Unclassified Professional Senate
Minutes
December 15, 2010

Present: Grady Landrum, April Keim, Becky North, Connie Dietz, Donna Hawley, Frankie Brown, Kathy Downes, Jason Holmes, Rege Klitzke, Susan Norton, Kim Sandlin, Mike Wood

Absent: Cheryl Miller, Connie Landreth, Delinda Royse, Edie Brown, Janet Jensen, Melissa Ward, Pam Chamberlain, Sally Fiscus, Kevin Crabtree

I. Call to order - Grady

II. Review of Agenda – approved as presented

III. Review and Approval of minutes.- (Jason/Rege) to approve. Motion passed

IV. Constituent Head meeting
a. Grady stated that the latest meeting was on Monday, December 13th.
b. President Beggs stated that the presidents of the universities are being strongly suggested by KBOR to follow the Kansas Commitment when in discussion with the ways and means committee of the legislature.

V. KBOR Kansas Commitment
a. Susan went through her discussion with Andy Schlapp on the KBOR Kansas Commitment and its impact on the upcoming legislative session.
b. Information on the KBOR Kansas Commitment is attached
c. Follow up
   i. Discussion will continue after Governor-elect Brownback’s state of the state address in January 2011
   ii. Susan will check with Andy to see if he can meet with us after the state of the state address
   iii. Kathy will research a white paper that was written by the incoming state budget director for distribution to the Senate.

VI. Committees
a. Service
   i. Stuff the Bus went well
   ii. Any pictures? Please let us know so we can add to the website.
b. Professional Development
   i. Nothing at this time
c. Awards/Recognition
   i. April and Grady received information on the Service awards for the spring
   ii. Kathy and Frankie will work as a committee to begin the nomination process.
d. Legislative
   i. see KBOR Kansas Commitment discussion.
e. Grievance  
   i. Nothing at this time
f. Election  
   i. Following the 20th day of spring classes-Constiution Article IV, Sections 3 and 4  
   ii. Around Feb 15th begin process  
   iii. Announcements by May 1st
g. Dining Services  
   i. Nothing at this time
h. UPS Website  
   i. Minutes are now posted on the web site
i. RSC Board of Directors  
   i. Focused on the Rhatigan renewal  
   ii. Projected finish date of Feb. 2014  
   iii. Working on contingency plans during construction  
   iv. RSC annual report has been sent out  
   v. New textbook rental plan in place this semester

VII. As May Arise  
    a. Donna suggested that we plan an Unclassified Senate Christmas party for next year.  
       i. Possibility of looking at some type of party in the Spring  
    b. April stated that the classified senate has started a scholarship fund. Do we want to look in to one for Unclassifieds as well?  
       i. Funding for the classified scholarship came from the old employee’s association funding.  
    c. Grady stated that KU gives a monthly recognition to unclassifieds with a yearly award given.

VIII. Adjourn at 9:59am

Respectfully submitted by Susan Norton
Kansas Commitment
$50 million “ask” with the following 5 components:

- **Kan-Protect** – Since FY 2009, the state’s higher education system has been cut over $100 million (a 12% cut), and State funding per student is at an all-time low.
  - Requesting $20.5 million SGF

- **Kan-Build** – In 2007, the Legislature approved a 5-year comprehensive deferred building maintenance plan to help address the $825 million State University maintenance backlog and the $172 million maintenance backlog at WU and the Community and Technical Colleges.
  - Requesting $15.75 million SGF

- **Kan-Help** - need based scholarship funding
  - Over the past 25 years, State University tuition and fee rates have risen steadily to offset state funding reductions. At the same time, the State’s need-based financial aid program (Kansas Comprehensive Grant) has seen only slight increases, and it has been cut by 5% over the past two years.
    - From FY01-FY11, funding for the State’s need-based financial aid program increased by 42% while State University tuition and fees increased by an average of 130%.
    - Kan-help loans for students with family income < $50,174 annual
    - Requesting $10 million in other funding [foresight 2020 2.8]

- **Kan-Grow** – to grow the state economy and workforce [foresight 2020 #5]
  - For WSU – funding would be targeted at increasing engineering graduates
    - Requesting $14.15 million SGF ($7.075 million other funds)

- **Kan-Connect** – increasing broadband technology
  - Increase usage of Kan-ed system (IDL). WSU is a member
    - Foresight 2020 2.11
    - Requesting $0 SGF ($10 million other funds)

- The ‘other’ funding to come from capture of state sales tax on the KBOR campuses for use in these programs (other funding)