Dear Colleagues,

At this time of funding shortages and cutbacks, it is more important than ever that the classified employees have a voice and organized support on campus. We are therefore very pleased with the positive response from the BSU classified employees concerning the forming of a representative organization. We have proceeded with our efforts to establish an Association of Classified Employees at Boise State University (ACE of BSU). We would now like to share with you some ideas and hopefully answer some of your questions.

WHAT IS ACE:

1. This association will be comparable to the Faculty Senate, Student Body Senate and Professional Staff Association. At this time we are the only group at the University without input into policy making.

2. This association will represent all BSU classified employees regardless of their type of position.

3. Representation will be within the University system on those policies pertaining to the Classified employees.

4. The association Senate will keep classified employees informed of University issues and communicate your views to the University policy-making units.

WHAT ACE IS NOT:

1. The Association is not a union. There are no membership dues.

2. Membership in this association in no way interferes with employees belonging to any other organization. While some campus organizations share similar concerns, this association differs in membership and representation.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED:

THE CONSTITUTION: Attached is a copy of the constitution to be submitted for ratification at the first Organizational Meeting. The constitution was written to get the Association formed and recognized by the University. Once established, the Association is free to amend the constitution as necessary. After this proposed association has been accepted or rejected, this Task Force will dissolve.

ORGANIZATION MEETING: An Organization Meeting for all classified employees has been scheduled for March _____ at ________ in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building. Your supervisors have been encouraged to allow you release time to attend. Following the meeting a ballot will be mailed to all classified employees for the election of the Senate members.
WHAT NEXT:

1. INTEREST SIGNATURES: In order to be accepted by the University as a legitimate organization an actual count of interested employees must be submitted to the President's office. We want to encourage everyone to sign and return the enclosed interest statement by mail.

2. NOMINATIONS & MEETING THE CANDIDATES: All those interested in nominating someone for a position in the ACE Senate should submit their nominee on the enclosed form to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will review the nominations and try to insure nominations from all classifications. All candidates who accept nomination should be aware of the responsibilities and duties of the office. All Nominees for the Senate will be presented at the organizational meeting.

In closing, we want to encourage anyone in need of explanations or information to contact any of the members of the Task Force.

Sincerely,

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