CLASSIFIED SENATE
MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2008
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Attending: Maria Elena Apodaca, Maureen Chenoweth, Akemi Ishikawa, Dave Garrido, Christine Mangiameli, Denise Perez, Kay Thornton


1. Approval of Minutes from 11/15/07 and 12/06/07: Minutes approved.

2. Burning Issues: What is the status of negotiations? Management is standing their ground and the union is pushing the police officer’s issue. The District wants SEIU members to foot the bill for the increase in officer’s retirement. At the ratification meeting, the offer was defeated 207 to 8. The situation will now go to mediation.

3. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 21st, 2:30-4pm@6708.

4. Guest Speaker: Melanie Hale, Psych Services: Melanie Hale stopped by to give us a short presentation on a new, upcoming suicide prevention program. Foothill is taking leadership with this program. This program will offer several levels of on site training for anyone interested. Melanie received a grant that will cover the first 25 people in the program, but she has discussed using Staff Development funds to cover the cost if more folks are interested. If you have an interest in the program or even want to find out more information, please email Dave.

5. Guest Speaker: Kevin Harral, Financial Aid: Kevin stopped by to talk about the new scholarship procedures. Timelines have changed and the committee has been reorganized in order to make the process faster. Kevin is in need of volunteer scholarship readers, so if you are interested please contact Dave.

6. Treasurer’s Report: As of 2/4 we have spent $5,423.06. The only additional expense from our last report was the ‘Employee of the Month’ banner.

7. Committee Reports:
   A. Budget Task Force: No report.
   B. Educational Resources: No report.
   C. Program Planning Committee: No report.
   D. HRAC: No report.
   E. District Budget: No report.
   F. ETAC/EIS: On the EIS side, the District has chosen Banner as our new information System. The first installment payment will hit the budget soon (approx. 11 million).
   G. Leg. Cmte/Acad. Senate: Kay stated that only a few people showed up for the Legislative Committee meeting so there was no real new info. The Academic Senate group reported that we were up 1.5% for Summer of 2007 and non-resident fees will be going up by $8. Next Fall some students will be able to participate in a textbook rental program. Students will be able to use books for a smaller fee and return them when they are done.

H. Roundtable: Dave said there was discussion on the procedures to name buildings. He has a draft of administrative procedures if anyone wants to take a look at it. Members of the Student Council expressed concern over the size of their council
chambers and the potential fire hazard overcrowding could cause when they have a large turnout. It was suggested that they find a larger room for special events and keep the current chamber for regular meetings. Dave gave kudos to Shirley Barker (Interim V.P. of Ed Resources and Instruction) for really trying to explain the budget to the governance groups. Student reps had a lot of questions.

I. Chancellor's Advisory Council: No report.

J. FHDA Board of Trustees: Many members of SEIU showed up. The meeting went late as there were many issues to get to. There was more discussion on union vs. non-union bidding. Professional Development Leaves were discussed. Some staff applications were approved. There was talk of a VTA transit center at DeAnza and of engineering changes to Measures E and C.

K. Meeting with President Miner: Dave discussed the 'Excellence in Governance' document and reassigned time. No real movement on either issue at this moment. Dave shared a previous sample of the Chancellor's Advisory Council process. Judy seemed to like it. The issue of updating the list of committees will probably be addressed in the Spring. Judy stated that she has been getting good faculty and staff turn out for her open hours time slots.

8. Appointments:
   a. Retreat Committee chair: Darya Gilani.
      Martha has stated that it is up to the campuses to decide when we wanted to have our retreat and asked if we wanted her to host the breakfast.

9. Senate Committee Reports:
   a. Employee of the Month: Tabled until next meeting.

10. CS Election Update: Christine is going to reopen the nominations. The change in term allows us to hold elections later that we used to. Nomination forms will probably go out in a week or so.


13. Announcements/Good of the Order:
   a. Open Forum V.P. Ed Resources & Instruction: 3/20-21, 8-10am @ Toyon Room
   b. SEIU Ratification Results: 207 no, 8 yes
   c. Management evaluations continuing

**Dates to remember**
Next meeting: Tues, Feb. 21st, 2:30-4pm in room 6708; then March 6, 20
4CS Classified Leadership Institute: June 12-14, 2008 @ Granlibakken, Tahoe City.
Guest speaker: Fred Sherman, ETS: TBA