

CLASSIFIED SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 12, 2018

12:00-1:30 p.m. – Library Viewing Room

1. Opening: President Kathryn Jaramillo called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:
Attendees: Anabel Martinez, Nicole Williams, Karol Pasillas, Ruben Leyva, John Feist, Sylvia Romo, Barbara Nichols, Angela Grotke, Girija Raghavan, Judy Rodriguez, Hussain Agah, Diana Rodriguez, Scott Stark,

3. Guest Speaker: President Diana Rodriguez welcomed Classified Staff to the meeting. She said that she has an open door policy that anything that we need to talk about to please let her know. Jose Torres, Vice Chancellor of Business and Fiscal Services, spoke to us about the Baseline Bond Survey. He said that there is \$700 million of need for our colleges. Our previous bond of \$500 million has fallen short as we have only been able to sell \$300 million due to property values. They are doing a Baseline Bond Survey to determine if a new bond is feasible. Based on the survey, they have determined that a new bond is feasible and has a good chance to pass, but we need to do some voter outreach and education. We need to raise voter awareness about Valley College about our successes, and emphasize our role in providing an affordable college education and providing pathways to employment. Many people are not sure about the quality of education that we provide, so we would need to work on improving that perception.

4. New Business:
 - Thanksgiving Basket Update: Ten families received Thanksgiving Baskets. We got a lot of feedback from the recipients that they were very grateful, and that the baskets really helped them.
 - Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee: We need volunteers to work on the Scholarship Committee. A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting for people to sign up. Also, we would like to have one scholarship in Aaron Beavor's name.
 - Classified Connection Week Committee: We need volunteers to work on Classified Connection Week. A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting for people to sign up. We need to start meeting soon, as it is a very long planning process.

- Discussion-Budget Goals: We would like to discuss in the coming months what our long term plan is for our budget goals. Do we want to try to save money to create a foundation, or do we put all money into scholarships?
- Classified Leadership Conference: The Classified Leadership Conference will be in June. We need to decide how many Classified Staff can go, and who will go.

A. ASG: No report.

B. Academic Senate: No report.

C. Classified Senate/Committees:

D. College President's Report: No report.

E. CSEA: No report.

F. College Council:

8. Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:10.

*Minutes submitted by Angela Grotke