#### Classified Senate Open Meeting

11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022

Via Zoom: https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/89002769801



### **SUMMARY**

- I. <u>Call to Order</u>: 11:03 am
  - Acknowledge Members & Guests
  - Officer Notes:
    - A. Juan Renteria (PIO Officer) Area Business, Ground Rules
      - Update on Classified Senate Podcast

## B. Michael Monsour (President)

- o Classified Senate and CSEA split the district committee appointments.
- MCC will be hosting a series on inclusivity and diversity. Looking for Classified staff participants.
- If anyone would like to reach out to Michael, please feel free to do so on Zoom if his green light is on.
- Classified Senate focuses on making sure classified voices and ideas are considered and the Union handles anything contract related. This includes working conditions, raises, etc...Michael is now a Union Steward.
- There will be a Board of Trustee meeting tomorrow night. Michael will make sure to inform the Board of Trustees of the debrief/ideas that were discussed during the breakout rooms occurring today.

#### C. Marilyn Jimenez (Vice President)

- There are now 13 senators on the board.
- Welcome the newest Senators!
  - o Hiba Edgheim, Career Services Senator
  - o Andrew Lafave, Institutional Research Senator
  - o Norberto "Lalo" Soto, Information Technology Senator

#### D. Nick Schutz (Treasurer)

o Lisette will be taking over as Treasurer and Nick will be focusing on

#### Classified Corner.

- There is \$662.49 remaining in the Senate Foundation account.
- Previous Expenditures:
  - o \$100 for the Classified Senate Spirit Award
  - \$380 to the SCV Bounce Company, Inc for the Classified
     Summer Kick-Off event that took place on 6/30.
- Upcoming Expenditures:
  - o Trivia Giveaway and Donut Drop

# E. Fred Bobola/Justin Bradshaw/Lisette Godinez/Gina Thompson/Yarely Gonzalez/Lindsey Ceo(Senators)

- o Donut Drop-Yarely Gonzalez
  - o Drop by and grab coffee and donuts from 9am − 10:30am
  - For the graveyard shift, donuts will be available from 5:15am 5:30am. There is no release time, so please make sure to grab and go.
  - o The Classified Summer Kick-Off was June 30 and 60+ classified enjoyed the frozen treats, raffle, outdoor games and dunk tank.
  - o Thanks to all of the classified staff who took a break and attended.
  - o Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it a success.
  - o Thanks to all who serve on the social engagement committee.
- o Michael shared the link to Motivational Mondays.
- Classified spotlights Juan Renteria discussed spotlights as a chance to share 2-5 mins. about your areas, dept. work event, projects or ideas.
   Also, if you want to introduce yourself you can do so, and interested in more of a conversation.
- Spotlight: Lalo Soto is a COC alumni who started at COC in FA 21. He shared his classified spotlight slide. Lalo also does video editing for the classified corner podcast. Podcast trailer for season 2 was shown.
- II. Special Good of the Order (Open Floor):

- An opportunity for you to collaborate with a small team of colleagues across the college.
- o Brainstorm ideas and meet new members.
- o Prompt # 1: Recently, Dr. Van Hook noted that the Student Center would be updated soon. If you could add or design a program or feature to make either campus culture more engaging for students, employees, and/or the community, what would that be?
- o Prompt # 2: When you are thinking about COC's long term future, what are your greatest concerns, barriers, or problems you think we are going to face?
- Group #1 Speaker Andrew noted that games should be free. Better social spaces and food options. Prompt #2 issues of students not wanting to come back on campus, challenges for transportation and recommendation for colleges to stop charging for parking, and instead offer a free Uber program. It would be great to have a shuttle between classes. There should be more fun things to do on campus, such as live music day, free food and noted that McDonald's employees pay starts at \$18/h r but student workers at COC start at \$15.00. Some restaurants are starting at \$20. Concern with classified pay not not being on par with what other areas are making.
- Group #2 Speaker Yarely Talked about the need for the Student Center to be more stude nt friendly and to feel welcoming with artwork created by students to be displayed. Prompt #2 There was concern about the prices of food and scantrons. Have a café run by students and give them practice to possibly help lower prices. A suggestion was to a lso bring back the arcade with new games.
- Group #3 -Speaker Joanna Christine was taking notes. In regards to why the arcade was taken out, it was explained that LA county came in and said there needed to now be a business licensing fee since there was a p rofit from usage. Group discussed the need for a break room for staff and felt it was important to have some mental health resources/places on campus that have support dogs and animals and a stress -free zone. There should be a central hub for student emplo yment and student workers. Esports is on the rise, so it would be a good idea to get gaming into the student center, especially in Towsley Hall where the club meets. It will be important to review the facilities master plan and esure it notes these areas f or improvement or comment on these issues. Concerns were brought up about the ever -growing SCV homeless community and how it is so expensive to live in Santa Clarita. The group discussed how there should be more 100% online programs and certificates due to the decline in enrollment. Other colleges have been implementing this.

#### III. Committee Reports:

- Calendar Committee (Gina Thompson): No report.
- Facilities Master Planning (Justin Bradshaw): Changes being made. The draft
  of the Facilities Master Plan will be revealed in mid-November (Classified still
  have not seen the draft).
- CPT (Michael Monsour): No report
- Budget (Marilyn Jimenez): Gavin Newsom adopted the largest budget in
  California state history. There will be one-time funding of a COVID Recovery
  Block Grant available as well as for 12 college housing projects, of which, COC is designated as one of them.
- IE2-no report- meeting later today.

### IV. <u>Trivia</u>

- Alicia Le Valley won the \$10 Trivia gift card.
- V. Adjournment: 12:04 pm