

CLASSIFIED SENATE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 31, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.

Present: Roberta Chock (President), Jonna Pounds (Secretary), Soraya Sohrabi (co-Activities Coordinator), Maggie Souza (Treasurer), Helia Ying (co-Activities Coordinator); Robert Hood, Maria Huning, Debbie Joy, Rosalina Mira, Joan Murphy, and David Vigo

Absent: Jo'an Rosario (Vice President)

Guests: Thomas Mohr, President

- President Mohr talked about Fund 6. Chancellor indicated that each college would spend approx. \$1 million of Measure G funds. Cañada will not just reinstate courses that were eliminated during previous budget cuts – “not about restoring, it’s about moving forward”. Each college president was to submit a list detailing how the money would be spent. District has not finalized how the funds will be distributed. Cañada has already forwarded the list – possible new hires in Counseling and the Library. Cañada’s proposed spending might be closer to \$1.3 million.
- President Mohr discussed concerns regarding the waitlist – students do not have to pay upfront. Can we get rid of the waitlist? Send ideas to President Mohr and VPI Sarah Perkins.
- Cañada is running out of lecture/lab space and must address the need for future expansion – looking at Science labs in particular. P.E./Athletics facility needs must also be addressed. Cañada has used State dollars for building projects while CSM and Skyline used bond dollars.
- Soraya Sohrabi asked what happens when the funding goes away. Brief discussion about fundraising ideas. There is a need for more student support. 70% of our students are “at risk” in English and Math. Most recently graduated high school student placement test results are disappointing. Soraya suggested offering satellite courses. These courses can be offered offsite with a broadcast feed to a classroom on campus – could increase enrollment without over burdening our available lecture/lab space.
- The District will possibly spend \$100 million on technology.
- Hiring process has to be reviewed – reviewed last spring but still need to see if it can be improved further. The position of Humanities Dean is up for hire. President Mohr would like to hire a Workforce Developer with outreach and grant writing experience.
- Classified Senate gave discretionary funds to Associated Students (ASCC) in the past – how much should we give ASCC now?