

CLASSIFIED SENATE
MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2007

Attending: MariaElena Apodaca, Melissa Baxter, Maureen Chenoweth, Stephanie Franco, Gigi Gallagher, Dave Garrido, Rosalinda Jen, Denise Perez, Lucy Rodriguez, Kay Thornton, Phuong Tran, Pat Wood.

Absent: Akemi Ishikawa, Sherri Mines, Leslye Noone, Christine Mangiameli, Gina Parisi, Karen Smith.

1. Approval of Minutes from 3/1/07 & 3/15/07: Approval is postponed until our next meeting.

2. Burning Issues: Dave reported that our meeting room has changed beginning 4/19.

3. Treasurer's Report: Akemi sent in an email update. The amount spent by the Senate as of 3/26 is \$1,525.21. There were two unknown charges reported last meeting, but Akemi found out that they were paint room charges for Employee of the Month banners.

4. Committees:

A. Budget Task Force: No report.

B. Educational Resources: No report.

C. HRAC: No report.

D. District Budget: Lucy stated there was talk about increasing our B budgets. We wanted to know more about what the trade offs would be. Lucy will look into it.

E. ETAC/EIS: No report.

F. Legislative Committee/Academic Senate: Kay stated there was nothing to report from the Legislative Committee, but Academic Senate did have a report. There was follow up to the staff lounge in the new campus center proposal. The campus center is a 'student' funded building, so the request really cannot be made. The idea has been tabled. There is potential for a spot for faculty and staff in the admin building once the student services area is remodeled.

G. Roundtable: Dave reported that the Math department made a presentation. Greg Stoup talked about research in enrollment trends.

H. Chancellor's Advisory Council: Stephanie stated there is talk of a 4% C.O.L.A. from the state, but there may be a 7% increase in benefit costs. There is a 66% graduation rate at Foothill. The Library goes wireless mid April.

I. FHDA Board of Trustees: Maureen reported that there was a heated debate over Construction issues in regards to union and non-union bid opportunities. Shirley Barker, Dean of Biol/Health, and her counterpart at DeAnza gave a presentation On new Allied Health programs.

5. Senate Committee Reports:

a. Classified employees Week: Melissa said the group has not met yet, but Leslye Noone, Nhung Tran, and hopefully Mia Casey will be working on it soon. It will be in May.

6. FH Presidential Search Update: On April 2nd, the Board will receive the recommendation to hire Judy Miner as our next president.
7. Faculty & Staff Dining Room: See discussion from Legislative Committee report.
8. Classified Senate Room & Release//Reassignment Update: This issue will now move on to the negotiation table. SEIU is looking to open this discussion as well.
9. EIS Survey Distribution: Denise has created an EIS survey that will be put in all classified staff boxes within the week. It is out to print right now.
10. Opening Day Topics: The executive group met earlier this week to brainstorm ideas for opening day sessions. Dave distributed the list of 14 possibilities. Take it back to your groups for feedback and/or more suggestions.
11. Announcements/Good of the Order:
 - a. Classified Senate meetings in 3015 for the Spring quarter.
 - b. Safety Hotline: Marsha Kelly (Risk Management) has set up a non-emergency hotline that will be monitored daily. The extension is 6229.
 - c. Retirement Benefits Workshop: Friday, June 8, 12:30-5pm.
 - d. Classified Staff Retreat is Friday, May 11th. The location is to be announced.

Notes to remember: Our next meeting is Thursday, April 19th, room 3301.
Mike Brandy's retirement dinner: Wednesday, April 18th at the Flint Center.
Future Meeting Guests: Martha Kanter and Fred Sherman (date TBA).
4CS Classified Leadership Institute at Granlibakken is June 21-23. Go to <http://www.ccccs.org/activities/cli/index.html> for more information.