

# The University of Kansas Support Staff Senate Newsletter

July 2006

## FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE USS SENATE

It seems odd to begin this article this way. For years I have been writing items for the newsletter as Chair or Co-Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee. With only a short interruption, I've been a Senator for even longer, but this is my first time as President.

To begin with, I want to say how much I appreciate the opportunity to serve my co-workers at KU as President of the University Support Staff Senate. It is a privilege to be sure, but more importantly it is a responsibility and I take it very seriously. I will do my best to serve the best interests of all of us who work to support the mission of the University of Kansas.

For those of you who don't know me, I am a 32-year employee of the University and a KU graduate. I came to Lawrence as a student in the fall of 1968 and just never left. I have always worked in housekeeping. Beginning with Student Housing, I was there for over 25 years and I am currently with Facilities Operations. I first became involved with the old Classified Senate back in the mid-80's and have been ever since, except for a few years when I served as a Lawrence City Commissioner. I guess that makes it pretty obvious that I am a believer in the importance of participating in the governance structure of whatever communities you belong to.

We have just come through the first year of change from having been classified employees of Kansas to University Support Staff at KU. There are more transition years to go. We continue to refine and improve our roles as the workers who keep all the necessary details of a great institution in good working order. We all have a greater opportunity than ever before to be involved in the decisions that affect us. We in the University Support Staff Senate will work to make the most of it. As President, I ask you to help us do that by letting us know about things that affect you, both the bad and the good.

Thanks for your past help and support, and thank you in advance for its continuation.

Dennis Constance

## TUITION ASSISTANCE

### FALL SEMESTER DEADLINE IS 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2006

The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is available to staff with six months of KU employment. The program normally covers tuition for one class per semester. Classes should be structured courses that meet on a scheduled basis with days and times published in the Timetable of Classes. The tuition assistance application form is available on the Human Resources website under forms download. For more information, contact Lynn George, at 864-7415. Applications should be forwarded to the Tuition Assistance Committee, c/o Human Resources, 103 Carruth-O'Leary Hall. Please note: fill in the amount of tuition to the best of your ability. Once tuition rates are set, the amount will be adjusted accordingly on your application.

## EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

**Karron Schwarz** – Public Service Administrative I – Student Success-Vice Provost – June, 2006

**Gordon Holland** – Media/Audio Technician - Art & Design – May, 2006

**Susan McGee** – Administrative Officer and Office Manager – CLAS Student Academic Services Office – April, 2006

**John Connolly** – Graduate Program Assistant – Department of Molecular Biosciences - March, 2006

**JoAnn Berner** – Administrative Specialist – Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science – February, 2006

## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

**Sherrie Saathoff** – Public Service Administrative I – Department of Special Education - June, 2006

**Congratulations to all of you for the recognition of your hard work and for your representation of University Support Staff at KU!**

## RESULTS FROM THE PROPOSED CODE CHANGE

146 – Yes      4 - No      2 – Incomplete

The revisions will be forwarded to the provost for final approval.

**Thank you for your participation**

## UNIVERSITY SUPPORT STAFF SENATE MEETING SCHEDULE

The University Support Staff will meet on the following dates from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 a.m., in the Kansas Union. All meetings are open to the public.

08/09/06	English Room
09/13/06	Jayhawk Room
10/11/06	Centennial Rm
11/08/06	Jayhawk Room
12/13/06	Jayhawk Room
01/10/07	Jayhawk Room
02/14/07	301 Relays Rm – Burge Union
03/14/07	Jayhawk Room
04/11/07	Jayhawk Room
05/09/07	Jayhawk Room
06/13/07	Jayhawk Room

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The University Support Staff Senate Executive Board will meet on the following dates from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in the Kansas Union. All meetings are open to the public.

08/02/06	International Room
09/06/06	Alcove C
10/04/06	International Room
11/01/06	International Room
12/06/06	International Room
01/03/07	International Room
02/07/07	International Room
03/07/07	International Room
04/04/07	International Room
05/02/07	International Room
06/06/07	International Room

**OFFICERS**

President – Dennis Constance  
 Vice President – Doug Carter  
 Secretary – Kathy Stiers  
 Treasurer – Sharon Lee Green  
 Ex-Officio – Kathy Jansen

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS****LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

Mike Auchard - Co-chair  
 Jay Barnard - Co-chair  
 Brad Gilges                 Ruth Hatfield  
 Joseph Morgison         Renee Wiggins  
 Maxine Younes

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Kathy Stiers – Chair  
 Sharon Lee Green         Delores Leonard  
 Bette Luther                 Maxine Younes

**ELECTIONS**

Wayne Hathaway – Chair  
 Jay Barnard                 Doug Carter  
 Linda Gerdes                 Sharon Lee Green  
 Judy Greenberg

**PERSONNEL**

Maxine Younes – Chair  
 Janice Andes                 Jenna Coker  
 Brian Hanabury             Kathy Jansen  
 Diana Koslowsky            Bev Nightingale  
 Pauline Sanders             Cindy Sexton  
 Kathy Stiers                 Renee Wiggins

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Delores Leonard – Chair  
 Teri Chambers             Betty Childers  
 Allen Eastland             Sharon Lee Green  
 Ruth Hatfield               Diana Koslowsky

**UNCLASSIFIED SENATE REP**

Maxine Younes

**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES****UNIVERSITY SENATE REPS**

Mary Ann Baker             Doug Carter  
 Dennis Constance         Kathy Jansen

**SENEX REP**

Doug Carter

**ACADEMIC COMPUTING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Brian Hanabury, Libraries

**ACADEMIC PROCEDURES & POLICIES**

Dennis Constance

**CALENDAR COMMITTEE**

Vacant

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

Vacant

**LIBRARIES**

Mary Ann Baker

**ORGANIZATION & ADMIN.**

Mary Ann Baker

**PLANNING & RESOURCES**

Kathy Jansen

**PARKING COMMISSION**

Bette Luther (2008)  
 Vacant

**JUDICIAL BOARD**

Need 3 representatives

**LIBRARY APPEALS**

Position alternated every two years with  
 Unclassified Staff.

