

Minutes

Cañada Classified Senate Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2007
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Building 5-209

Present: Bart Scott, Margie Carrington, Brian Horwitz, Peter Tam, Jonna Pounds, Susan Traynor, Debbie Joy, Mike Walsh, Jacquelyn Holley, Roberta Chock, Vickie Nunes, Stephanie Bergren, Aja Butler, Ileana Gadea, Sue Eftekhari, Terry Watson, Lina Mira, Faye Soler, Lucy Nolasco, Rosa Villegas

Treasure's Report

Bart Scott reported that we have \$5609.99 in our account. The December fundraiser was successful. We subsidized the Classified Holiday Luncheon to keep the cost to each member \$20 again. The cost of the lunch has been going up and we might consider either charging more or doing more fundraising to continue to cover partial costs. Margie Carrington also reminded members that we have about \$5000 in a District endowed fund. Of that amount we can only use whatever interest it earns, minus the annual 2% administrative cost. As noted before, we are not able to 'un-endow' this money.

Scholarship Funding Request

Margie reported that we traditionally fund two scholarships annually at \$750 each, plus we make up the difference in the Pat Hanada scholarship to make that one \$750 also. At various times we have also given out small book scholarships, tied in to encouraging early registration. We had a wide-ranging discussion on the various needs of some of our students such as: need for bus passes, lunch money, books, child care, etc. We would like to find out more of what resources we provide on campus – through CARE, EOPS, the Counseling Center, and others; and also what resources are available locally, and have this information readily available. Jacquelyn Holley will get more copies of a free booklet that San Mateo County provides that has some of this information. Classified Senate would like to get a broader, campus-wide conversation of students' social needs started. However, we decided to focus our efforts more on funding that supports the academic needs of our students. MSC to donate \$1000 to the Bookstore's textbook rental program, and \$300 for a discretionary fund to Associated Students for Aja to distribute as needed to meet small needs, such as bus money, lunch money.

Update of Cañada Presidential Committee

The job announcement will be listed nationally by the end of the week, application deadline is early April, interviews in early May, campus forums with finalists in mid-May, then final interviews with the Chancellor and board of Trustees.

MOT attendees

Sue Eftekhari and Lina Mira will attend the next MOT session. Margie encouraged everyone who is interested and has not yet attended to send her their names so that they can get on the waiting list for next year. Next on the list: Jose Romero, Ricardo Flores, and Sarita Ramos.

Also discussed the desire to do more on campus – raising awareness, promoting diversity, education/training. Aja is forming a committee that will look at the Student Equity report; Vickie reported that Gerry Frasetti is supposed to provide some kind of post-MOT training; Susan Traynor mentioned that the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln in 2009 would provide opportunities for civil rights education/awareness; Margie will solicit input/suggestions from campus to build on the Foster Youth Initiative; and others expressed the desire to see the development of diversity strategies and initiatives as part of the strategic planning process.

College Council Update

College Council will be voting on the proposed changes to the CC by-laws at the next meeting. Our representatives feel that there has not been adequate discussion of the proposed changes to the composition, specifically the Classified Senate position that each college constituency —faculty, classified, student—have a total of 6 members, with the president or chair of Classified Senate and Academic Senate as official members, not ex-officio, included in the 6 members, and 2 administration members. CC approved the hiring priorities that have come through the hiring process. Some managers have requested classified representation on some faculty hiring committees, even though that is not required. Both CC co-chairs are now involved in setting the CC agenda.

Planning and Budget Update

P&B will work on articulating Vision and Value statements before continuing to work on goals. The expanded group of P&B and Strategic Planning group will have a retreat on 3/9 to work on the list of values and goals. The next P&B meeting is a regular business meeting.

Classified Senate Bylaws and Constitution approval

The proposed changes to the Classified Senate Bylaws and Constitution were approved by a vote of members.

Announcements/Other

- Everyone who is moving into Building 9 will be moving the first week in June.
- May 10 is the Cañada and Skyline ECE and CAD graduation.
- The Scholarship Reception is May 11.
- There is a new Commencement web site.
- An increase in parking permit fees is being proposed: \$40/semester, \$20/summer session.

Next meeting: March 26, 2007

Decided to hold our next meeting in the Cantina.