

FOOTHILL CLASSIFIED SENATE MINUTES

Thursday, October 10, 2024

1-2:30pm

Name	Position	Attendance
Doreen Finkelstein	President	Present
Vanessa Santillan-Nieto	President-Elect	Present
Kelaiah Harris	Treasurer	Present
Trizha Loren Aquino	Secretary	Present
Adiel Velasquez	Past President	Present
Pauline Brown	Senator	Present
Julie Ceballos	Senator	Absent
Chris Custer	Senator	Present
Danmin Deng	Senator	Present
Nicholas Falasco	Senator	Present
Janie Garcia	Senator	Present
Sharon Garcia-Vega	Senator	Present
Yasmine Malboubi	Senator	Present
Josh Pelletier	Senator	Absent
Nadene Torres	Senator	Present
Phuong Tran	Senator	Absent
Mary Vanatta	Senator	Present
Jackie Lauese	Technology Committee Tri-Chair	Present

Governance Basics

Presentation on Foothill governance and the role of Classified Senate.

Committee Appointments

Appointed Amanda McCumbee as a Classified Senate representative to the Educational Master Plan committee.

Discussed new Institutional Effectiveness Committee and asked for nominations. Tabled for a future vote.

MIPC Update: Student Priorities for the Year

ASFC President Paulo Verzosa wants to increase club membership as a way to increase student engagement and improve student life on campus. Classified can serve as club leaders. Student

Trustee Zara Ainge is working on the lack places to get food on campus after 2:30pm.
Discussed food desert issue and possible ideas.

Academic Senate Update: Locking Doors Resolution

Discussed Academic Senate's proposed resolution on making doors lockable from the inside in the case of a campus emergency. Desire was expressed to make sure the resolution applies to all work areas on campus and not just classrooms. Also, concern was expressed about making sure the language of the resolution does not imply a desire for increased police presence.

Vote on whether Classified Senate wants to join with Academic Senate in a resolution on locking doors. Vote passed with Yes: 7; No: 1; Abstain: 1

Will decide at our next meeting how to proceed.

13-55 Project

Discussed the college's 13-55 initiative and Classified Senate taking on our own project. Discussed the idea of classified professionals taking note of college policies and procedures that results in inequities for students, and Classified Senate elevating those issues to the college so the college can take action. Discussed that President Whalen has expressed personal support.

One senator said if we do this, we need to formalize how many issues we're going to bring up. Another senator said she has a list of ideas that would improve the student experience, but are not necessarily 13-55 oriented. A classified professional said that because classified are everywhere on campus and deal with a lot of the day-to-day interactions, we have the ability to say to the college "we've noticed these patterns." It's not always in our purview to be able to fix it, but we can elevate it to the college. A senator asked if we are just creating a list of problems, or doing something about it? In almost all cases, it's not going to be something we have direct authority over. My concern with the project is, is this going to go anywhere? Even with the president's support, it's not enough reassurance that these issues will actually get addressed. When FA or Academic Senate get behind something and they ask for something, it happens. How are we going to ensure that when we ask for something, it actually gets attention? This is a big equity issue too.

Overall feeling that Classified Senate needs more of a commitment from the college, but are not sure what that commitment would look like to allay the concerns.