

Classified Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11, 2020 Time: 10:30 a.m. Location: Via Zoom

Present: CS Officers: Maridel Barr, President; Monica Applegate, Vice President, Janis Olson, Secretary; Kim Foulger, President Emeritus & Treasurer. <u>CS Senators</u>: Melanie Palomino, Teresa

Brown, Nigel Haikins and Connie M. Siegenthaler.

Guests: None

Absent: Manny Rodriguez and Oksana Pensabene

Follow Up

Agenda Motion to approve agenda. Motion approved.

Minutes Motion to approve August 6, 2020 meeting minutes. Kim had some additions and corrections. Motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as corrected.

Events and Calendar Activity Planning for Classified Staff;

Meditate, Stretch and Relax, hosted by Maridel Barr, will take place at dates TBA. Social Hour, hosted by Monica Applegate, will take place on October 14th and November 30th. **Recipe Share** headed by Kim Foulger, sent out weekly, will continue. Book Club hosted by Janis Olson and Nigel Haikins, announced that their next book club meeting will take place at 12:40 on September 21st. Trivia hosted by Sally Wong, to be determined. Maridel will speak with Sally regarding which dates to host our next trivia games.

Follow up action: MB.

Committee Reports: - Ongoing projects on campus:

President's Report: Maridel reported on the College Council meeting that she attended. She said that the College Council was going to focus on encompassing anti-racist philosophy into the College of Marin's future language and future goals. Dr. Coon also reported that our enrollment was down 6%, which was not as bad as some of the other community colleges, who were down as much as 15-20%. Dr. Coon thanked the Classified Senate for hosting the Social Hour before Convocation and for hosting so many community events over the summer. Maridel further reported on the construction work progress on campus as well as the architectural plans for future development.

Maridel requested permission to spend a \$100 as a membership fee to join a State Classified Senate organization that can provide helpful guidance to us. It was unanimously agreed that we should join this state organization and spend the \$100 fee.

Treasurer's Report: Kim gave the Treasurer's Report. The current balance is \$2,197.32.

Governance Committee Reports: - None

Tasks and Planning for 2020 Classified Senate Calendar.



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The Classified Senate discussed hosting a Halloween Party. It was unanimously agreed that we would go forward with hosting a Costume Halloween Party on Friday, October 30th. Vice President, Monica Applegate, graciously offered to do all of the research regarding the logistics of how to host a costume contest for multiple members such as teams or departments that might like to dress in a "cooperative" costume utilizing Zoom. MA to research

It was decided that modest sized gift cards would be awarded in each costume category. The topic of requesting donations was also raised. Many Senators felt that the situation was such that it would be awkward to request donations from local businesses that may also be suffering from the effects of the Covid virus. Other members felt that it was okay to reach out to some of the larger establishments like Target, Nugget and Trader Joes.

The question of perhaps having a Kahoots game that had Halloween related questions was also raised. Maridel would ask Sally if this was a possibility. MB to follow-up

Because of the amount of work to be done and the relatively short amount of time, it was decided that we would hold our next Classified Senate Meeting on September 25th to iron out some of these details.

Connie was thanked for her work on both updating Canvas and on the COM website. Connie and Terry were also thanked for their work as a valet on the parking lot.

Wrap Up: Most CS members reported that they were busy but well. We all wished each other a good weekend.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on September 25th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.