

Classified Senate Minutes

Monday September 24, 2012

Present: Ari Alvarez, Roberta Chock, Edith Flores, Diana Espinoza Osuna, Maria Huning, Debbie Joy, Jai Kumar, Maria Lara-Blanca, Rosalina Mira, Mario Mihelcic, Mario Pena, Jonna Pounds, Loretta Davis Rascon, Joan Rosario, Rita Sabadini, Jeanne Stalker, Dave Vigo

Guests: Kathy Chaika, Charles Jones, John Martinez, Annette Perot,

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes from May 21, 2012 were approved as read.

2. President's Hiring Update
 - Robert Hood provided more information on the President's hiring committee and timeline. There are several classified employees on the committee including Jeanne Stalker, Bryan Horwitz, and Robert Hood.
 - Currently they are reviewing applications and hope to be done by the end of October so that Forums can occur in early November. They hope to have a final applicant by the end of the year.

3. CSEA's Role in Committee Membership Selection
 - Several executive members (listed above as guests) of the CSEA provided information to the classified senate as part of an educational series that they are providing to all classified senates at SMCCD. John Martinez was on hand to explain the document he created to outline share governance representation for classified employees.
 - The shared governance documents were created with the input of other classified groups at the different colleges. CSEA is the largest body of employees based on numbers and therefore helps make committee group appointments. The documentation was created because Classified Senates had become bargaining units and it had become politicized to the point of pressure to close senates down. CSEA does not have the right to eliminate a whole classified senate.
 - While the process for appointing committee members has been working, members have noticed that the same people are being picked repeatedly. There have also been delays in letting members know when another choice has been made for the committee. This will be addressed at a later time.
 - It was also brought up that the documents do not specifically mention what happens when the CSEA president disapproves the recommendation of a particular classified senate. The classified senate president should be informing people of their positions, disapproval, and when it is time to step up or down from a particular committee.

- The classified staff present would have requested that there be training on how to represent you constituencies and disseminate the information gathered from the committees.

4. Treasurers Report

- The total raised for scholarships was \$1475.00 for the year, would we like to raise it to an even \$1500.00?
- Student emergency loan funds have been exhausted. It has been requested that we bring this up again on the next classified senate agenda. Jonna will send out an email to all classified employees to confirm if these funds should be allocated again.

5. Classified retreat

- The retreat was successful, with positive reviews. Comments/suggestions included: increasing it to 2 events per year, continue having it off campus, more small group activities, and it was good to set goals for the classified senate.
- It has been suggested that next time once a topic is picked a message goes out with a detail on the topic so that everyone understands the direction the retreat will go in.

6. Events

- Holiday Baskets – Due date for submitting a basket is Halloween (10/31).
- Halloween Party – Classified will not host the Pat Hanada Halloween Party & fundraiser this year. It will be run by Maggie Souza and other volunteers. It has been suggested that we again try to put the event on a division rotation, beginning next year.
- All other events will be discussed at the next classified meeting.

7. Public Comments:

- Veteran's Day (center) activities – How can Classified participate? Mario Mihelcic is looking into activities happening at the Veteran's center for the date, but also brought forward some wrist bands that could be used as a fundraiser. He will have more information at the next Classified Senate meeting.
- Committees – Rita Sabadini brought to our attention that the committee she is usually on has been meeting without her. The Classified Senate president will send out the listing, or link to Inside Cañada, with the updated committees.

8. Adjourned at 3:15PM