



Classified Senate Minutes

Room: College Center Rm. 227

November 13, 2008

In Attendance: Ericka Adakai, Monica Hagmaier, Shauna Weiner, Josue Abarca, Nicole Diamond, Greg Menchaca, Rachel Chavez, Sharon Kelly, Rena Negrete, April Ramos, Fatima Villegas, Vincent White

Absent: Nancy Livingston, Olivia Wolfe

Guests:

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ericka Adakai called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Ericka Adakai reported from PAC. The main concern revolved around suggestions made by Beverly Pipkin. Classified representative Beverly Pipkin stated that all references in the Planning Process document that stated "Classified Senate" should be changed to "CSEA". Her reasoning for this request was related to **Title 5 Ed Code** and the contract stating that CSEA is the representative of the classified staff in governance. Ericka Adakai disagreed with this interpretation and was unaware that there was an issue with CSEA. Ms. Adakai plans to talk with CSEA President Rod Lusch about the matter. Ms. Adakai further explained her understanding between Classified Senate and CSEA. Although CSEA is the sole appointer of Classified Committee members and handles all working condition and contract matters, Classified Senate was the vehicle for communication on the Fullerton College campus to keep classified staff involved in college related issues. Lastly, while discussing Governance documents, Beverly Pipkin made the same suggestion with these documents to remove Classified Senate and replace with CSEA. Dr. Hodge responded that the document was correct and that Classified Senate represented classified in college governance and CSEA represented classified in contract and working conditions.

Vince White suggested that senate members become familiar with the **Title 5 Ed code that Beverly referred to**. He also made the point CSEA and CS should compliment each other. He said there are two things important to classified staff; job security and recognition. The union protects job security, and senate voices classifieds' right to be recognized.

Sharon Kelly offered to email the Ed Code to the Classified Senate for their reference.

It was suggested to build Classified Senate into the Master Plan. **Rena Negrete** recommended taking a look at Classified Senates at other colleges to see how they handle similar issues.

Ericka proposed a possible closed meeting before the next official scheduled meeting to discuss internal matters.

Treasure Report- Starla Battiest distributed a handout with the budget update.

OLD BUSINESS

The Publication Committee discussed an online newsletter that would include a message from the CS President, frequently asked questions, announcements, classified recognition, and a news corner. One issue would go out every semester with the first one possibly distributed in February. The format will be prepared in FrontPage. Senate members are welcome to submit ideas and/or articles. The deadline to submit materials for the Spring issue is Monday, Jan. 5. **Monica Hagmaier, Catherine Parks, and Nicole Diamond** are looking for at least one other person to join the committee with them. The name of the newsletter is to be determined.

The Questionnaire Committee handed out a draft of questions. The objective of the anonymous questionnaire is to find out what the issues are in each area of campus. The mission statement will be at the top of the final draft so staff will know what senate represents. There was a discussion about the questions already drafted. Please contact Monica with any additional feedback about the questions.

It will be determined later if the questionnaire will be distributed electronically or as a hard copy. Other format options were recommended such as closed ended questions or scaled questions and having staff fill out the survey at the open house with a possible raffle for those who participate. Email Monica with ideas.

Travel Requests. There were three travel requests on the table. The process of approving them will be reviewed and defined and Ericka will get the info out to the committee at a later date and time (TBD).

SENATOR REPORTS

No reports from senators at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The deadline to turn in your votes for the Classified Recognition to Catherine Parks is Tuesday, Nov. 18th.

Meeting adjourned: 3:03pm

The next meeting will be held on December 11, 2008 in Rm. 227.

Shauna Weiner-Recording Officer