

Informal Minutes of
the
Association of Classified Employees (ACE) Council (Elect)
11/20/03 Meeting

Present: Craig Berndt*, Nan Braddock*, Debbie Cockburn*, Erin Miller*, Gary McDowell and Dick Porter*
* = ACE Council Member Elect

Opening: The meeting opened at 8:07 AM.

Reading of Mission Statement: Gary began the meeting by reading the ACE Mission Statement to remind Council members of what they are trying to accomplish.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting (11/13/03) were reviewed and approved.

Strategic Planning Committee: Craig reported that he had relayed the ACE suggestions for the Strategic Plan to the Strategic Planning Committee and that with, the exception of Arthur Sacks praise of classified employee involvement, there was very little reaction from the Committee members. He described a presentation by Dan Montez to the Committee on the budget situation, which he said he had e-mailed to Council members. He had also e-mailed a copy of student comments on the draft Strategic Plan to Council members. Craig noted that ACE involvement with the Committee had been officially recognized by President Trefny in a flow chart he distributed describing Committee communications.

Civil Service Reform Developments: Gary noted that the latest issue of the Stateline contained interesting information about recommendations of the Governor's Civil Service Reform Committee. He urged Council members to read about them online or in a printout that he passed around.

Website Status: Erin told Council members that she would distribute the template information shortly so that the Council could decide if they wanted to use it or to design their own site..

Review of Corrections to "Articles...", Bylaws, and "Resolution...": Most of the revisions to these organizational documents that had been worked out at the last meeting (11/13) were approved. (Gary had distributed updated versions prior to the meeting.) In addition, several portions of these documents were revisited and additional changes made. There was a minor revision to Article VII to clarify that an "Elector" could not use their 5 votes to vote more than once for any one candidate. Section V of the Bylaws ("Election and Referendum Procedure") was deemed redundant and eliminated. Section VII ("Council Vacancies") was reworded to allow any prematurely vacated seat, regardless of the remaining term, to be filled by the candidate (still willing to serve) with the next highest vote count in the previous election. Section II was modified to make it consistent with the changes to Section VII. A word was inserted in part 1 of the "Resolution..." to make it clear that it did not apply to prematurely vacated seats and an additional section (f) was added to deal with the possibility of a tie vote. A few other minor changes were made to other sections.

Next Meeting: The Council decided to hold its next meeting on Monday, November 24th at 3:00 PM because the regular meeting day (Thursday) would fall during the Thanksgiving holiday. The meeting will be held in the Planning and Construction Conference Room.

Scheduling of Council Officer Elections: Gary asked the Council to consider when they would like to elect their Chair and Secretary / Treasurer. There was a consensus that this should be done sometime in December, but no specific date was selected.

Agenda Item for Next Meeting: Council members expressed hope to resolve all remaining problems with the "Articles...", Bylaws and "Resolution..." at their next meeting so that an approved version can be made available to ACE members for inspection and comment via a link in the Campus in Brief online newsletter (Dec. 5th edition).

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 AM.