



Classified Senate Minutes

Room: College Center Rm. 227

April 23, 2009

In Attendance: Ericka Adakai, Nicole Diamond, Rachel Chavez, Monica Hagmaier, Greg Menchaca, April Ramos, Sharon Kelly, Josue Abarca, Rena Negrete, Shauna Weiner, Vince White, Olivia Wolfe
Absent: Nancy Livingston, Starla Battiest, Fatima Villegas

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Monica Hagmaier called the meeting to order at 2:06pm. The April 9th minutes were approved with corrections.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION: REGULAR BUSINESS

Monica Hagmaier announced that Classified Senate elections will be held on May 27th and 28th. She will post a flyer and send out an email on the date. This year anyone nominated for a Senate position will be asked to provide a small explanation as to why they are interested in serving on Senate. **April Ramos** suggested that a small bio for each senator should be created and available at the Open House so staff will have a chance to read about the senator for their area. She also thought distributing comments about the nominees before the election would help staff cast their vote. Nomination forms will be available at the Open House.

Ericka Adakai reported that the New Planning documents were handed out at **PAC**. The content in the document was more accurate to the roles of CSEA and Classified Senate. Regarding, vacant committee seats, Senate will continue to help facilitate the process, but CSEA will appoint a classified person to any committee.

The **Potential Reduction Scenarios** were also explained in PAC. The scenarios covered three possible proposals that would be considered to offset the upcoming financial cutbacks. The scenarios were based on a \$5 million, \$10 million, or \$15 million reduction. **Adam O'Connor** felt that any budget reductions related to faculty should be computed separately from classified staff and management. He also announced in PAC that the changes should not affect the college until the 2010-2011 year.

It was decided that senators would wear white shirts with any color/ style of pants to the **Open House** in order to stand out amongst other classified staff. Ericka reminded members to wear their name tags.

Monica said that some of Senate's pictures would not fit in the Power Point presentation that would be running at the Open House, but, the pictures could be added to the website.

There was a discussion about hosting a Classified Senate **retreat**. The objective would be to welcome the new senators, and also to host a training presented by **Ed Fund**.

Monica reported that the terms of Senate positions are staggered to keep a balance between the number of new senators and second-year senators. But, this year there are eight positions that need to be filled, leaving only three second-year senators. Monica suggested that all members, who have stepped in to finish the term of a previous senator, should stay on for a second year to restore the balance.

Ericka Adakai, who is finishing the term of a previous president, expressed her feelings about whether or not she should run for Senate President. She said she has enjoyed the past year, but is also concerned about managing a busy schedule.

SENATOR REPORTS:

Ericka turned the meeting over to the members and asked them individually to share their thoughts about Classified Senate over the past year. The senators' comments touched on Senate's growth, the goals that were met, a future retreat, and what they enjoyed about serving on the committee. Although their comments varied, they all expressed hope that Ericka would consider returning as President.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments at this time.

Meeting adjourned: 3:04pm

The next meeting will be held on May 14, 2009 in rm. 227.

Shauna Weiner-Recording Officer