

COUNCIL of CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES West Liberty State College

West Liberty, West Virginia 26074

REGULAR MEETING – December 13, 2007

Present: Bo McConnaughy, Council Chairperson (5), Stacie Bado (4), Bev Burke (BOG), Eleanor Coen (4), Mary Ann Edwards (ACCE), Cindy McGee (1), Rhonda Tysk for Ashlea Minch (3), Nancy Quigley (1), Alan Ramsey (5), Paula Tomasik (3), and Mikie Turner (5).

Absent: Roger Bertelli (6/7), Keith Kaczor (6/7) and Ashlea Minch (3).

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairperson Bo McConnaughy.

There is a revision to the minutes of November 8, 2007. It was stated in the minutes that Mikie Turner was in group 3, she is in group 5. The revision was made and a motion to accept the revised minutes was made by Mikie Turner and seconded by Stacie Bado; motion unanimously approved.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: There was a BOG meeting December 12, 2007. The minutes from that report will be sent by e-mail to classified staff members by Beverly Burke. Bev reported that the HLC did a favorable recommendation of accreditation for the next ten years to the NCA with a couple areas of concern, but with no site visit recommended. Bev is requesting if anyone has concerns about any issues to please advise Classified Staff Council members who can present the issues at our meeting and, if necessary, to take the concerns to the BOG at the next BOG meeting, which is scheduled in February. For a complete report, please refer to your e-mail from Bev.

<u>ADVISORY COUNCIL OF CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES (ACCE):</u> Mary Ann Edwards reported on the November 29, 2007 ACCE meeting at Glenville. Here is her report:

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- Although Margaret Buttrick was not in attendance, she highly recommends notifying the credit agencies with regard to the missing PEIA information. The tapes have not been located. You can go to the PEIA website for the credit information (www.westvirginia.com/peia). Not only should you do this for yourself but you need to report your spouse and any dependents you may have had listed. The PEIA website is also listed under WLSC's Classified Staff web site links.
- Retirees continue to have problems with the changes in their insurance coverage. The new plan by Coventry is not accepted by many physicians in the state and rarely accepted by physicians out-of-state. Some doctors are claiming to be on the verge of pulling out of PEIA because it's too complicated. The retirees continue to try and lobby the

legislators. From what we understand, SB 129 contains verbage which would allow West Virginia to go back to the old system the retirees prefer.

- ACCE was scheduled to present information at the HEPC meeting held the next day. We were only allotted ten minutes to present.
- A concern was raised that classified staff is not mentioned at all in the latest Master Plan for West Virginia Higher Education. With most of the front-line and behind the scenes operations being handled by classified employees this is quite an oversight.
- The next meeting is December 18 in Charleston at the Marshall University Graduate Center.

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> Staff Council Constitution and Bylaws will be signed and presented to President Capehart as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS: Bo reported:

- Letters from Dr. J.D. Carpenter have been sent out for United Way.
- Classified Staff Employee Scholarship has an available balance of \$1,812.43.
- Two "Thank you" cards, one from Chie Bryan, son of Kathleen Bryan, and one from Abigail Kaczo, daughter of Keith Kaczor, have been received. Both students have received financial assistance from the Classified Staff Employee Scholarship and expressed their appreciation to Classified Staff.

Bo then reported that an extra holiday was being given to Classified Staff and that the administration had asked Classified Staff Council to vote on whether the extra day off should be a "floater" day or January 3, 2008. The vote was 9 yeas, with one nay, for the extra day off to be January 3, 2008. The recommendation will now be presented to the administration.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rhonda and seconded by Stacie, approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting of Classified Staff Council is scheduled for January 10, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., room 310 in the library. Meetings are open to all classified staff.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Eleanor Coen, Classified Staff Council Secretary