

Classified Senate Meeting

Thursday, February 9th, 2023

Voting Members:

Name	Position	Attendance
Janie Garcia	President	Present
Adiel Velasquez	President Elect	Present
Itzel Sanchez-Arraga	Treasurer	Present
Vacant	Recorder	
Trizha Loren Aquino	Classified Segment Senator	Present
Danmin Deng	Classified Segment Senator	Present
Doreen Finkelstein	Classified Segment Senator	Present
Al Guzman	Classified Segment Senator	Present
Jerry Robredo	Classified Segment Senator	Present
Vanessa Santillan-Nieto	Classified Segment Senator	Present
Mary Vanatta	Classified Segment Senator	Present

Agenda

1. Land Acknowledgement and Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1/26/23 I/D/A
2. CS Meeting Logistics/Day&Time/Vacant Senate Roles I/D
3. Presidents' Report I/D
4. Classified Senate Structure I/D/A
5. Meeting Reports I/D
6. Commendations/Kudos/Appreciation I/D

Minutes

Location: via Zoom Link: <https://fhda-edu.zoom.us/j/84363204843>

Meeting convened: 10:08 a.m.

Meeting adjourned: 11:30 a.m.

1. Land Acknowledgment & Approval of January 12 Meeting Minutes

- ⊘ Land acknowledgement shown on screen.
- ⊘ Danmin Deng made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12th.
- ⊘ Al Guzman seconded motion to approve.
- ⊘ No discussion was brought forth
 - Approved unanimously

2. CS Meeting Logistics

- Survey was sent to senators to vote on an optimal meeting time.
- Results show most popular days to meet was Thursday Mornings and Thursday afternoons slightly ahead. Initial thought was to not conflict with Campus Council but some senators cannot attend Thursday mornings.
- A senator mentioned that Thursday afternoons are better. Many senators agreed or could do either time.
- Al Guzman Motioned to set meetings for Thursdays at 1:30pm, Mary Vanatta Seconded.
- Motion approved unanimously

3. Presidents' Report

- Janie clarified that the Preparing for President Whalen activity from last meeting was to set priorities from a Classified Professionals perspective even though the contribution was from mostly Senate members.
- Next meeting we'll talk about a meet & greet to welcome the new President. For next meeting Janie will prepare a document and present for feedback on how to encourage more participation and ideas for President Whalen.
- A Senator asked if we can ask our new President what are their thoughts on the returning to campus policy, post Covid.
- Janie mentioned bringing other senates and ACE to discuss our rights and ask questions. Perhaps a Brown Bag or invite others to future Classified meetings
- A Senator brought up that Antoinette is preparing a Welcome/Open House for our new President and we should collaborate.
- Janie mentioned 10+1 rights for Faculty and bringing Voltaire and/or Faculty to discuss roles of faculty vs staff on campus. Several senators agreed and mentioned their roles on campus could be clarified a bit.

- Announcement from Adiel that Ambassadors are available to be hired in different departments. Funding is available in case any areas could use student support from now until June 30th. Looking into identifying ambassadors for Sunnyvale and Foothill's campus. Talk to Adiel if anyone sees a need.

4. Classified Senate Structure

- Classified Senate is not technically under Brown Act. In practice we go by many Brown Act rules. Janie mentioned we are not required to adhere but generally do so.
- Our By-Laws refer to Senators representing segments of campus. We have had trouble in the past with senators not working in various departments to report back. Discussion if we should do areas of interest along with/instead of physical area segments.
- A Senator mentioned that we have identified all Classified Professionals and have a list of Departments and Staff in those areas. Some still need updating but staff, position, and home organization/funding source. Doreen has access to list through I.R., link to spreadsheet shared during the meeting.
- A Senator mentioned that Outlook shows listserv of Classified staff and when hovering over a name, can see their position and contact info. Senators are not able to edit their positions, it must go through ETS/HR. Discussion around privacy and creating the best way to update our listing on the website.
- Marketing is testing a website component to update the campus directory. Coming soon!

5. Meeting Reports

- MIPC is being approached by local tribal councils to fly their flag at the district building. Discussions are being made and one other local CCC is already flying the Tribal flag.
- Recent survey sent out around the campus response around High Impact events like acts of violence, natural disasters etc.
- AI Chat GPT presentation happening on Tuesday, 2/21. Info available in Parliament, Ben Stefonik is working on a virtual Town Hall type event.

6. Commendations/Kudos/Appreciation

- No Commendations

7. Announcements & Requests for next meeting agenda

- New website is starting to be built. Focus groups by students are getting set up. More information coming soon
- Library has a Blind Date with a book display for Valentine's Day. People get chocolate when they pick a book to unwrap and read.
- ETAC meeting announced HyFlex classrooms with advanced zoom options and remote audience. Classrooms at Foothill are located at 4006, 4501,4502, 6505, 8507 (vet tech). De Anza has two classrooms. Very costly but interest in adding this technology to conference rooms.

Meeting Adjourned 11:30am