

**CLASSIFIED SENATE
MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2006**

Attending: MariaElena Apodaca, Melissa Baxter, Maureen Chenoweth, Cynthia Denman, David Garrido, Akemi Ishikawa, Rosalinda Jen, Leslye Noone, Lori Thomas, Pat Wood.

Absent: Diana Cohn, Gigi Gallagher, Herlisa Hamp Diane Moore, Lucy Rodriguez, Zarmina Razzaqui, Carmela Xuereb.

1. **Approval of minutes for 12/15/05 and 1/5/06:** The minutes for both the 12/15/0 and 1/5/06 meetings were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** MariaElena reported that we have spent \$4,125.00 to date.
3. **Foothill/District Committee Reports:**
 - A. **District Budget, Task Force/HRAC:** No report.
 - B. **Educational Resources:** No report
 - C. **Chancellor's Advisory Council:** The council has not met yet, no report.
 - D. **District Budget:** See notes for RoundTable
 - E. **ETAC:** No report
 - F. **Legislative Committee:** No report
 - G. **Roundtable:** The stoplight at the KCI has become a problem; Bernadine is looking into possible solutions. The student body is looking into creating a permanent remembrance for Jean Thomas. Separate parking permits are now required for motorcycles. There was a lot of discussion of the effects of block scheduling and its effect on enrollment. A decision on plus and minus grading has been deferred to a later date. It was also announced to expect an influx of high school students for test preparation courses. Enrollment at Foothill is up 2 or 3 %. It is believed that the extra week of pre-registration helped. De Anza enrollment is down 7%. CTIS is up 1%; CNET is the strongest, while the programming courses have the weakest enrollments. Since 2000, our numbers have been flat in general; we have far fewer degree holding students who enroll. Block scheduling may have affected those students. A new bond measure requires only 50% to pass, and so we may have a new bond measure on the June ballot. There is a possibility that we may add a 3rd campus near the NASA Ames site. \$46 million is the price of the land acquisition. Penny Patz has offered to attend our senate to explain any of the money issues if requested. February 2 is Open House for the Heritage House, and February 13 a Smoking Survey will be distributed regarding enforcement of the existing policy.
5. **Employee of the Month:** There is a new banner format. The February Employee of the Month has not yet been announced.

6. **Classified Employee's Recognition Week:** Melissa Baxter offered to chair this committee. Cynthia Denman offered to serve on the committee. Other volunteers to serve are welcome!
7. **Classified Employees Retreat:** The first meeting was held today. The date for the retreat is Friday, May 5th. For the first time, it will be a joint retreat with Central Services and the new (first!) Classified Senate president from Central Services also attended the meeting. The next meeting will be held January 25 at 2:30 pm. Additional committee members are welcome. Sherri, Brent, Virginia, Susan and Akemi have all been making contact calls for possible locations.
8. **Website Update:** The January Employee of the Month has been posted, new senate and SEIU union representatives are listed. There is also a notice from Granlibakken. The conference is looking for presenters and attendees.
9. **Good of the Order.** There was discussion on the Professional Development class being proposed, anybody interested in helping, contact Lucy Rodriguez. Ergonomics issues were brought up again. Anyone needing help please contact Carmela to find out the status of the current policy of the district. Sherri will attend Granlibakken and make a presentation n Classified Week. Anyone else interested in presenting? Dates are the first week-end in June (see Classified Senate website at <http://www.foothill.edu/classified>)