

DVC CLASSIFIED SENATE MEETING

May 18, 2011

Unapproved Minutes

Council Members Present: Rafiqul Bhuiyan; Scott Heiden; Coleen Lento; Ade Orangunwa; Ann Patton; Melody Phillips; Nancy Purcille

Council Members Absent: Chris Meadors

Guests: Lesley Agostino, Judy Klein-Flynn; Monica Pope; Sue Rohlicek; Nancy Ryanen-Grant, Nicola Place, Lindsay Kong, Stacey Shears, Emily Stone

1. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 13, 2011 MINUTES & MAY 18, 2011 AGENDA

ACTION: Minutes of April 13 were approved as amended:

ACTION: Agenda of May 18 was approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (Information)

- None

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Information)

- Guests Nicola Place, Lindsay Kong, Stacey Shears, and Emily Stone attended to provide information on the College Success Inquiry Project (CSI).
 - CSI was a one year project aligned with the District's and the College's strategic direction re: the achievement of African American students; it was funded by a grant from Foundations for College Success. There were 20 members, including two students.
 - Members reviewed data and spoke with students to gather information on student experiences, including the impact of racism on those experiences.
 - Students expressed interest in mentoring and in the revival of the Black Student Union (BSU), Ujima, and Umoja.
 - CSI's recommendations include: a mentoring program for African American students; continued work on staff development and education relating to the achievement gap, e.g., equity focus projects such as "Whistling Vivaldi"; long-term planning; bringing back the BSU; and the development of a document which will provide recommendations for institutionalizing a commitment to this and to other efforts for at-risk student populations. They noted that strategies can be attitudinal and minimal- or no-cost.
 - They will forward to Patton a link to a Webinar, and noted that CSI documents are available on the U Drive, under Student Services, EOPS.
 - Continued classified staff participation in this effort is needed and welcomed.
- Job Links, which is funded by district-wide professional development funds, will held on June 2. All are encouraged to attend.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Information/discussion)

- Patton advised that:
 - The District has decided to separate future development funds and activities for professional staff (under Mojdeh Mehdizadeh) and for classified staff (under Andrea Gonzalez-Lewis). Council members noted the need to be proactive and suggested inviting DVC's Staff Development Coordinator Lisa Orta, a faculty member, to a future classified staff development committee meeting.
 - At a recent meeting of the District Governance Council (DGC), the Classified Senate Coordinating Council (CSCC) made a statement regarding the impact of layoffs on classified staff participation on committees. The CSCC noted that classified committee participation is an accreditation requirement. Contact Patton for additional information on DGC.
 - As part of a reassessment of campus committees, DVC's College Council is reviewing the results of the recent campus-wide committee survey. The Institutional Effectiveness Committee voted to disband.

5. COLLEGE-WIDE COMMITTEES (Information/discussion)

- Lento noted that 90 classified staff currently serve on college-wide committees.
 - Staff participation on committees will be negatively impacted by staff reductions due to budget cuts.
 - The full extent of layoffs and bumping may not be known until June, if not later, so rather than finalizing the staff list by the end of May as is customary, it will be finalized during the summer and presented to DVC's President in late summer or early fall.
 - Classified staff with less than 12 month appointments are eligible to serve on college committees.
- Patton will invite new reps to the June Council meeting.

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6. CLASSIFIED SENATE VICE-PRESIDENT (Information/discussion)

- Lento is stepping down as Classified Senate Vice President because of the demands of her position, which has been reduced to fifty percent.
- According to the bylaws, vacancies are filled by special election in a timely manner.
 - An election, if necessary, will be held at the June 1 Staff Appreciation BBQ.
 - If only one person runs for a position then elections are not necessary.
- Monica Pope was nominated for Classified Senate Vice President.
- Additional nominations will be accepted for one week. Patton will email all classified staff.

7. CLASSIFIED SENATE BYLAWS AND CONSTITUTION (Information/discussion)

- Carried forward to the June 15 meeting.

8. 2011-12 CLASSIFIED SENATE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (Information/discussion)

- Carried forward to the June 15 meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING

ACTION: Patton adjourned the meeting at 10:35am. Next meeting, if necessary, will be held June 15, 2011.

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