I. The meeting was called to order by President Delinda Royse

II. Members Present: Jenny Anderson, Linda Black, Tom Brock, Larry Callis, Gabrielle Dodosh, Carla Eckels, Phil Ludwig, Linda Matson, Mark McCain, Vincent Miller, Billie Norden, Delinda Royse, Kimberly Sandlin, Michael Turner, Marilyn Yourdon

III. Delinda reported on the Constituents Head meeting. Items discusses were:

A. Future maintenance and deferred maintenance. New formulas and guidelines are in place and will be the method to insure that in the future campus maintenance will not become an issue as it is now.

B. Dan Lykins, from Kansas Board of Regents, has been appointed to the Washburn Board of Regents.

C. WSU is pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, and foresees no problem with approval from the Board of Regents.

D. Matching the dollars for faculty of distinction has been traditionally at 2.5%, of budget, but with the success of the WSU program this has been bumped up to 5% of budget.

E. Qualifying admissions – High School Physical Science will not be allowed as a credit towards admission.

F. Regarding the state bonus, KU and KU Med Center made the bonus a part of regular raises, and they are requesting extra money from the state to be used for the bonus. It will probably not be approved.

G. WSU received the first interest check on tuition, in the amount of $100,000. These interest funds will be used for deferred maintenance.

H. The topic has been proposed that Unclassified, as well as Classified, employees be given Veterans Day off. KU and WSU would not have enough days on calendar if that occurred. That issue will have to be resolved if implemented.

I. Regarding the problem of student lending practices, that has been an issue across the country; Kansas got a good report for their lending policies. Therefore this is not an issue in Kansas.

J. Faculty didn’t realize that student assessments would be part of the guidelines for merit increases. This issue is going to be re-addressed.

K. Admission status for Home School exceptions. WSU is only at 2% exceptions and can go to 10%. Any exceptions over 10% have to take a GED. Other schools have maxed out their 10%.

L. This week, Sept. 19 – 20 is the first official meeting of the Board of Regents with the new members when they will be voting.

M. City and County mill levy money was approved, but the County passed it by a vote of 3 to 2. This is a worry because the mill levy money is important for scholarships. Delinda reminded the senate members that it is important to contact the city and county board members and thank them for their continued support, and to let them know how important the mill levy support is to WSU.

IV. Committee reports:
A. Kim Sandlin said the service committee will meet on October 4th at 10:00 AM. “Stuff the Bus”, the annual service project collection pick up time will be November 29 between 9:45-10:15

B. Delinda will speak to Mike Madecky about helping on the Awards and Recognition committee.

V. Delinda spoke with Chris Lamb and he wishes to remain on the senate and said he will be able to start coming to the meetings. Delinda will speak to Chris Cavanaugh regarding replacing Michelle Harris and ask for the list of nominees from 2 years ago, as no one was nominated from that division last year.

VI. The fall senate meeting was discussed and it was decided to ask Dr. Beggs if he would be able to speak to the full senate on November 8th at an 8:30 meeting. It was also decided to ask Dr. King to speak at the spring meeting. The suggestion was made to invite Jill Docking, from the Board of Regents to speak at the fall meeting. Snacks were discussed for the fall meeting, and the fact that the senate couldn’t pay for food, but it could be donated by a department. Gabrielle Dodosh said that she would bring the suggestion to NIAR.

VII. Mike Turner gave a report on the Hay Group meeting. He said they are doing a good job of PR with the legislators. The cost of the implementation of reclassification is estimated to be $74 million dollars. But this will be spread out over a number of years. Three different groups of the classified employees to be phased into reclassification on a 3 year rotation period. The ‘07 Legislature will propose the legislation to the ‘08 Legislature, and if approved it will begin implementation in ‘09. The three phases are: (1) Training and Education, the first year; (2) Dry run, the second year; (3) First money, in the third year. Therefore the first group will begin Training and Education in ’09, the second group in ’10, and the third in ’11

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by Billie Norden