

**Present:** CS Officers: Maridel Barr, President; Monica Applegate, Vice President; Kim Foulger, President Emeritus & Treasurer. CS Senators: Manny Rodriguez, Melanie Palomino, Sally Wong.

**Absent:** Janis Olson, Secretary; Teresa Brown, Nigel Haikins, Connie M Siegenthaler.

**Follow Up:**

**Agenda** Motion to approve agenda with the amendment to table review and update of CS constitution as a whole, only covering the number of senators stated in constitution at today's meeting. Motion approved.

**Guest Presentations** None scheduled for today.

**Minutes** Motion to approve November 19, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion approved with the amendment to correct Sally Wong's name, mis-spelled in the "Present" section.

**Events and Calendar** Planning for 2022 Classified Senate Calendar; Zoom Social Hour, TBD. Trivia Games, TBD. Book Club, next meeting TBD, likely end of January. Special Events, Magic Show.

**Committee Reports**

**Classified Senate Logo Committee Update: Maridel Barr and Sally Wong.** The goal is to create a CS logo that represents the Classified Senate at College of Marin. Sally Wong has been working on logo ideas and concepts, considering the feedback of the senators in her designs. Once the CS has a strong idea of a design that we would like to represent the CS, we will work with the College Services department and graphic design team to create an official logo. The goal for completion of the project is April 2022, in preparation for the Classified awards.

Sally has come up with 4 main logo designs. Melanie noted design A and B to be her top picks with the feedback that design D would be a great design but the concern is that it would be too difficult to read in a smaller format. Kim and Manny noted design A and D as their top picks.

Monica noted design D to be her top pick with the feedback that it may be worth incorporating the College of Marin colors. She also noted that it may be nice to pick two designs. One that could be used more as an official seal for things such as the Classified Awards and a second design that could be used more as a letter head. Designs A and D are somewhat circular and present more as a seal and designs B and C are elongated and simplified which presents more as a letterhead. Everyone agreed that Sally did an amazing job on the logo design ideas.

Sally will send a PDF of the 4 logo designs to Maridel who will send it out to the senators that were not able to be present at the meeting to get their feedback.

**SW, MB**

**Review and Discuss**

**Review and Update CS Constitution, Maridel Barr.** In the CS constitution it states that there are 12 seats on the Classified Senate. This requires 6 senators to be present to reach a quorum. In the past few years, the CS has never held more than 10 Senators in office at one time and it is difficult to reach a quorum of

6 senators. The motion is to reduce the number of seats on the CS from 12 to 10, reducing the number classified-at large seats from 3 to 1. **The Classified Senate will be composed of 7 members of CSEA, 1 member of SEIU, 1 members of the Supervisory/Confidential unit and 1 member from the classified staff at large.**

Motion approved.

**Update on CPLC, Kim Foulger.** Kim reported that Manny Rodriguez has been a great addition to the CPLC and has been sending out many of the requests for steering committees. The CPLC has been very busy with new job requests. It was reported that Sally Wong is interested in serving on the committee as well. Sally will be included in some of the activities of the CPLC to see if she would indeed like to join.

**Treasurers Report, Kim Foulger.** Kim reported that we currently have \$2,630.73 in the CS account. The funds have been moved under the Foundation. With this change, the CS no longer has the ability to use district credit cards to make purchases. Instead all purchases must be paid out of pocket from the personal accounts of the Senators and a request for reimbursement must be sent in to the district to retrieve funds.

#### **President's Report, Maridel Barr:**

#### **College Council & Board of Trustees updates.**

A FAQ sheet was created to help prepare faculty and staff for the return to campus in Spring 2022. Preparations are being made all around campus for the return to in-person learning at the College.

New air purifiers have been purchased and will be available by request while supplies last. Areas with little ventilation, no windows and older HVAC systems will be prioritized. Requests can be made in a workorder via SchoolDude.

All tuition fees will be paid for by the College in the Spring 2022 semester to help give back to the community and boost enrollment. Free parking will also be granted in the Spring 2022 semester. Monica added that the free parking will not be publicized outside of the student and staff population as there was some concern of the public taking up too many of the parking spaces on campus.

There are plans to host Convocation in person at the new Jonas Center at IVC. The Board of Trustee's meetings will be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month starting January 2022. Murals for youth from The Ambassadors of Hope are currently being displayed in the first floor of the Academic Center at the Kentfield campus.

There are updates on the map for redistricting how the seats on the Board of Trustees will be designated. 257,000 + people in Marin County with a plan to incorporate roughly 36,00 in each district.

**Covid Oversight Committee Updates, Monica Applegate.** The committee will be moving to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month starting January 2022. There will be no meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup> due to the winter break.

There is a new mask mandate in effect in Marin County effective December 15, 2021 that all individual, regardless of vaccination status, mask indoors. This is effective until January 15, 2022 at which time the situation will be evaluated and guidance

given. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

Marin County health officials have confirmed the first case of the COVID-19 Omicron variant. The Omicron variant has been detected in most Bay Area counties and is spreading rapidly globally and across the United States. The Omicron variant has been classified by the CDC as a [variant of concern](#). Based on data from other regions where Omicron has been active, Marin Public Health is cautioning residents that a surge in local cases across the region is very likely in the coming weeks. Infections with the new variant are seemingly less severe and are not yet driving surges in hospitalizations and deaths in the areas where its most prevalent globally. Evidence is mounting that initial doses aren't enough to effectively prevent against infection with the Omicron variant. 87% of eligible Marin residents have been fully vaccinated. About 95,000 residents, almost half of those eligible, have received a booster dose. Because older residents are at higher risk for serious illness if infected with COVID-19, Marin County Public Health has set a goal that 75% of residents age 55 and older will have received a booster dose by mid-January.

**Book Club update, Melanie Palomino.** There was a 3-way tie in the last survey sent out to the book club to pick their next reading. So, the group is making their way through all 3 sections. There is a plan to send out another Classified wide invitation to join the book club. Classified Professionals are welcome to join the book club at any time. The goal is to send out an invite to all classifieds about twice a year to spark interest from new members.

### **Tasks and Planning**

#### **Brainstorming event planning for Spring.**

It is too soon to plan too far ahead for in person activities but there is a desire to host a mixture of both in-person and Zoom events in the upcoming semester. There is a desire to host an in-person breakfast for the Classified Professionals in March. Maridel is waiting to receive the updated Community Hour calendar for 2022. Until the calendar is received, the CS will hold off on setting dates for any upcoming CS events.

**MB**

Sally will reach out Alex Ramon to possibly schedule a virtual magic show during Community Hour for the CP. We are looking at February.

**SW**

Due to the move of CS funds under the umbrella of the Foundation, hindering the use of the district credit cards to make purchases, AND in light of the fact that the CS has not held any fundraisers for their own budget in the last 2 years, it was decided to halt the purchase of gift cards as prizes for upcoming CS events such as for Trivia games.

It was thought that the CS would re-vamp it's events for the upcoming semester. The group will think of new ideas to bring to the table over break.

**A special thanks** was given to the Classified Senate by a member of the Board of trustees at the College of Marin Holiday Party. She thanked the CS for connecting all of the CP through their various offerings of online events.

**Wrap Up** Meeting adjourned at 11:30am. The next meeting of the Classified Senate will be held on January 21, 2022 at 10:30am.