



COUNCIL of CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES
West Liberty University

West Liberty, West Virginia 26074

REGULAR MEETING – May 13, 2010

Present: Bo McConnaughy, Council Chairperson (5), Stacie Groch (4), Becky Bugaj (1), Bev Burke (BOG), Mary Ann Edwards (ACCE), Brad Forshey (3), Terry Marsh (6/7), Cindy McGee (1), Michelle Pissos (3), Alan Ramsey (5), Randy Ratcliffe (6/7), Dawn Swiger (4), Mikie Zaleski (5), Jill Nixon

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order in the Elbin Library conference room at 1:30 p.m. by Chairperson Bo McConnaughy.

A motion to accept the minutes from the April 8, 2010 Classified Staff Council meeting was then made by Brad Forshey and seconded by Terry Marsh; motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

Beverly Burke stated that there will not be a Board of Governors meeting until June 9, 2010 in the Alumni Wall of Honor conference room.

ADVISORY COUNCIL OF CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES (ACCE):

Mary Ann Edwards gave a report from the ACCE meeting held April 13, 2010 at West Liberty University, West Liberty, WV.

- We are attempting to have Chancellor Noland and Chancellor Skidmore in attendance at the May meeting at WVU.
- A brief update was given on benefit changes. Carelink will no longer be an option. PEIA will go up 4% in July. There will also be a decrease in life insurance premiums.
- We are attempting to have the CD's with statewide PIQ's accessible on the ACCE web site.
- A lengthy discussion was held regarding travel policies on other campuses. ACCE representatives are covered in State Code for their travel expenses under § 18B-6-5(f):
 - f) Members of the classified council serve without compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their official duties. Expenses are paid from funds allocated to the state institution of higher education which the member serves.
- A discussion followed with regard to the potential merger of WVNET and WVOT. Chancellor Noland met with the WVNET staff and gave the impression that WVNET will be under Higher Education for many years to come and will not be moving. Two weeks later WVOT's Kyle Shaffer had a totally different attitude than the Chancellor and distributed a seven page questionnaire regarding services performed at WVNET. Mr. Shaffer gave the impression the WVNET staff would remain employees of the HEPC but report to his office. This didn't seem to be what the Chancellor had previously indicated.
- What direction to take with Senate Bill 480 was discussed at length. Depending on whether a special session is called by the Governor and SB 480 is included, ACCE needs to formalize their thoughts on the best way to approach the session. An extensive point-by-point discussion was held on what ACCE could live with if SB 480 goes to special session. A detailed list was made of sections of SB 480 that need to remain a part of the bill.
- Bob Long distributed a section from the upcoming HEPC meeting to be held April 23rd regarding a reduction in grant awards for the WV Higher Education Grant.

- The next meeting is at West Virginia University in the Erickson Alumni Center, Morgantown, WV on May 18, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS:

The yard sale held May 1st raised \$252.35 for the Classified Staff Scholarship Fund. Rosey Miller will send thank you letters to Earl Nicodemus and Tom Hostutler for their generous donations.

\$1,090 was raised on the recent raffle for the Classified Staff Scholarship Fund. Winners were:

- S. Zambon - 42" Flat Screen TV
- Bo McConnaughy - Nintendo Wii
- Jim Clark - \$150 Gas Card
- Margie Six, MaryAnn Edwards, Debbie Heinzeroth - Hang Tags

There was very poor attendance at the Classified Staff's meeting with the Presidential Evaluation Committee on April 29, 2010. Out of 120 Classified employees, approximately ten members were in attendance and met with the Committee for an hour. Various points and both positive and negative concerns were voiced to the Committee. It was asked if the campus would be able to view the final copy of the report, but we are not sure at this time. Bev Burke did an excellent job at the meeting delivering concerns and comments she had received.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a brief discussion regarding the retirement buy out. At this time it is only a survey to see what the interest is on campus.

The Classified Staff picnic will be held Friday, July 9, 2010 beginning at 12:00 noon. Members are encouraged to begin soliciting for donations for door prizes for the picnic.

Information was emailed to the campus for the Classified Staff Excellence in Service Award. The deadline for information to the Committee to review applications is May 24, 2010.

Terry Marsh asked if there were currently any openings on the Classified Staff Council, which there are not. The next election will not be held until April 2011. Elections are held every two years.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dawn Swiger and seconded by Bev Burke; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The next meeting of Classified Staff Council is scheduled for June 10, 2010 at 1:30 p.m., room 310 in the library. Meetings are open to all classified staff.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Mary Ann Edwards, Classified Staff Council Secretary