**UNITED WAY**

Judy Greenberg

**SENATORS****Ruth Hatfield - EEO 3 Rep**  
(Professional/Non-Faculty)

Brian Hanabury             Bette Luther

**Mary Ann Baker - EEO 4 Rep**  
(Secretarial/Clerical)

Janice Andes                 Teri Chambers  
 Betty Childers               Jenna Coker  
 Sharon Lee Green            Diana Koslowsky  
 Delores Leonard             Joseph Morgison  
 Cindy Sexton                 Kathy Stiers  
 Renee Wiggins               Maxine Younes

**Jay Barnard- EEO 5 Rep**  
(Technical/Paraprofessional)**Wayne Hathaway- EEO 6 Rep**

(Skilled Crafts)

Mike Auchard                 Russell Benke  
 Allen Eastland

**Pauline Sanders - EEO 7 Rep**

(Service/Maintenance)

Brad Gilges                 Chris Wallace

**Representatives At Large**

Linda Gerdes                 Judy Greenberg  
 Bev Nightingale             Linda Orr  
 Kathy Reed

**WEB SITE UPDATE**

[www.ku.edu/~clsenate/](http://www.ku.edu/~clsenate/)

Please visit our website and feel free to e-mail the  
 Webmaster ([clsenate@ku.edu](mailto:clsenate@ku.edu)). Your input is  
 appreciated.

**HELPFUL WEB LINKS****KU Home Page**

[www.ku.edu](http://www.ku.edu)

**KU Staff Benefits**

[www.ku.edu/~kuhr/faculty\\_staff/benefits/](http://www.ku.edu/~kuhr/faculty_staff/benefits/)

**Meeting Schedules For  
KU USS Senate**

[www.ku.edu/~clsenate](http://www.ku.edu/~clsenate)

On the menu, select 'Meeting Schedules'. Full  
 Senate meetings are open to anyone who would  
 like to attend.

Visit the Academic Computer Center

[www.ku.edu/acs/](http://www.ku.edu/acs/) and check out the new Fall 2006  
 classes and online registration.

KU News, Arts, & Events are available at

[www.ku.edu/news/](http://www.ku.edu/news/).

This newsletter created and designed by Delores  
 Leonard, Chair, Teri Chambers, Betty Childers,  
 Allen Eastland, Sharon Lee Green, Ruth Hatfield,  
 and Diana Koslowsky. The University Support  
 Staff Senate Communications Committee meets  
 quarterly. If you have suggestions for articles,  
 please call Delores Leonard (864-9720) or email  
 us at [clsenate@ku.edu](mailto:clsenate@ku.edu)

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## Preferences for University Support Staff Membership on FY 2007 University Support Staff Senate Committees and University Committees

Name	Department	Phone # and Email address
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Please list your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choices for the committees and boards you wish to serve on. Complete this form and return to University Governance, 33 Strong Hall, [govern@ku.edu](mailto:govern@ku.edu) by August 14<sup>th</sup>\*.

### University Support Staff Committees (1-year terms):

For descriptions of these committees, see <http://www2.ku.edu/~clsenate/committees>.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Elections – Chair FY2007 Wayne Hathaway
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communications – Chair FY2007 Delores Leonard
- \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel Affairs – Chair Fy2007 Maxine Younes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative Affairs – Co-Chairs FY 2007 Mike Auchard, Jay Barnard
- \_\_\_\_\_ Information Access and Public Relations – Chair Fy2007 Kathy Stiers

### University committees:

For description of these committees, see <http://www2.ku.edu/~clsenate/univcomm.shtml>.

#### University Senate Standing Committees (3-year terms)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Computing and Telecommunications
- \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Policies and Procedures
- \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar
- \_\_\_\_\_ International Affairs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Libraries
- \_\_\_\_\_ Organization and Administration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Planning and Resources
- \_\_\_\_\_ Retiree Rights and Benefits

#### University Boards & Commission

- \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial Board – 3-year term
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parking Commission – 3-year term
- \_\_\_\_\_ Library Appeals Board – 2-year term

#### University Committees

- \_\_\_\_\_ United Way – 1-year term
- \_\_\_\_\_ Employee Recognition – 4-year term

\* Some university committee positions are appointed by the University Support Staff (USS) Senate President and some by the Provost from recommendations by the USS Senate President. By filling out this form and returning it to the Governance Office you are informing the USS Senate of your interest in serving on certain university committees but, due to the limited number of USS positions on some committees, it may not be possible to appoint everyone to the committees of their choice. You will be contacted if asked to serve. Unexpected vacancies also occur and your preferences will be consulted in that event.

**RETURN TO:**

**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SUPPORT STAFF SENATE**  
33 Strong Hall  
Lawrence, KS 66045