

Classified Senate Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2013 - 3-4pm Conference Room 451A

Present: Roberto Gonzalez, Jasmine Martinez, Javier Lopez, Nancy Cayton, Fatima Shah, Paula Coil, Sylvia Espinosa, Jennifer Lenahan, Ramona Butler, Marilyn Montague, Phu Le, Catalina Herrera, Marilyn Clausen

As we began our first meeting of the fall semester, the newly elected President Gonzalez distributed copies of an excerpt from the Constitution of the Classified Senate regarding the *Purpose* of our Senate for review. Our Constitution will be revisited and updated this year, chaired by Roberto himself. He is asking for members to assist on this committee.

Committee Members: Roberto put out a call for classified participation on BCC and District committees. Our representative at the District Education committee is Fatima Shah. Vincent Koo attends the District Technology committee meetings.

All committees are open for all to attend, but the Classified President can appoint actual members to all committees. There is a need for our members to be on the Staff Development Committee, Leadership Meetings, Round Table, Union, Technology, as well as others. Roberto requested a list of all committees from the Administration but was told it was being updated.

President Roberto proposed having sub-committees that meet once a month, perhaps over the lunch hour, for various projects and report back at our regular monthly Senate meeting. One prime sub-committee would be to discuss safety measures that need to be implemented here. Another committee needed is dealing with management.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Clausen reported that we currently have \$119.07 in the treasury.

Discussion followed with brainstorming on how to do fundraising for our treasury. Some ideas given were: bake sale; a raffle; selling lost items of clothing and books, such as at The Buffalo Exchange; sponsor an event and charge admission such as a movie on the auditorium; selling items before events, such as the poetry writers' event and the math event coming up. We need a chairperson for organizing fundraising.

A suggestion that we collect one dollar (monthly) from any of our coworkers who voluntarily want to contribute towards a birthday fund so that we can gather together either bi-monthly or every three months and celebrate the birthdays of our colleagues was well received. However, a firm decision was not made, so we should bring it up again at the next meeting.

Classified Senate Resolution from the statewide Classified Senate was presented by Paula Coil.

Realizing that more training workshops would benefit classified employees and other activities would improve staff morale, our senate unanimously resolved to urge the California Community College Chancellor to revise the Professional Development Task Force Recommendations to reinstate Recommendation Three with a two day mandatory participation minimum for professional development for classified and administrators.

This resolution was sent to the State Chancellor's office, in the hope that the Board of Governors will support this as well.

Discussion: An example of a good workshop was the one on classification and salary done at Laney recently. Also, how much does our District support your getting your degree, including paying your tuition and reimbursing you for your textbooks?