

Present: CS Officers: Maridel Barr, President; Monica Applegate, Vice President; Kim Foulger, President Emeritus & Treasurer and Janis Olson, Secretary. CS Senators: Terry Brown, Melanie Palomino, and Sally Wong.

Absent: Manny Rodriguez and Nigel Haikins.

Follow Up:

Agenda Motion to approve agenda was made and seconded.

Guest Presentations None scheduled for today.

Minutes: Motion to approve December 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion and seconded.

Events and Calendar Planning for 2022 Classified Senate Calendar was discussed.

Sally felt that the Trivia Contest had run its course (much to Janis' disappointment), and that attendance had been dwindling. She thought that a Magic Show would be a better substitute at this time to replace the Trivia Contest. Sally researched Magic Shows and at the recommendation of Monica found that Alex Ramon would be a very good Magician for the Classified Senate to utilize. He offered to perform for free but the Senate voted to pay him a \$125 flat fee and then ask for donations. The Date of the Upcoming Magic Show will be on either February 8th or 9th via COM's Zoom Social Hour.

Monica discussed various options for our Social Hour. She felt that there were many choices under the umbrella of sharing wellness such as meditation, stretching and the possibility of going for walks on the different COM compasses. Senators mentioned that they enjoyed the Convocation Speaker's topic of "Getting Back to Basics." Monica also suggested different Game Day options. She said that there were new games like Wordle, a Bingo link, Scategories and a virtual Murder Mystery that everyone thought sounded very interesting. Monica and Maridel will discuss possibilities and come back to the Classified Senate with their recommendations.

Melanie & Janis gave a report on the Book Club happenings. Nigel has left his position at COM, He will therefore no longer be a Classified Senator nor a Co-Chair of the Book Club. He was acknowledged and thanked for all of his efforts in making our Book Club such a success! Melanie was welcomed as the Book Club co-chair along with Janis. It was also acknowledged and truly appreciated how quickly Mel stepped up to take over Nigel's responsibilities. Janis acknowledged that Dr. Eldridge has agreed to sponsor the purchase of our books and has agreed to donate another \$800 toward the purchase of our future books. This should hopefully allow us to purchase books through the summer 2022 semester.

Our next Book Club meeting will be on January 31st where we will be discussing the book "Overstory." The last time the Book Club offered our book selections there was a three-way tie. To accommodate this tie, we decided to offer all three books to our Book Club Members. The last book in this three-way trilogy is the "Henna Artist." We will be discussing this book sometime the end of February, the beginning of March – date to be determined by the availability of the Monday or Wednesday Social Hours.

TBD. The Classified Senate is very anxious to host an onsite Coffee Hour on our campus as soon as it is safe to do so.

Committee Reports

President's Report:

Updates on Covid-19-Oversight Committee and BOT: Maridel felt that there was nothing new to report as Dr. Eldridge had covered everything in his memo to the entire COM staff. The highlights were that free on-site testing will begin on campus through the Cares Act starting approximately January 31st. That contact tracing and the wearing of masks would still be required for everyone on campus including vendors regardless of vaccination status. Employees would be back on campus on February 7th. COM will have N95 masks available for all employees and students.

Classified Senate Logo Committee Update: Maridel Barr and Sally Wong. Sally did an extraordinary job creating 4 beautiful logos for the Classified Senate. Everyone appreciated and thanked Sally for her design work. The Classified Senate voted on their top choices and Designs C and D1 were their top picks. Maridel will provide our chosen two designs to the graphic design department for their thoughts and approval. Maridel also asked Sally if stickers could be made after the design is approved. Sally thought stickers would be possible along with lapel pins.

MB

Treasurer's Report:

Kim Stated that we had approximately \$2,163 in our CS bank funds.

Review and Discuss

Update on CPLC, Kim Foulger. Kim reported that as a result of Connie Seigenthaler's retirement from the CS and the CPLC committee, that we need to replace her. She further commented that there are quite a number of screening committees and position interviews this spring.

Maridel also stated that it would benefit the CS if we had two new members brought in to the Classified Senate as sometimes it is difficult to make a quorum. These two members would replace Connie and Nigel. We should all be thinking of who we can invite to join the CS.

MB & KF

Kim also mentioned that the Drama Department would be presenting an Isabel Allende play in May. This drama will be a "word for word" depiction of one of Isabel's short stories. In connection with this performance, Isabel Allende will be appearing at COM's theater in May. The book for this short story has been dispensed by the COM library and is part of their Book Club selections. Kim thought that it might

be a good idea to offer one of Isabel's books as a possible selection for our CS Book Club to interface and support the drama's clubs Isabel Allende's play and personal appearance. The Book Club will gladly offer one of Isabel's newer books and it will be up to the members if it is selected.

Tasks and Planning

Brainstorming event planning for Spring was discussed above.

Wrap Up: Meeting adjourned at 11:21 am. The next meeting of the Classified Senate will be held on Friday, February 18, 2022 at 10:30am.