

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

Attending: MariaElena Apodaca, Maureen Chenoweth, David Garrido, Art Hand, Akemi Ishikawa, Rosalinda Jen, Charlie McKellar, Sherri Mines, Diane Moore, Leslye Noone, Kay Thornton, Pat Wood.

Absent: Diana Cohn, Gigi Gallagher, Lucy Rodriguez, Lori Thomas, Carmela Xuereb.

1. **Approval of minutes for 7/20/06 and 10/4/06:** The minutes were approved.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** There is money for ergonomics. Debbie Budd manages this account and has reported to us that there is \$18,341 in the fund. Each request will be funded for 50% up to a maximum of \$1,000. If you know of a request, email it to Maria Elena and she will take it to Senate. If approved, Maria Elena will see that it gets processed.

3. **Foothill/District Committee Reports:**

A. Budget Task Force: No report.

B. Educational Resources: Leslye reported that the committee has met and discussed the prioritization of new positions. Seven retirements are expected. There will probably be 4 new faculty positions and 3-5 new staff positions approved. They will look at G block grants for the B budget.

C. HRAC: Has not met yet, no report.

D. Chancellor's Advisory Council: Dave reported that the committee did meet and heard in the Burning Issues section about the concern of lack of participation in governance at De Anza. Dave also added that the Foothill Senate is also feeling frustration and Shelley Schreiber also added that it has become an issue for SEIU leadership as well. Jane Enright suggested putting it as an agenda item for next meeting. Mike Brandy reported on the budget – enrollment is up and substantial one time money is available. Fees will be going down to stimulate enrollment. A small group met over the summer to start looking at a new SI system. A new advisory is being discussed for student's rights and grievances. Money needs to be set aside for unfunded retirees medical benefits. And the committee will begin to look at revising the policy for publication of instructional materials.

E. District Budget: No report

F. ETAC: Sherri reported that the first meeting will be November 1.

G. Legislative Committee: The Legislative Committee has not met but Kay reported on Academic Senate: The Senate is researching if there has been any impact of block scheduling on enrollment. Nothing is clear from the surveys that have been done. They are also looking at getting rid of the Science or Arts designation in Associate degrees as there is not any substantive difference. They are also looking at adding a

Vocational Education degree. And finally, the CSU system may be changing their transfer requirements.

H. Roundtable: Leslye reported that the committee talked about classified participation. Art Hand and Roberto Sias asked for release time for classified because participation is stifled and less diverse because staff are feeling unable to leave their desks in order to participate. Enforcement of the smoking policy was also discussed. President Patz reported that the presidential search committee has been formed and thanked some groups (not all) for forwarding diverse nominees.

4. **Employee of the Month:** Maureen reported Lucy Rodriquez is Employee of the Month for October. New nominees are needed! And suggestions are welcome for a new congratulatory gift to replace the clock (soon!).
5. **Website Update** Dave reported that he is sorry that he has not been able to work on it.
6. **Good of the Order:**
 - A. Carmela, our past president is out for surgery. Senate voted unanimously to send flowers.
 - B. Dave Garrido and Gigi Gallagher will serve on the Presidential Search Committee.
 - C. Staff reported satisfaction with the presidential search consultant.
 - D. All staff are encouraged to start thinking about elections for Senate positions that will be coming up soon!
 - E. Dave and Maureen presented an issue regarding classified participation that has come up in Round Table and in Chancellor's Advisory. Some staff in the district, not just at Foothill are reporting that some managers are limiting staff participation. They distributed information about the history of participatory governance, Title 5 regulations and Board Policy that address classified participation. They asked that senators contact constituents to ask if anyone else feels if their participation has been restricted by a manager, or if they put the restrictions on themselves because they feel that they don't have enough time to do their job and participate in governance (i.e. no release time).
 - F. No more items to discuss.

Dates to remember: Next meetings: November 2 and November 16