



Classified Senate Minutes

Room: College Center Rm. 227

September 11, 2008

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

Absent: Shauna Weiner

Guests: Lisa Gomber, Beverly Pipkin

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ericka Adakai called the meeting to order at 2:05pm. There were no Minutes for approval.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

Ericka Adakai welcomed everyone to Senate. She gave a little information about herself and what her expectations were of the senate and senators. We are all here to work together and if anyone has questions, problems, or clarifications then call because we are here to help each other. Role of the senator is to share information with constituents, let your area know that you are there to represent them. Discussed the difference between CSEA and Senate.

PAC Update: There is some confusion as to which classified staff members have been chosen to sit on PAC. Dr. Hodge wants one of the two classified seats to be filled by the Classified Senate President, but CSEA has the right to appoint those members. Currently approved by CSEA are Beverly Pipkin and Jim Book. Ericka Adakai will continue to attend the meetings to keep up to date as to what's going on around campus. Ericka, Monica Hagmaier and any other interested Senate members are going to meet with CSEA to discuss the PAC appointment and other concerns to better bridge the gap between CSEA and Senate.

Goals: Ericka discussed the goals for Senate, including attending a retreat. Asked senators to contact their constituents for ideas on what they would like to see accomplished this year.

Travel: Received 1st travel request (approved). There was a delay in getting our travel allocation of \$13,140, which is increased from the previous year. Discussed the current approval process and asked for ideas on how to better improve it. One idea mentioned was to base approval on how well they meet/complimented the goals of the Senate. Further discussion was tabled.

Classified Senate Recognition: Nominations are now available via Classified Senate website. Deadline for nominations is October 31st.

Treasurer Report - Starla Battiest discussed the Classified Senate and Staff Development allocation for the 08-09 year. Staff Development funds are \$13,140 and Classified Senate budget is \$4,353.

SENATOR REPORTS:

Vince White wanted to discuss senator assignments, specifically those related to the night custodians. Currently multiple people have a part of the night custodians and it doesn't make sense for three people to give out the same information. It was decided that Monica Hagmaier would reevaluate the assignments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ericka Adakai asked who needed a name badge and to email.

Meeting adjourned: 3:10pm

The next meeting will be held on September 25, 2008 in Rm. 227.

Monica Hagmaier – Vice-President for Recording Officer