

CLASSIFIED SENATE MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Conferencing,

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/93689754506>

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m.

Roll Call: See Sign-in Sheet.

Approval of Agenda: Mary Valdemar motioned to approve the agenda; Ernest Guillen 2nd the motion. Approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes: April 10, 2020 & April 24, 2020—Abe Fulgham motioned to approve minutes from April 10, 2020; Kyle Stroud 2nd the motion. Approved by consensus. Minutes of April 24, 2020 were approved by general consensus.

Public Comment/Guest: Jose Torres, Interim Chancellor, guest speaker, gave a presentation—an update that was presented at District Assembly. There are a lot of things going on. He shared goals for the district and for fall 2020. The Goals are: Student Success; Equity & Diversity; College Affordability; Operational Efficiencies; and Strategic Planning. The district and campuses will continue working remotely from home through the fall 2020 semester and taking a proactive approach to limit the Coronavirus exposure. The district has offered a retirement incentive, the last day to withdraw from this program is today, 5/8/20. The chancellor recruitment has been extended and we hope to have a new chancellor by November 1. Graduation will be held virtually this year. The budget is not looking good—the district is looking at three scenarios—Best | Middle | Worst. The meeting was open for Q & A. There was discussion on working from through the fall semester—this will be determined by individual managers/supervisors on the exact timeframe—the goal is to prevent the spread of the virus. Additional discussion on cuts to categorical funds—there could be issues related to Prop 98.

Reports:

- A. President: Ernest Guillen is filling in as President for Judy Rodriguez as she takes a leave of absence. The awards committee met and selected people to receive the Classified Senate scholarship—names went to the Scholarship Committee in late March. A big congratulations to Casey Thomas for being elected President for the District Assembly; this is a first that a classified employee was elected for this position. Ernie gave an update on Classified Connection Week, which has been postponed to the fall

semester—not sure how it will take place, online, partial online, still to be determined, as we don't know when we will be back on-campus.

- B. Treasurer: Phylcia Sanchez reviewed the current budget—we have two separate accounts: Via Valley Hills Credit Union, General/Scholarship; and through the SBVC Foundation, General/Scholarship.
- C. CSEA: Ernie Guillen will send an email out re: recent MOU ratifications—re: a recent poll on health benefits; extension of remote working from home, which were both ratified on 5/7/2020. CSEA is hosting a film screening on Monday nights and on Fridays, and on 5/6/2020, we had a cyber social event.
- D. Others

New Business:

- A. Classified Senate E-Board Descriptions Changes—2nd Read & Approve
 - Historical Recorder
 - Secretary

The E-board proposed changes to the E-board descriptions on 4/24/20 meeting—1st read. This is the 2nd read. Dena Peters reviewed the changes with the members in attendance. Proposing to change the title of the Historical Recorder to Communication Officer and change the language in subsection B to “Edit and distribute Classified Senate Brochure, and any necessary informational items”; this change will also reflect language update to the Secretary position. **Phylcia Sanchez motioned** to approve the proposed changes to the e-board descriptions; **Anabel Martinez 2nd the motion**. All in favor with one **Abstained, Fermin Ramirez**. Motion approved to update the two positions on the E-board as written in the constitution.

- B. Continue Meeting in Summer (June/July): The E-board is considering continuing to meet in the summer months and would like to entertain a motion. Amanda Moody suggested it would be good to continue meetings, to keep open communication with everything that is going on with the COVID-19 and working from home. Ernie took this as the **1st motion from Amanda**; and approved by general consensus. It was noted that we will change our meeting dates to Thursday as we move into the 4/10 work schedule in June/July.
- C. Spotlighting Our Success Event Program Ad, \$60: Phylcia Sanchez reviewed this item—proposing to purchase a program ad for this event and congratulating the nominees in the program brochure. The cost not to exceed \$60. **Mary Valdemar motioned to approve this item; Peggy Weber 2nd the motion**. Item approved by general consensus. There was a note that today is the last day to submit nominations for Classified Employee of the Year for this event.

Discussion:

- A. Virtual Commencement, May 22, 2020, 9 a.m.: There has been previous discussion on this event. A video is going to be prepared for the virtual commencement.
- B. All Campus Meeting Upcoming: The president continues to hold all-campus meetings every two weeks on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. All are encouraged to participate.
- C. Postponement of Classified Appreciation BBQ and Softball Game--TBD: There has been discussion on this event, which is postponed with date to be determined.
- D. Nominees and Voting Open for Classified Senate E-Board and Senators: All e-board members are up for election/relection. We've created a new position as well. There is at least one person nominated for each of the e-board members, and we still have vacant senator positions. Deadline date to submit names was yesterday; and a survey vote was to go out today. Ernie explained the senator position. Cindy Huerta said she would like to be a senator. John Feist, President; Ernie Guillen, Vice President; Phylcia Sanchez, Treasurer; Anabel Martinez, Secretary (accepted); Kyle Stroud, Communications Officer. Since these were the only names submitted for the e-board, it was suggested to wait till 5 p.m. today for any potential nominations; otherwise, will approve these names by general consensus.

Open Floor—10 minutes

Phylcia reminded all about open enrollment for health benefits through 5/20/20.

Monday open to nominate Classified Employee of the Year is till 5/20/20.

The Classified Senate is having a fundraiser--donate a car fundraiser—vehicles can be auctioned off and/or sell parts. All proceeds will go towards the Classified Senate.

Mary Valdemar shared if anyone knows of students who need Internet access, there is some free and low cost options available. Contact Mary, email, mvaldama@valleycollege.edu

Amanda Moody said the Community Action Partnership is having a virtual food bank for the community, including students. You can also donate and select your food products.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 22, 2020

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dena Peters