



## Classified Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: June 22, 2023

Time: 10:30 am

Location: SMN 305 & Zoom

**Present:** CS Officers: Maridel Barr, President; Monica Applegate, Vice President; Janis Olson, Secretary; Kim Foulger, Treasurer CS Senators: Sally Wong, and Lauren M Amundson.

**Absent:** Manny Rodriguez, Brier Welch, Melanie Palomino

**Agenda:** Motion to approve by Janis and seconded by Kim. Agenda approved as submitted.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve by Kim and seconded by Lauren.

**Speakers:** No guest speakers at this meeting.

The meeting began with nice catchups among senators discussing any updates and/or summer plans.

**Committee Reports:** Senator Sally Wong attended the California Community Colleges Classified Senate Institute at the Visalia Convention Center. There were approximately 160 people in attendance. They have adopted a new logo and tagline. The new president at 4CS passed a referendum for land acknowledgments to pay respect to the native peoples that previously occupied the land. Sally also attended many workshops discussing professional development opportunities and fundraising initiatives. Some of which included: create your own swag, valentine candy grams, thankful thanksgiving notes, and a fun flamingo decorate-a-colleague's-desk practical joke idea. It was also mentioned that the Caring Campus initiative has been very successful on other campuses, and it was expressed that it would be nice to have that concept realized here at the College of Marin.

**Board President Report:** Maridel starts us off with the update from College Council that it will resume regular meetings in the fall. She follows up with an update from the foundation: A new RFP will change banking providers from Wells Fargo to Bank of America on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

In an extraordinary fundraising effort, the College of Marin received \$3.5 million dollars to be put toward the Bolinas Field Station restoration efforts and the Black-Tie Blue Jeans event. Bolinas is only \$468,000 short of its fundraising goal!

In another fundraising success story, College of Marin received a \$2.5 million gift from the Melanie Palmer Fund. Dr. David Wain Coon suggests \$125,000 of those funds shall be used for the college's Centennial Celebration to be held in April 2026.

The annual Black Tie Blue Jeans event is focusing their fundraising efforts this year on undocumented students.

The Foundation has almost reached \$14 million!

**Treasurer's Report:** None given.



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### **Classified Events and Calendar:**

Becca Yim was officially elected as a Classified Senator with a unanimous vote!

### **Announcement:**

It was announced that Kim Folger will be vacating her role as the CPLC Coordinator but staying on as a member of the CPLC. She explained the basics of what the role entails and said we will be needing a replacement for her.

Monica announced she is stepping down as Vice President of the Classified Senate as she pursues her education in becoming a fire paramedic. She has been invaluable to the senate since 2018 with her fun interactive emails as well as helping digitize the employee nominations form and doing the shopping for parties and events.

In another shocking announcement Maridel reveals that she will be stepping down as President of the Classified Senate. She has served as president since before the pandemic and has steered the ship with confidence, poise, and professionalism. She assures us she will still be around to help her successor, but she undoubtedly has some very big (and stylish) shoes to fill!

**Wrap Up:** In the last few minutes of the meeting, we looked over the Classified Senate Constitution and the roles of the officers in preparation for the next meeting and elections of officers. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

**Our next meeting will be on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

