

Classified Senate Meeting – Unapproved Minutes
Wednesday, April 5th, 2017
BFL CCC

Present: Marisa Greenberg, Allison Albright, Sonia Nilsen, Gilbert Rocha, Noha Basiliou, Jessica Martin

Absent: Renee Savage, Yvonne Roberson, Chris Meadors, Lisa Martin, Rafiqul Bhuiyan

Guests: Rosa Armendariz, Nicole Gomes, Raymond Martin, T'Sendenia Gage, Olivia Delao

Greenberg called to order at 11:35am

Approval of April 5th agenda:

MSC with no objections or abstentions to approve agenda as written.

Approval of March 1st minutes:

Note: Jessica Martin was present for this meeting. MSC with no objections or abstentions to approve March 1st minutes as amended.

Approval of March 22nd emergency meeting minutes:

MSC with no objections or abstentions to approve March 22nd minutes as written.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Discussion – Governing Board Resolution S-1 (Armendariz):

- November 2016 a petition circulated at CCC for the District to become a sanctuary
 - It talked about how we can protect vulnerable students
 - December 14, 2016 there was a meeting at the District Office, during which people came and spoke on behalf of the petition. It was an emotional session, people spoke of fear of the current political climate
 - It was agreed that an ad hoc group would be formed to work on a resolution
 - The Governing Board approved the resolution at the January 2017 meeting
 - Board changed the title of the resolution to *Reaffirming Support of Contra Costa Community College District Students and Employees in Defense of Diversity and Inclusion in the Contra Costa Community College District* on January 24, 2017
 - Armendariz said she's glad we have the resolution but now we have to do the work around it and figure out how to bring the document to life
 - The group made posters with diversity statements and posted them around the campus
 - Campus work: DREAMERS, Student Life are putting on workshops and we're holding college forums

- Armendariz facilitated a group activity. Groups were asked to read the resolution and highlight things that stand out, then identify the most important things- who would be responsible for doing it, and how do we roll it out?
- Legal council advised on the resolution at the Board meeting. They recommended not calling it a "sanctuary" because it doesn't actually prevent government from entering. Similar values of a sanctuary, but different words
- Group activity report out:
 - Promote atmosphere of respect: more transparency.
 - Create Canvas/Portal forum with threads to discuss topics about what is going on around campus. Allow people to choose which threads to follow, and give an option for "reply-all" to those who are interested.
 - Have Canvas open in workshops, with a "chat" feature built in so people can communicate from the audience
 - Offer confidential counseling services
 - Have lawyers on campus to answer questions for students and employees (we can't use District funds for these services, but can strengthen community partnerships and try to get pro bono lawyers to help)
 - Use the student email blast more effectively
 - Update college orientation to include things about how to get information and where to go for help
 - Undocumented high school students can't use Upward Bound funds, so training on where to send students who need a "soft handoff"
 - Police could sponsor an even explaining that they won't question status or enforce federal laws (other local PDs have done this)

Council Announcements:

- 2nd annual college day was a success: included a campus tour, overview of the 7 CTE programs, and giveaways. 67% said they are interested in attending DVC, up 11% from last year
- Renee Savage asked Greenberg to read a message from her stating that she will not be VP after June. Wants to be an area representative instead.

President's Report:

- We need an election committee for VP and Treasurer
- Council membership changes: Senate bylaws state that a petition signed by 15% of Senate, then an election within 10 days to replace a member. This matter is tabled until Senate meets to review and update bylaws and constitution
- Andrea Bell (SRC) and Nicole Gomes are interested in being Senate representatives
- Smoking ban: Police will enforce with a fee structure similar to a parking ticket. Policy needs to be vetted again, then it will go back to DGC on the 8th. Senate is supporting this policy
- Marisa Greenberg and Laura Cremin will be on the Presidential Search Committee. Lisa Martin was on the selection committee for the search company

- Faculty get one more representative than Classified because they have more constituents
- Next meeting the Chancellor will be here. We want a strong Classified showing. George will do a taco/nacho bar in honor of Cinco de Mayo
- Finals week: we'll be doing the scantron and pencil, and bluebook giveaway during finals week again. We will have better communication and earlier this time so students are aware before they purchase their own

Meeting adjourned at 1:01pm