

DVC
CLASSIFIED SENATE
November 18, 2015
APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Scott Heiden, Jessica Martin, Gilbert Rocha, Allison Albright, Rafiqul Bhuiyan, Sonia Nilsen, Lisa Martin

Absent: Wendy Holt, Chris Meadors, Lesley Agostino

Guests: Leticia Rodrigues, Teresa Molnar, Valerie House, Mark Akiyama, Newin Orante, Peter Garcia, Chad Wehrmeister, Noha Basilious, Jane Kincaid

Heiden called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m.

1. Approval of the November 18 2015 Agenda:

It was MSC, with no objections and by all present to approve the agenda as written.

2. Public Comment –

- Molnar announced that Megan Dukes is new in Payroll and started on 11/17/15.
- L. Martin suggested that Senate send a Welcome Letter to all new hires and invite them to meetings.

3. Council Announcements & President's Report -

- Nilsen reminded the senate that the VPI Forum would be recorded and available to watch streaming.
- Bhuiyan let the senate know about a new software called Bright Sign that is being used by departments that have TVs to make it easier to display information.
- Rocha reminded that registration for Spring 2016 starts next week.
- Heiden reviewed some of the highlights of the platform Canvas that might replace D2L. He stated that Canvas allows classes to be uploaded to a server and can be accessible to students at other colleges. Faculty could also see how other classes are run and adopt them. It comes with 24/7 Tech support. There are positives and negatives and it is still under review.
- L. Martin/Heiden reported on One Warm Coat. Carrie Sadigan volunteered to coordinate and should start on the 30th with a flyer coming soon.
- Heiden spoke of the Celebration of Life for Carol Yacorzynski that was on 11/7/15.

4. College Council Preview

- Heiden reviewed the College Council agenda for November 18, 2015.

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5. Student Equity Plan –

Newin Orante and Mark Akiyama presented the Student Equity plan including the 5 Success Indicators and their corresponding activities: Access; Course Completion; ESL & Basic Skills; Degrees & Certificate Completion; and Transfer. The plan is still being drafted and will be dispersed once complete.

6. Skateboarding/Biking Enforcement –

President Garcia and Chief Wehrmeister spoke on the progression of enforcement for skateboarding/biking on campus. The signs that were taken down for construction have been restored and with it campus police are starting with a “soft touch” approach initially of warning those who do not follow the policy. This could then be followed up with a citation. President Garcia wants us to consider of the possible repercussions of citations if students were to resist or act out. Mark Akiyama suggested a safety campaign that is both visual and educational. Chad Wehrmeister informed us that ASDVC suggested adding information about the policy and safety to the new student orientation. They are open to feedback and will return at the next meeting for further discussion.

Heiden adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.