

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, Connie M. Siegenthaler, Sally Wong, Manny Rodriguez and Nigel Haikins.

Absent: None.

Guests: None.

Follow Up

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda. Motion approved.

Minutes: Motion to approve amended June 30th meeting minutes. Motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as amended.

Events and Calendar Activity Planning for Classified Staff;

Planning for 2021 Classified Senate and
Calendar Activity Planning for Classified Staff College Hour

Welcome back coffee and tea – date and venue **TBD**

Social Hour – Organized by Monica Applegate **TBD**

Book Club – “Home Body” Summer reading book of poetry. Next Book Club meeting will be the end of August or beginning of September with Janis Olson & Nigel Haikins **TBD**

Trivia Contest – Organized by Sally Wong **TBD**

Committee Reports: -

President's Report:

Maridel attended the Covid Oversight Committee Meeting and provided her report. Monica also attended this meeting. The Covid committee decided that they would cancel Room Specific Site plans and there would be no social distancing for vaccinated individuals. COM will continue disinfecting but not as rigorously as they have in the past.

It was decided that for the first two weeks of parking there will be no ticketing for violations. The third week, campus police will issue warnings and the fourth week violations will be ticketed. Fall Parking permits may be obtained at half of the past rate.

The Covid committee also reported that in the survey they conducted regarding returning to campus that the faculty wanting to return was more than 50% and that the students were anxious to return to campus.

Thus far, we have a “soft” enrollment for the Fall semester. COM will be sending out marketing materials to help boost registration and attendance. They will also work with 10,000 Degrees with the disbursement of Federal and State funds to Fall students.

Maridel shared that between the Federal and State grants COM received over 10 million dollars to help students with scholarships. To date, over 3.2 million dollars has been awarded.

- First award was to 640 students who were enrolled in FAFSA, they each received \$1,000.
- The next award was for \$500 base to go to students who needed housing.
- The final award was to 332 eligible students who each received \$1,500
- All told, 1,065 students were awarded between \$350 and \$1,500.

Maridel reported that Covid restrictions for vaccinated students will also include no social distancing. However, if students are not vaccinated then the old rules apply and a mask must be worn outside. Masks must be worn inside unless you are in an office alone or are eating and/or drinking. Maridel also reminded everyone to read Nicole Cruz’s email from earlier today, which also reiterates the Covid Committee’s decisions. As a result of the Delta variant of the Covid virus, the State and Covid Committee are carefully monitoring the numbers of people infected and will change rules accordingly. Future plans are fluid and may change at any time.

Maridel further reported that the Jonas Center has a soft opening scheduled for November and that they are accepting reservations for upcoming events. She also reported that the Miwok Building and Pools will be completed in August. Monica said that while this is the completion date, that the pool will probably not be opened until early Fall as it takes time for the plaster to cure. Maridel and Monica also reported that unfortunately, we will not be able to reuse the water from the existing pool in the new pools. This is because of the new plaster and the level of contaminants in the water in our old pool. Using the water from our existing pool would nullify the warranty on the new pool.

Maridel reported in Dr. Coon’s budget report announcement that he made at yesterday’s Board meeting: “That COM had received and not spent five million dollars from the Federal

and State government, which was designated for salaries and benefits, that COM was 1.4 million under budget and that we had received \$900,000 from Continuing Education, which normally runs at a deficit. Dr. Coon's recommendation was that these excess funds be put into COM's reserve account.

Treasurer's Report: Kim reported that our balance in our account was \$1,902.

Discussion Items: ***Senate Board elections:*** Maridel Barr, President; Monica Applegate, Vice President, Kim Foulger, President Emeritus & Treasurer, and Janis Olson, Secretary ran for their respective offices and were unanimously re-elected to serve on the Classified Senate Board in their specified roles.

Tasks and Planning for 2021-22 Classified Senate Calendar.

Maridel also reported on her meeting with UMOJA's Bonnie Bornstein and Beth Patel. They discussed the professional development and discussed having promotional activities like mentoring. Maridel will continue with these discussions. Monica suggested getting union people involved. If anyone has an interest in shadowing or mentoring or in holding another position at COM, they should make this known. Maridel noted that there was not a lot of opportunity for employees to move up at COM. Everyone agreed that it is helpful to learn more about other positions at COM. This insight helps everyone to understand other positions and to perform better in their positions.

Janis and Nigel reported that all of the Classified Senate Book Club members had received their books "Good Body," which is a beautiful book of poems. The poems are very concise but also very powerful. A date for our return Book Club meeting has not been set but will take place either the end of August or the beginning of September.

Various possible future activities were discussed including hosting a welcome back coffee or tea, continuing with our trivia contests, conversation bingo and social hours, etc. Monica graciously offered to host our next Social Hour, Sally volunteered to work on our Trivia contests, Nigel and Janis will continue with the Classified Senate Book Club. It was decided that because of the Delta Variation of Covid, and the uncertainty of onsite events; decisions regarding onsite events would be postponed and discussed at our August meeting.

Melanie suggested sharing practical information. Everyone was excited about the possibility of sharing our wealth of knowledge. Maridel will send out a survey to classified employees asking what they would like to learn and what expertise they would like to share. We all agreed that there is a great resource of material to explore.

Governance Committee Reports: - N/A

Wrap Up: Most CS members reported that they were very busy but well. We discussed upcoming vacation plans and all wished each other a good week!

Our next Classified Senate meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 20th, 2021. At this meeting we will return to our normal schedule of hosting our Classified Senate Meetings on the third Friday of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.