

GROSSMONT COLLEGE
Classified Senate
Friday, November 19, 2021
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
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Meeting Summary

VISION: Provide classified staff a voice to participate in the initiation, development, and evaluation of all District policies and procedures that support educational programs and services for students at Grossmont College.

MISSION: Grossmont Classified Senate promotes the valuable contributions made by classified professionals in creating an environment that will lead to the greatest level of student success. The Senate encourages the exchange of ideas, understanding and, cooperation between classified staff, faculty, administrators and students, in the best interest of enriching the educational environment.

2021-2023 Classified Senate

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Guests: Aundrea Kaiser Benjamin Blevins Debora Curry Janice Fischer Jeanine Spraul Kathleen Flynn Kelly Jackson Sue Gonda Theresa Apodaca		

Routine Business

1. Welcome	Michele Martens thanked everyone for attending and welcomed our guests, Sue Gonda, Benjamin Blevins, and Aundrea Kaiser. The land acknowledgement from the Governing Board meeting was shown with Stan Rodriguez reading the Kumeyaay version and the English version.
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2. Public Comment	No public comments were made.
3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda	There were no additions to the agenda.
4. Approval of 11/5/21 meeting minutes	The notes from 11/5/21 were approved.
5. President's Report	Due to time, Michele will defer her report to next meeting. However, she did share the website to the ventilation assessment project which showed their assessment status for each building.
For Discussion	
6. Thanksgiving History	<p>Sue Gonda presented on what really happened at the first Thanksgiving and how it became a day of mourning overtime beginning in 1970. It became a holiday of thanks, beginning with the United States constitution in 1789 or in the middle of the Civil War in 1863, at a time when a national holiday was needed. One of the people who was responsible for that was activist and editor of a woman's magazine, Sara Josephina Hale. She had a campaign for years to create Thanksgiving. The fact that Abraham Lincoln made it a national holiday was because of Hale.</p> <p>Sue shared the history of the Wampanoag people noting that they were quite powerful even after the devastation of disease. The pilgrims who came on the Mayflower were the most extreme, radical, right wing of all the puritans in England and were kicked out of England. They were granted land in what is now New England or Massachusetts.</p> <p>The Wampanoag people had leaders who were stunning – Squanto and Samoset. Squanto was kidnapped by both the Spanish and then English and while enslaved, he learned Spanish and English. He eventually became an ambassador for the Wampanoag people. Samoset was also a local leader who was exposed to the English language and the two worked together and became important diplomats in keeping peace. In 1620-21, the pilgrims were in dire need for help with skills, food, and shelter and these two leaders helped them along with the Wampanoag people.</p> <p>The Wampanoags had their own traditions of Thanksgiving. They had five festivals throughout the year and the last one was the harvest in November. The Pilgrims had thanksgiving feasts at the harvest in November in English for many years. Massasoit was the Wampanoag leader to handle peace and land agreements in 1621. Then the Pequot War occurred where the English surrounded the village and set it on fire and slaughtered the warriors. They were trying to complete a total genocide and wipe out the Pequots but they did not succeed. Today, the Pequot are the owners of hotels,</p>

museums, and casinos. Sue shared information on the King Philip's War from 1675-76 noting that it was one of the worst in American history.

The United States did not recognize the Wampanoag as an official tribe until three years ago. The Wampanoag has the largest archives in the Wampanoag language all in North America.

Sue shared the story about Wampanoag Wamsutta Frank James who was asked to give a speech on the 350th anniversary of the Pilgrim's landing. He showed them his speech and was told that he would have to either change it or not give the speech so he chose to give his speech elsewhere, which prohibiting him from giving that speech totally backfired as it gave more publicity. Later on, there was an agreement with Plymouth and United American Indians of New England to have a plaque at Cole's Hill to recognize the significance of the first protest in calling for a national day of mourning.

Sue stated that there has been a renewal among Native people. The Wampanoag language was dead, even though there were all of these archives. Jessie Little Doe Baird did a movie "[We Still Live Here](#)" that detailed their efforts to restore the Wampanoag language. Jessie Little Doe Board got her Master's degree at MIT to bring the language bring. Now there are fluent speakers teaching the younger generation.

The San Diego Woman's Hall of Fame inducted Kumeyaay elder, Jane Dumas. She was someone who knew all of the native plants, traditions and needs of native plants, and was teaching them to people at universities. She was the bridge between the local Kumeyaay people and their knowledge. Sue will email Michele her PowerPoint to share.

7. ASGC Town Hall Update

Benjamin stated that ASGC in partnership with Sharp Healthcare wants to host a town hall for the campus community to provide answers to questions people may have about vaccination. This is not an effort to promote the vaccine, but rather provide answers with an independent panel of physicians. The goal is to have this be a districtwide townhall. The townhall would be conducted as a webinar and people can ask questions with anonymity. They want to make this about the wellbeing of individuals. Michele added that there was a joint meeting with GCCCD and SDCCD who were against the vaccine mandate, and she would like to make sure that is respected as well. Benjamin reiterated that they are not endorsing anything. The targeted audience are those who have questions and want clarification on the vaccine. They are looking at the week of December 13th to host this town hall.

8. ASGC Update	Michele noted that ASGC will be providing regular updates at Senate on the first Fridays. Aundrea stated that ASGC's fall festival occurred a couple of weeks ago. Their MOU is up for negotiations as it does every seven years. They are working on recruitment so the Board can continue to grow. ASGC is now a part of our governance groups and there was discussion about whether incentives can be provided for students to serve on committees. ASGC also talked about campus safety and asked CAPS and facilities to provide better lighting for night classes. Aundrea thanked the Senate for inviting ASGC to provide updates and invited Senate to attend their ASGC meetings if interested.
New Business	
9. Accreditation Update	Michele stated that the college is in the final stretch for the latest submission of the accreditation follow up report. She indicated Joan asked Senate to review the latest draft report and to provide her feedback. Joan will be at the next Senate meeting.
10. Committee Report outs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Council • Budget Committee • Facilities Committee • Student Success and Equity Committee 	<p><u>College Council - Diana Barajas</u> College Council extended the governance review timeline to allow all constituent groups time to provide feedback. There will be a kickoff training on the updated structure and handbook on May 20th. College Council is reviewing the handbook as well. Pearl Lopez gave a report out from Academic Senate.</p> <p><u>Budget Committee – Pat Murray</u> The Budget committee is also reviewing the governance structure and handbook. They talked about the workflow and flow of communication and changing the organizational workflow of the Budget committee.</p> <p><u>Facilities Committee-Rochelle Weiser</u> Rochelle stated Loren Holmquist is the chair of the Facilities committee. Our campus will continue to be under construction for awhile. Parking lots have been cordoned off so solar panels can be installed. The parking lots will not be completed by the spring semester so they are working with CAPS on parking. The panels won't be completed until April 2022. The AC chiller pipes will need to be installed underground through the VPSS office. They did a prioritization of facilities projects that were submitted as part of the AUP. The highest priority was the safety ventilation for the Arts building as apparently the painting studio does not have adequate ventilation and often times students are working with acrylic paints that put off fumes. The second priority was more office space for student health services to allow more confidential discussions. The last priority was to install cupboards for the biology lab department. There was also an update on building 51 area projects. The state wanted to see more communal learning areas for students</p>

so that was added in the project.

Student Success and Equity Committee - Michele Martens

This committee is also reviewing the governance handbook.

11.Other

The next book club is scheduled on December 8th – “Death on the Nile”. If interested, please reach out to Joel, Lisa, or Michele.

Next Classified Senate Meeting is Friday, December 3, 2021 @ 1:30pm-3:00pm

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