

Classified Senate Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Voting Members:

Name	Position	Attendance
Janie Garcia	President	Not Present
Adiel Velasquez	President Elect	Present
Itzel Sanchez-Arraga	Treasurer	Not 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	Not Present
Jerry Robredo	Classified Segment Senator	Present
Vanessa Santillan-Nieto	Classified Segment Senator	Not Present
Mary Vanatta	Classified Segment Senator	Present

Agenda

1. Land Acknowledgement and Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1/12/22 I/D/A
2. Treasurer & Recorder Vacancies I/D
3. Presidents' Report I/D
4. Preparing for our New President 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: 10:04 a.m.

Meeting adjourned: 11:24 a.m.

1. Land Acknowledgment & Approval of January 12 Meeting Minutes

- € Adiel read the short version of the land acknowledgement.
- € Discussion on whether we are under Brown Act. Discussion on making minutes and agendas more accessible.
- € Mary Vannatta made a motion to approve minutes of January 12th.
- € Doreen Finkelstein seconded motion to approve.
- € No discussion was brought forth
 - Approved unanimously

2. Treasurer & Recording Vacancies

- We are looking to fill these two positions. Itzel has a conflict with her Financial Aid team meetings
- Janie will be going on maternity leave in a few months and some positions will be available for the remainder of the academic year. Adiel will take over as chair but anyone who would like to practice chairing a meeting can try it out, as practice before next years' elections.

3. Presidents' Report

- Janie sent out pictures of our volleyball game. A poll on our Foothill Instagram showed that 84% of respondents were cheering for students & 16% cheered for staff/faculty.
- Any suggestions of activities we could do this year. Trizha suggested chess or checkers game. A senator suggested mini-golf since it is not as challenging, perhaps using Foothill's putting green/driving range. Discussion of taking a field trip to Top Golf Driving Range.
- Adiel lost connection briefly so the host/chair was passed to a senator who led discussion expertly.
- Club Day happened yesterday in the library quad. Skye is a member of the Archery Club, maybe a fun archery practice as an activity. A senator mentioned new Clubs like the Film Club who has recently activated on campus. Footsie was out saying hello, be prepared from more Footsie sightings.

- Discussion on increasing participation from Classified staff. Senators shared their experience on forwarding emails and disseminating information from the meetings. We don't have constituency groups clearly laid out and lower participation makes things more difficult. Another senator brought up that the transition back to campus is increasing workload and possibly lowering participating. Discussion on phone banking or improving messaging to our classified colleagues. Another senator mentioned mornings are difficult for people possibly leading to lower turn out, and that we need to improve communication. Social events along with informational meetings could increase participation.

4. Preparing for Our New President

- The new president, Dr. Kristina Whalen will begin on April 1st, 2023. Did we have a reception for Thuy when she joined initially? MIP-C could not remember and Classified could not recall a specific event. MIP-C is planning a welcome event for President Whalen.
- Sharing out of the activity from last meeting “defining the roles and responsibilities of Classified Professionals of Foothill College.” Janie prepared a PPT on results from the activity. Discussion of Strengths & Weaknesses of classified professionals. Roles document is attached to Janie’s email.
- Discussion:
 - Strengths include Institutional Knowledge, high engagement with the college & communities, peer comradery, providing a safe and approachable campus.
 - Concerns include overworked individuals & departments, being overlooked during decision making, PD opportunities mostly aimed at faculty, perceived hierarchy among the senates.
 - Priorities included updating directory, making Foothill better for students, equity work
- A senator asked whether this was a chart of goals for staff vs the senate. Priority of Senate is to improve the work of staff, priority of classified professionals should be the students. Discussion on whether our priorities should be to improve our colleagues work on campus and thus improving the student outcomes.
- Another senator mentioned that helping staff is helping students. The two are not mutually exclusive.
- Goals included more engagement between ASFC & Classified Senate, more district alignment, ensuring the number of filled positions is sufficient to get the work done.
- Another senator suggested having President Whalen join a Classified meeting or if we have low turnout, schedule a “Welcome Event” for a meet and greet.
- Discussion on possibly making our meetings Hybrid vs zoom-only. No pressure to come to campus, we'll have meetings virtually for the foreseeable future

- Another senator brought up the Lunchtime Learning Committee (classified staff having lunch in the 1900 break room on Wednesdays) Maybe inviting Dr Whalen to a similar event.

4. Meeting Reports

- MIPC, January 20, 2023.
 - Budget presentation from Bret at MIPC, enrollment is stabilizing but lower than pre-covid.
 - Discussion on whether we'd held a welcome event for Thuy, no one remembered.
 - Governor Newsom announced the state of emergency will end on February 28th 2023.
 - 4-5 Students do show up to MIPC which is held on Fridays at 1:30pm.

6. Commendations/Kudos/Appreciation

- Shout out to everyone who attended Club Day & Volleyball
- Shout out to senators for coming and helping us meet covid.
- Mary gave kudos to Adiel for chairing meeting.

7. Announcements & Requests for next meeting agenda

- € Lunch hour is 12-1pm on Wednesdays in the 1900 Break Room, join us!
- € A senator mentioned Antoinette Chavez started Admins helping Admins group. People in administrative roles can be a support system for others, we should join those efforts.

Meeting Adjourned 11:24am