

Classified Senate Minutes Monday, September 19, 2011

Present: Jonna Pounds (President), Gloria Peña, Dave Vigo (Treasurer), Helia Ying, Maria Lara, Ruth Miller, Jeanne Stalker, Ari Alvarez (Co-Activity Coordinator), Robert Chock (Secretary), Joan Murphy, Jo'an Rosario, Rita Sabbadini

Absent: Debbie Joy (Vice President), Mario Peña (Co-Activity Coordinator)

Guest: Jim Keller

1. Updates On:

- a. Staff Lounge: discussed the numerous problems with the space that is currently serving as the faculty/staff lounge:
 - i. Reneging on promise to return 9-154 to use as a faculty/staff lounge once construction was done on Bldgs 5-6
 - ii. Lack of communication in assigning current space
 - iii. CIETL (9-154) is usually locked, blocking access to actual kitchen facilities
 - iv. Current space is in midst of a workroom – houses a computer work station, large & noisy shredder, copier
 - v. Lack of sink, stove, suitable number of tables
 - vi. TV is no longer available
 - vii. Because partitions are only partial is a problem – can't carry on a conversation with fellow employees without bothering workers on other side of partition
 - viii. Food smells are a problem for workers

President Keller said that he has looked at the other lounge options that are available in B9 and feels that they are underutilized and could serve adequately. The issue of limited access to these areas was discussed, along with the problems they pose by not being separated from work and/or classroom areas.

Proposed that we explore the possibility of working with Academic Senate to do a college-wide survey of employees to find out what people want in a faculty/staff lounge, and concentrate on that, rather than looking backwards at unfulfilled promises.

- b. President's Hiring Committee: Jonna and Jeanne reported Classified Senate/CSEA and the District Office are finalizing the number and names of classified who will serve on the committee, and there should be an answer by the end of this week.

2. Committee Memberships

Jonna reported that there is one classified position on the Budget Committee that needs to be filled by October. Other people are willing to continue to serve on committees through the end of the calendar year, at least, and those positions will be replaced starting in 2012.

3. Naming of the Butterfield Horse

Joan Murphy reported that when we received our Butterfield horse that it was not yet titled and due to the busy circumstances at the time, the naming of the sculpture wasn't pursued. Denise Erickson, a member of the original Art Committee responsible for bringing the sculpture to Cañada has proposed, along with a committee of faculty, classified and students, that the horse be named "Thomas" in honor of President Mohr and his qualities of "intelligence, patience, creativity, eloquence, craft, commitment to process, and openness." Questions were raised regarding naming it "Tom" since that is how we at Cañada always think of President Mohr, and if the reasoning for naming it in honor of Tom will be on the plaque. Joan will bring those questions to Denise. There was general consensus that naming the horse "Thomas" is a good idea.

4. Committee/Division Updates

Dave gave a brief Treasurer's report: \$1650.74 in savings – of this amount, \$575 is allotted to staff development, and there is \$300 in petty cash. He explained that we closed our checking account and moved everything into the savings account as the credit union is now charging a \$5/month fee on checking accounts. He also alerted everyone that procurement cards will be issued by US Bank starting in October, instead of Wells Fargo.

The agenda for the upcoming Budget Committee was discussed and the importance of attending the meeting and becoming better informed by hearing Kathy Blackwood's presentation on the District allocation model, and also learning more about the Measure G expenditures.

Jonna discussed the presentation by Greg Stoup to IPC on the importance of the accreditation process and how informative it was to take the accreditation exam that the ACCJC now has available.

Joan presented information on a fundraiser at Foothill College she attended that screened a film called "Race to Nowhere" and discussed the possibility of Classified Senate also doing this as a fundraiser. She said the film and discussion following were both excellent and suggested we work with faculty to get them to bring their students to this.

5. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.