### Classified Senate Meeting

**Present:**

- MIA CASEY
- DARYA GILANI
- SIRISHA PINGALI
- MAUREEN CHENOWETH
- JEAN MCCARRON
- AL RUFFINELLI
- JOHN DUBOIS
- SHERRI MINES
- CHRIS WHITE
- GIGI GALLAGHER
- KAREN OEH

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Announcements and Burning Issues:**

- Feb 11 - Lot 4 closes for approx. 20 months.
- All staff development day is Jan. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All offices are closed and all staff are expected to attend. Because it wasn’t negotiated in the faculty to attend, they are not required but encouraged to participate. For staff the workday is from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. you don’t need to go to your office before or after the workshop. Lunch will be provided.
- The proposed state budget includes cutting $400 million from community colleges. FHDA’s portion would be approximately $10.9 million. The District doesn’t want to overreact because it will change over the next few months, so no plans have been made for cuts.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Nov minutes had not yet been typed up.
- Dec minutes – no changes

**Treasurer’s Report**

- Approx. $6K per quarter for conference and travel. Proposed $3-4K for retreat. Darya and Chris felt that was low if they were to secure a non-FHDA venue. Need formal budget.

**Scholarships**

- Financial aid needs scholarship readers. If you’re interested in being a scholarship reader, contact Inna Witkop.
- Classified Senate has a scholarship for students. It is for $500. There is enough to cover 1 scholarship for this year, but we need to have more people contributing to the fund, or there will not be one for next year.

**Committee Confirmations**

- Confirmed Kathleen Turner & Donna Wolf as

#### FOLLOW-UP

**Announcements and Burning Issues**

- Will signs be posted at Lot 4 letting people know of the closure? Chris W will ask Brenda Visas.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Nov. meeting - no minutes to approve.
- Dec. meeting – minutes approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

- John to send formal budget to Exec. Council, so a formal budget for the retreat and conferences can be established.

**Scholarships**

- Classified Senate scholarship – need to get more staff to contribute to the scholarship either through one-time donations or payroll deductions. Exec. Council to work on this.
Committee Reports
- Gigi reminded everyone that if you are representing the Senate on a committee to please do a short write up and send the reports to her prior to the Senate meetings.

Committee Reports
- Segment Reps, please remind constituents.

For the Good of the Order
- The President’s Cabinet asked to meet w/the Senate’s Executive Council quarterly. It didn’t happen in fall, but they want to do it for winter. Gigi asked if the meeting should include everyone on Senate or just the Executive Council. Those in attendance voted that it should just be the Executive Council.
- Sirisha Pingali announced that the Commencement committee is looking for a keynote speaker. If you have any suggestions, contact her.
- Foothill has partnered with Zimride. Foothill Zimride helps you offer or request rides for commutes, road trips, and popular events. If you have a car, split costs by offering rides. If you don’t have a car, find rides where you need to go social. To sign up, go to http://zimride.foothill.edu.
- Maureen Chenoweth shared she had a good experience working on Accreditation and really felt like classified input was valued.
- Darya Gilani mentioned that the Basic Skills Workgroup is looking for projects to fund for this year. The project should be student focused. Send requests to your Dean or Darya.
- Sirisha Pingali mentioned that ASFC funding requests were due Jan. 20.
- Sirisha Pingali mentioned, as part of Black History Month, Dallas Black Dance is performing Feb. 4. This probably the last year they will be here.

For the Good of the Order
- Executive Council will meet with the Presidents Cabinet this quarter and report back to Senate.

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- Subsequent Senate Meetings are: Jan. 27, 2011, 2:30 p.m., Student Council Chamber
- Professional Development Day: Jan 28, 2011, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Smithwick Theatre