Classified Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: 3-14-24
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Deedy staff lounge
& on Zoom

Present: <u>CS Officers:</u> Sally Wong, President; Becca Yim, Vice President; Lauren Amundson, Secretary; <u>CS Senators</u>: Maridel Barr, Mary Kesler, Melanie Palomino

Guests: Malaika Smith, Allyson Martinez

Absent: Kim Foulger, Treasurer; Brier Welch, Manny Rodriguez, Janis Olson

<u>Agenda</u> Motion to approve agenda by Lauren and seconded by Maridel. Agenda approved as submitted.

<u>Minutes:</u> February meeting minutes approved by Mary, seconded by Maridel.

Follow Up

Committee Reports:

Board President Report:

At College Council, the Accreditation was successful. There were no recommendations for improvement and the College was given a commendation. The naming of the new LRC building is ongoing. The College Council continues to give feedback to the Board of Trustees, and they will decide on it soon. Drafting the new educational master plan is underway and is approximately a nine-month process. President Eldridge is taking feedback and holding brainstorming sessions considering thoughts of employees which will help shape the future directions the college will go in. College of Marin is hoping to reconnect with alumni and advance alumni relations with surveys. ASCOM is facing a turnover of their members as they graduate and transfer. They are looking to replace nearly half of their members. ESCOM has many ongoing events including guest speakers and in-person sessions.

Treasurer's Report:

Kim was not in attendance, but some rough figures thus far include:

Breakfasts this year total money spent: $208.55.

Total donations from Breakfasts: $116.82

Net expense from breakfasts: $91.73

The See's Candy fundraiser has raised a total of $158.70 thus far.

Classified Events and Calendar:

Classified Professional Learning Day will be held Wednesday, 3/20/24 from 9am-3pm with coffee and a light breakfast starting at 8:30am. The LIFT monthly leadership institute webinar will be held April 19 from noon-1pm and will cover the topic – *Breaking Free from Imposter Syndrome: Diagnosis and Empowerment.*

May 22nd will be the Employee Appreciation awards and nominations are currently being accepted.

Discussion Items

It was discussed whether to keep the See's Candy Yumraising ongoing. Ongoing sales might detract from the specialness of holiday purchases, but it could also close a steady trickle of revenue for the Senate. A decision has not been made.

The breakfast sandwiches for the Welcome Back Breakfast ended up being donated from Dee, which was greatly appreciated. She was given an orchid and a card as a thank you.

On 3/20, after the Classified Professionals Learning Day there will be a social ½ hour with coffee, tea, and biscotti available.

Because Lauren received a scholarship for attending the Classified Professional Learning Institute there may be funding available for an additional senator to attend. Sally is considering this but is not certain.

The Lunch Bunch social lunch hour is considering a new location as a possibility. The 3rd floor of the AC building. Investigations are ongoing.

Book Club Updates:

The latest book club read is: Braiding Sweet Grass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Our meeting has not yet been scheduled. There is $559.48 in the fund, there are ~25 members which has doubled in the past year.

Tasks and Planning:

The Classified Employee Award Nominations are currently being accepted. There are four nominations out now. The current awards people can receive include Unsung Hero, Outstanding Individual, and Best Department. It is being discussed about revamping the awards offered and including something about employees going Above and Beyond or Making Connection and Building Community. The award ceremony will also recognize 20+ years of service and Retirees.

Wrap Up Meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.

Next regular meeting date of the Classified Senate

will be April 18, 2024 in the Deedy Lounge and on Zoom