

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

Absent, Nigel Haikins and Oksana Pensabene

Guests: There were no guests.

Follow Up

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda. Motion approved.

Minutes: Motion to approve March 19, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as submitted.

Events and Calendar - Activity Planning for Classified Staff:

April 5- Meditate, Stretch and Relax

April 14- Book club

April 19- Virtual Meet and Greet

May 5- Trivia Game

May 25- Faculty/Staff Recognition

Committee Reports: - Ongoing projects on campus:

President's Report: Maridel reported that at the last COM Board meeting the Board discussed the return to campus. Convocation Fall 2021 will be held virtually. The thought currently is that we will have Convocation in person on campus in January of 2022. Dr. Coon envisioned our January 2022 Convocation to take place at the new Jonas Center. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the upcoming awards ceremony where we acknowledge those employees and departments who have gone above and beyond during the preceding year. The theme will be "Moving Forward Together."

Meg Pasqual, President of the Academic Senate, approached Maridel and suggested that the Classified Senate and the Academic Senate work together to emphasize the goal of having a cohesive presentation. Meg's thought was having pictures of all Classified employees and faculty for the Award Ceremony. After careful consideration and discussion, it was agreed by the Classified Senate that we could not be able to get all of the photos of the Classified Employees together in the time available.

We will send out a request for people to nominate a person or department that they felt had gone above and beyond in the last 12 months. The nominations deadline is to be May 13th. We would have an ad hoc meeting on May 14th to decide our winners. Winners will be emailed a certificate of recognition after the Awards Ceremony.

The winners will be highlighted at the awards event but all classified employees will be recognized in some way as everyone worked hard to survive this past year and adjust to the new normal. It was suggested that along with acknowledging these special individuals and departments, that we would also have the names of all classified employees pop up and dissolve on a background screen – perhaps in the shape of something recognizable to the COM. On this dissolving and appearing backdrop, we would also list some of the hurdles and accomplishments that we faced during this pandemic year.

Maridel and Monica graciously volunteered to head up the logistics of making this presentation happen. Melanie generously offered to input the classified employees' names if necessary.

Our next meeting will be an ad hoc meeting at 10:30 a.m., on May 14th, to choose our award ceremony winners.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's Report.

Governance Committee Reports: - N/A

Tasks and Planning for 2020-21 Classified Senate Calendar. – Aside from what was discussed above, there were no other conversations regarding tasks and planning.

Wrap Up: Most CS members reported that they were very busy but well.

Our next Classified Senate meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.
May 21, 2021. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.