.
   B. Employee Recognition Program– President Erickson met with President Sessions to discuss our concerns for this issue including division size, number of awards, when the award is presented and the lack of consistency between divisions based on Vice-President’s criteria. They will meet again to discuss these issues further.
   C. Filling of At-Large Senate Seat – Rich Renollet has agreed to accept the At-Large Senate seat. UP Senate will vote at next meeting to approve.

VII. As May Arise

   A. The UP Senate will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month starting with September 2002. The location will be 405 Ahlberg. The next meeting is September 5, 2002.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.