

Minutes

Cañada Classified Senate Meeting
Monday, April 23, 2007
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Building 5-209

Present: Jacquelyn Holley, Roberta Chock, Debbie Joy, Lina Mira, Maria Mendez, Mike Walsh, Margie Carrington, Ricardo Flores, Rita Sabbadini, Stephanie Bergren, Jonna Pounds, Javier Ureña

Guest: Denise Erickson

Staff Development / Art on Campus

Denise Erickson, the new Faculty and Staff Development Coordinator came to discuss her role and solicit information and ideas from classified for staff development. Some ideas that were mentioned: customer service, CPR training, stress management, sign language, ergonomics, speakers or workshops that deal with academic/curriculum issues (such as the Title V Speaker Series held in 2004), understanding the student of today, keeping up with technology – particularly technology used by students. Denise is collecting ideas at this point and will meet with her counterparts at CSM and Skyline for further discussion of topics and funding. The only funding available for classified staff at the moment is from the District in the maximum amounts of \$700/year for tuition reimbursement and \$325/year for conference or workshop attendance.

We discussed the fact that in our revised Constitution the position of Vice President is responsible for promoting classified staff development and should remind members that the District funds listed above are available. We also shared with Denise that it is difficult for classified to attend activities held on Flex Days since the opening of the semester is the one of the busiest times for many staff. We would like to see more flexibility of scheduling development activities, and more activities that are of a broad-based, intellectual nature.

People are encouraged to send Denise additional ideas at any time: 306-3352 or ericksond@smccd.edu

Denise also discussed a potential purchase on an oil painting by Norm Rosenberger for the new library. 'Paintings by Norm' were on display in the Theater Foyer until just recently and they were enthusiastically received by students and staff. The Art on Campus Committee is exploring purchasing one of the large oils and has begun the process of consulting with constituent groups on campus. Funding could possibly come from the fund the Chancellor set up for college art purchases. Rita informed Denise that there is a line in the budget for art in the Building 9 budget. Denise was not aware of that and will seek further information from Phyllis Lucas-Woods. You can view some of Norm Rosenberger's paintings at: <http://www.paintingsbynorm.com/index.htm>

Strategic Planning Update

The Strategic Planning Committee met last week and did some slight re-wording of one Goal Statement and finished reviewing the Strategies. These will go to College Council for approval. Rick Voorhees will finish writing the Strategic Plan document. Over the summer the administrators will develop action plans, timelines, and staffing so that the College can start implementing the Strategic Plan. The work of the Strategic Planning Committee is nearly finished, as the College Council has now approved the Values Statements and Goals, and the Board of Trustees has approved the Mission Statement.

College Council Update

College Council has now approved the Values Statements and Goals brought forward by the Strategic Planning committee. A District proposed increase in parking fees was discussed (to \$40/semester, \$2/day). Parking fees are used for paving, lighting, security and maintenance. All 3 campuses are using general funds to cover expenses. The increase would not affect BOGW students who pay \$20/semester. Members asked the District Office for more information on this matter. The possibility of having faculty and staff pay for parking was discussed.

Health fees increased \$1 to \$16/semester, which is allowed by the Ed Code.

2007 Classified Senate Elections

Roberta reported that the ballot is ready, and as per our Constitution, the election will be held in May. Ballots will be emailed to everyone by May 7, to be returned by May 18. Results will be announced at our final meeting of the year on May 21.

Classified Award

The Classified Senate has given an award the last two years to someone that Classified felt made an exceptional contribution to our students. Debbie nominated Amelito Enriquez in recognition of his work with technology-aided instruction. We agreed on an amount equal to the amount given last year to be used by Amelito to support his endeavors. Accepted by consensus.

We decided that next year's Classified Senate should formalize the criteria and amount for this award.

Presidential Search Update

Margie reported that the committee work is right on schedule. College forums will be held May 15-17 for candidates identified by the committee.

Year End party

Margie reported that she still has not been told of a date for a college-wide year end party. It may be added on at the end of the faculty retirement recognition on May 18. Everyone is reminded that there are a lot of events coming up over the next several weeks. Please check the event calendar located on inside Cañada:

http://my.calendars.net/cc_events

We agreed that we should have one or more bar-b-ques over the summer.

Announcements/Other

No other announcements.

Next meeting: May 21, 2007 – this is the 3rd Monday in May.

Next meeting in the Cantina.