

**Classified Senate** Meeting Minutes

Date: July 09, 2020 Time: 1:00 pm Location: Via Zoom

Present: CS Officers: Maridel Barr, President; Monica Applegate, Vice President; Janis Olson, Secretary; Kim Foulger, President Emeritus & Treasurer. CS Senators: Manny Rodriguez, Melanie Palomino, Teresa Brown, Nigel Haikins, Connie M Siegenthaler.

**Absent:** Oksana Pensabene

**Follow Up** 

**Agenda** Motion to approve agenda with the addition of CPLC vacant seat discussion. Motion approved.

Minutes Motion to approve May 22, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion approved. Motion to approve June 25, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Events and Calendar Planning for 2020 Classified Senate Calendar. Activity Planning for Classified Staff: \*Trivia, July 13. \*Meditate, Stretch and Relax, July 15. \*Breathwork Class, July 27. \*Zoom Social Hour, July 29. \*Book Club, July 20<sup>th</sup> and set next date. \*Recipe Share Email – weekly

Committee Reports President's Report. Update on Facilities: Fall semester plan, reduce in-person classes by 80%. In person classes will allow for 6ft social distancing, cleaning stations will be set up in each classroom and custodial staff will be trained to properly sanitize before and after each class. Bathrooms will also be sanitized regularly.

Update on COM Community Hour: Maridel & Monica to send Connie Zoom info and description for upcoming Breathwork Session to add to ProLearning. MA / MB

**Treasurer's Report.** Nothing new to report. Maridel to send Kim receipts from gift card purchases. MB

CS Officer Elections. The Classified Senate voted to elect Maridel Barr as CS President, Monica Applegate as CS Vice President, Janis Olson as CS Secretary and Kim Foulger as CS Treasurer for the July 2020 thru June 2021 term.

## **Governance Committee Reports None**

Discussion Items Classified Professionals Book Club - Janis and Nigel. \$1,500 in funds were approved by Jonathan Eldridge to purchase books for the book club moving forward to make it more accessible. In addition, the book club is working with the COM library to potentially gain access to e-books moving forward if the future books chosen by the book club are available to the library in this format. Plans to create written guidelines of conduct for the Book Club. JO / NH

Discussion by Senate as to the future of the CP Book Club: The Book Club is a Classified Senate sponsored event and was originally created for the Classified Professionals at College of Marin. There has been expressed interest from other classifications at COM to participate in the CP Book Club. Thoughts as to the future of the CP Book Club:

- \*There is benefit in having an event that allows for all classifications come together and interact in an informal, respectful way.
- \*Some Classified Professionals may not feel comfortable to express themselves fully in a group that includes people such as their supervisor.



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\*Get feedback from the book club themselves in regards to if they would like to keep it to Classifieds or open it up to all COM employees.

\*Potential issue with opening up the Book Club to all employees would be the size of the group and the challenges of constructively facilitating a large group in a discussion via Zoom with time constraints.

Conclusion; After the first meeting of the CP Book Club has taken place and CS members have had a chance to think on what was discussed, the CS will vote on whether or not the Book Club should be opened up to all COM employees moving forward.

Virtual Cards presentation- Kim. The CS would like to honor Classified Professionals retiring from COM. Historically the CS has presented retirees with certificates and a small gift. Currently, due to the Pandemic, HR is requesting that no physical gifts be sent out. In lieu of physical gifts, the CS would like to consider sending Virtual Cards that can be signed by the CS and sent to the retirees via e-mail. Motion to approve spending funds to purchase a virtual card for each Classified retiree. Motion approved. Kim to do more research on the purchasing of virtual cards and bring information to the CS next meeting, July 23, 2020. KF

CPLC. With the retirement of Lupe Oropeza, there is currently a vacant seat on the CPLC that is to be filled by an SEIU member. Manny Rodriguez volunteered for the position.

Wrap Up Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

<sup>\*</sup>Possible thought of recording the Book Club Zoom session for protection of the Classified Senate since it is a sensitive topic.