

CLASSIFIED SENATE
MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2007
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Attending: MariaElena Apodaca, Maureen Chenoweth, Akemi Ishikawa, Dave Garrido, Denise Perez, Lucy Rodriguez, Virginia Slayton, Kay Thornton.

Absent: Melissa Baxter, Stephanie Franco, Gigi Gallagher, Rosalinda Jen, Christine Mangiameli, Sherri Mines, Leslye Noone, Karen Smith, Phuong Tran

1. Approval of Minutes from 11/15/07: Minutes were approved.
2. Burning Issues: Maureen stated that we still need a Chair and other members for the retreat committee.
3. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 17th, 2:30-4pm@6708.
4. Treasurer's Report: As of 12/5, we have spent \$5,008.26. This includes travel and conference funds from October and for one coming up in April. Akemi said those dollar amounts aren't showing yet, but she accounted for them in the report.
5. Committee Reports:
 - A. Budget Task Force: No report.
 - B. Educational Resources: No report.
 - C. HRAC: No report.
 - D. District Budget: Lucy stated that Andy Dunn discussed the state budget. There is the potential for a shortfall of 10 billion by June of 2008. Governor Schwarzenegger made some promises that could effect us. Andy Dunn does not feel confident in borrowing more money from our general fund for Measure C. Funds are still in escrow and we will know more by May 2008 (best case scenario). The state may have other options regarding unfunded retirement benefits. The state may allow us to invest in PERS which has a higher return percentage.
 - E. ETAC/EIS: Sherri was not in attendance but Dave brought up the security email sent out by Pam Eberhardt. Email Fred Sherman with any concerns.
 - F. Leg.Comm/Acad. Senate: Kay reported that the Legislative committee would meet next week. Academic Senate will be sending out a survey to faculty members asking very general questions about a new academic schedule.
 - G. Roundtable: Dave said there was discussion on how detailed minutes for Roundtable need to be. There was discussion on the state budget. Judy's response was that she wasn't too worried about the next couple of years, nor did she think we had to withdraw any current faculty positions. We have a new Director of Facilities, Brenda Visas and she starts right after the first of the year. We also have a new Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, Dorene Novotny. International Transfer day will be mid-February. The college has received at \$50,000 donation to start an entrepreneur project. High school students will be bused in for our heritage month events. Maisha Haywood reported that the Early-Alert Program was doing very well this year. She has been receiving a lot of referrals from faculty. There was discussion on policy in posting things on campus. There was also more discussion on the smoking policy and the need for more enforcement.
 - H. Chancellor's Advisory Council: The meeting had been cancelled. No report.

- I. FHDA Board of Trustees: DeAnza started opening services on weekend. Three board members were sworn in. Casas-Frier raised the issue of having to come up with initial money to run for office excludes the opportunity for many. All bargaining units have settled their C.O.L.A except SEIU.
- J. President's Innovation Grants (mini-grants): The committee came together and made recommendations to Judy.
- K. Meeting with President Miner: Dave and Art met Tuesday. Items discussed were getting the list of committees updated, our right/need to appoint senate reps to committees, and management evaluations. Judy wants to see all comments on evals, no summaries.
6. Senate Committee Reports:
- A. Employee of the Month: Maureen told the committee that we do not want to put the program on hold. The form needs to be revised. More info to come. We did receive our new plaques and they will be revealed at the December 12th party.
7. Election: Dec, 10 (change terms, officers, and reps): If the change is approved, we will hold elections in Winter. If it is not, we will hold elections right away.
8. Segment Membership & Contact E-mail: Maureen has a list and sent it to Denise for sorting.
9. Committee Appointments:
- a. Educational Resources: Asha Harris
 b. Human Resources Advisory Committee: Cori Nunez
 c. Program Planning Cmte (Program Review): Nhung Tran
10. Committee on Committees: No updated information.
11. Reassigned time, backfill, and room restoration update: Dave and Art reiterated to Judy that we need more than the allotted time at the moment. They will keep chipping away at the issue.
12. Defining Excellence in Governance: Davie is and will be talking with Paul Starer and the student president on a shared vision.
13. Staff Leadership Meetings with Miner: See item 'K' above.
14. Announcements/Good of the Order:
- a. Staff Development Leave applications (for 2008/09) due Dec. 15th to HR.
 b. Interim LA Division Dean January 1, 2008-June 30, 2009.
 c. New Director of Facilities: Brenda Visas.
 d. New District Vice-Chancellor of Human Resources: Dorene Novotny.

Dates to remember

DeAnza Classified Leadership Workshop 4CS guests: Fri, Dec. 7th, 9-noon.
 FH Holiday Party and Classified Senate Awards: Wed, Dec. 12th, 2:30-4pm @ Campus Center
 Next meeting: Tues, Jan. 17th, 2:30-4pm in room 6708; then Feb. 7th, 21; March 6, 20
 4CS Classified Leadership Institute: June 12-14, 2008 @ Granlibakken, Tahoe City.
 FREE Body Worlds exhibit at Tech Museum, San Jose
 Guest speaker: Fred Sherman, ETS: TBA
 Campus Governance Workshop: Wednesday, October 31 (postponed).