



Classified Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: April 15, 2022

Time: 10:30am

Location: Via Zoom

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, Sally Wong, Manny Rodriguez and Brier Welch.

Absent: All Senators were present.

Guests: There were no guests.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda was made and seconded.

Guest Presentations: We had no guest presentations.

Minutes: Motion to approve February minutes was made and seconded.

Follow Up:

Committee Reports

President's Report:

Maridel commented on the work that she and Sally had done on the Classified Senate's Logo. Maridel emphasized the importance of our logo for community awareness and our presence in the community as well as to raise our visibility. They met with Annie Ricciuti from COM's design department. Annie was impressed with our design and liked the image in the half circle. The Classified Senate made the motion and seconded it by consensus, to adopt the new logo. Everyone voted positively to adopt this change and all agreed that the new and improved logo was perfect. Maridel will present our new logo to the COM Board of Trustees as their next meeting. All Classified Senators profusely thanked Maridel and Sally for working on this project.

Maridel also reported on her work with Beth Patel of the Professional Learning Committee on the upcoming Employee Appreciation Luncheon. The luncheon will take place at the Kentfield Campus on May 25th. Sally is also serving on this Professional Learning Committee. Monica will send out the ballots for nominations in three categories: Outstanding Individual, Unsung Hero and Outstanding Department. Nominations are due in by May 1st. Acknowledgements will also be made to all employees who have passed their 20 years of service mark during the past three years. (Unfortunately, we were unable to acknowledge their 20 years of service during the pandemic.) We will also honor retirees at the 2022 Awards Luncheon.



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Sally suggested reaching out to HR for their involvement and perhaps their contributing to the costs of some of these awards. Maridel informed the Senate that they would be called upon to have several rehearsals before the Awards Luncheon and that everyone should be prepared to donate additional time to the success of this event.

A possible location for the luncheon is the patio between Performing Arts and Fine Arts.

Actual Awards for the event will be determined once we see how many nominations we receive as well as how many retirees and employees reaching their 20-year mark with COM. Once we have solid numbers we will be able to ascertain what we are able to afford. As all Senators know, we have only had one fundraising effort since Covid began. And, all of the proceeds from this one event went to support the Student Emergency Fund for food and housing stability of our students.

Maridel also reported on the April 14th College Council Meeting. She shared that we had 13 Covid-19 cases reported on campus for this semester. She concluded her report on the Council meeting by stating that the Covid mask requirement had been lifted. Kim mentioned that the wearing of masks was still a fluid experience and that they recently had a show in the small theater where everyone wore masks and all but one had been vaccinated. Manny informed us that everyone could still receive free rapid Covid tests by reaching out to CovidTests.gov and that you could be reimbursed for tests purchased on or after Jan. 15, 2022 by going to "coverage and costs" on Kaiser's website, then go into your account and submit medical claim.

The May 12th, Isabel Allende Event, in the James Dunn Theater was also mentioned. Kim felt that masks would be required for this event. She further recommended that we should reach out to Dave Patterson to confirm this.

Maridel reminded all Senators that we still need to replace Connie on the CPLC Committee and asked that everyone give some thought as to possible candidates. Maridel concluded her report with a reminder that Commencement will take place outdoors on May 27th.

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

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

Maridel reported on the Wellness Walks. Monica at IVC unfortunately didn't have anyone attend her walk but this could be because of rain. Brier at the Kentfield campus had between 9



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and 10 attendees. Brier and the attendees also enjoyed the walk. Both Monica and Brier were thanked for their work leading these Wellness Walks.

The next walk will be in June. Brier will not be available in June but is willing to resume walks over the Summer Semester. Monica is able to continue leading walks on the IVC campus. Going forward we will try to mix up the Mondays and Wednesdays to see if that makes a difference in attendance. Also, Maridel and Monica will further discuss the option of combining our Wellness Walks efforts with the COM Wellness Program to see if we can work together to expand attendance.

Melanie emailed the survey with the three potential books to the Classified Senate Book Club. Beautiful Country: A Memoir by Quin Julie Wang won with the most votes. Melanie sent the book order to Maridel who kindly placed our Book Club order. The book is currently being read and enjoyed by the Book Club members and this book will be discussed at our next meeting on Monday, May 9th. Melanie, Janis and Maridel were thanked for their efforts to make our Book Club such a success!

Kim shared she will email some Spring recipes to the Classified Employees. Everyone thought that was a great idea.

We all wished each other a Happy Spring Weekend.

Wrap Up: Meeting adjourned at 11:31 am. The next meeting of the Classified Senate will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022 at 10:30 am.