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**Classified Connection – December 14, 2011 in UC-259B**  
**9:00-10:00**

Julie Ridgeman called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves. Door prizes\* were awarded to those who answered an e-mail survey question sent out previously (creative fundraisers). There were 24 people in attendance, including several first-time attendees.

Kim Clarksen of Career & Leadership Development, gave a presentation on her role with Student Organizations, how they are created, governed and the reasons for joining. There are currently 193 student organizations, encompassing 13 categories at UW-Whitewater.

Rick Daniels, also of Career & Leadership Development, spoke about his role with the Greek Organizations at UW-W, the governing bodies of fraternities and sororities, the rules and regulations, benefits, etc. of belonging to a Greek organization and the philanthropic work that they do.

Sarah Hessenauer, Assistant Professor in the Social Work Department, shared her insights on how stress can affect one's health and ways to alleviate stress through changes in behavior and diet.

Due to time constraints, we did not cover the 2011 Classified Professional Development Survey feedback at the meeting and announced that we will send a synopsis out in an upcoming e-mail attachment. There were 108 respondents to the survey, a 29% response rate.

Julie announced that the Classified Connection Committee is working on the construction of a Classified Advisory Council. We would like representation from all areas of the classified staff. We'll be working on creating a Mission Statement and Membership List at our upcoming Committee meeting January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in UC 260. Please let us know if you would like to attend (by January 4<sup>th</sup>) so we have a large enough room.

December's [Classified Spotlight](#) recognized **Elizabeth Bartos** (Residence Life) and **Beth Drexler** (iCIT).

**Next Classified Connection Meeting:**

- **Wednesday, January 25, 2012 9:00 – 10:00 (UC 275.** Speakers from [Human Resources and Diversity](#) will present new information on changes to our benefits, policies and procedures. Watch for more information from them on “listening sessions” earlier in January.

\*Door prizes donated by members of the Classified Connection Committee.