

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, and Manny Rodriguez.

Absent: Nigel Haikins

Guests: There were no guests.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda. Motion approved.

Minutes: Motion to approve amended August 20th meeting minutes. Motion passed to accept the minutes as submitted.

Events and Calendar: *Activity Planning for Classified Staff*

Planning for 2021 Classified Senate and Calendar Activity Planning for Classified Staff College Hour. The Classified Senate is still eager to get back on the Calendar for COM's College Hour. We are brainstorming ideas that will enable us to be more connected with our employees and students.

Welcome back coffee and tea – date and venue **TBD** - This has been temporarily postponed until we have more clarity with regard to Covid variations.

Social Hour – Organized by Monica Applegate - **September 20, 2021**

Emergency Preparedness – Presented by Kim Folger – **September 22, 2021**

Magic Show – With Magician, Mike Toy, facilitated by Sally Wong. The classified Senate voted to allot a \$150 stipend to pay Mike for this magic show. – **September 27, 2021**

Book Club – “Home Body” Summer reading book of poetry. Next Book Club meeting will be in September with Janis Olson & Nigel Haikins - **October 6, 2021**

Trivia Contest – Organized by Sally Wong – **December 8, 2021**

Umoja and professional development: mentoring with and for Classified Professionals. **TBD** Revisit in October

President's Report:

The Board of Trustees is in the process of redistricting the map for trustee election purposes. They are moving to a trustee area, which means each trustee will have to live in the district they are elected from. Previously, members were elected from all of Marin county on an “at-large” basis. There will be another public meeting on this issue on 9/28 at 5:00 pm to discuss this. The Adoption

Budget is solid and we're in good financial shape thanks in part to the \$10 million we got from the Federal Government. A new housing development for faculty and staff will be built at the current location for 939 and 937 Sir Francis Drake. It will be a 16-unit two story building. These buildings will not be built with Measure B funds. Demolition of the existing buildings will start in either spring or summer 2022. The Bolinas Marine Lab is currently in design/development and will go to the BOT in December for review.

COM will begin charging fees for utilizing our electrical vehicle outlets. Naturally, employees, faculty and students will be exempt from this charge.

At the Covid-19 Oversight meeting, Nikki Harris reported we are looking for a vendor to do contact tracing and vaccine tracking. Our vaccine mandate has 93% of employees vaccinated, 3% in the process and a few exemptions are working through the system. We are making good progress with students. The date to be vaccinated or exempt is September 30, 2021. The process of getting vaccine compliance with vendors and volunteers is still being worked out.

Committee Reports:

Maridel reported that the opening ceremony for the Jonas Center was very nice and well attended and received. Monica Applegate reported that two of the new pools had been filled but that there had been a delay in filling the dive pool.

The Classified Senators discussed the current goals and mission statement of the Classified Senate. They felt that the current goals and mission were accurately stated on our website. They further discussed the possibility of adding wording about supporting the well-being of Classified Employees and noting that we foster community connections to prevent social isolation as we all continue our work at COM.

Tasks and Planning for 2021-22 Classified Senate Calendar. – Discussed above

Maridel asked that each Senator continue brainstorming on what other offerings or classes we would like to offer during Community Hours.

A virtual Halloween party was discussed. Classified Senators voted to hold our annual Halloween Party but to have a more paired down version. This year, it will not be a fundraiser. We would only solicit about 4-6 gift card donations as prizes. We would still have prizes for our costume contest, perhaps some Trivia and a few other door prizes.

Monica who had generously spent quite a bit of time last year dispensing prizes will be unavailable this year as a result of job obligations. Terry kindly offered to help mail out gift card prizes. The Senate decided to have an Ad Hoc Halloween Party meeting to iron out the details for our upcoming Halloween party.

The Classified Senate's logo was discussed. Maridel liked the idea of incorporating an abstract drawing of Mt. Tam. Sally is taking a graphic design class and has graciously offered to come up with an uplifting design for us to use as the Classified Senate's logo.

Treasurer's Report: Kim reported that our balance in our account is \$1,932.

CPLC – Kim will send out announcements to Classified Senators who have volunteered to serve in the 2021-22 year.

Governance Committee Reports: - N/A

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

Our next meeting will be on Friday, October 15th, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.