

**GROSSMONT COLLEGE**  
**Classified Senate**  
**Thursday June 29, 2023**  
**1:30pm-3:00pm**  
**Griffin Gate / Zoom**

**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 e-Board**

<b>EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Martens-President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rochelle Weiser-Vice President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernadette Black-Secretary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graylin Clavell – Interim Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Emerson-Past President

**2022-2024 Classified Senate**

<b>SENATORS</b>	<b>SENATORS</b>	<b>SENATORS</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Hellier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debora Curry	<input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Brlas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Lam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Shipstead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Cline
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Deitchman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janice Fischer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Miller
<input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Heuft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juliana Bertin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theresa Apodaca
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana Barajas	<input type="checkbox"/> Karla Garcia	
Guests: Candy McLaughlin Danielle Davis Debora Hanssen Iliana Garcia Jayden Logan Jeanine Spraul Monique Flores		

Stefanie Beason		
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**Routine Business**

1. Welcome	Michele welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Public Comments	Theresa acknowledged the video that was taken at CLI and how fun it looked.
3. Approval of 6/2/23 Meeting Minutes	The meeting notes from 6/2/23 were approved.
4. President's Report	<p>The next Senate meeting will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> either in PVAC lobby or a hybrid classroom. Graylin and Rochelle will be honored for serving on the executive board, and the new eBoard will be sworn into office.</p> <p>Michele acknowledged the 8 classified professionals who attended CLI. They are putting together a comprehensive report of the sessions they attended and report out at a Senate meeting in August. She shared photos that were taken at the conference. She noted that one of their priorities for next year is the spirit stick contest. Lastly, Michele stated that the Chancellor requested that the attendees give a presentation at the Governing Board meeting in August.</p>

**For Discussion**

5. Classified Appreciation Event Survey Results / Feedback	<p>Michele shared some feedback from the classified appreciation event. While there were some people who were appreciative and thankful, most of the responses were not very encouraging. Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Several felt like the effort was an after thought</li> <li>● There was no help in running activities</li> <li>● There was no hot coffee at the beginning of breakfast</li> <li>● Breakfast only consisted of bagels and cream cheese</li> <li>● Lunch options were limited and ran out so not everyone got one</li> <li>● There was not enough dessert</li> <li>● There wasn't much effort with the swag bag</li> <li>● Classified professionals had to setup for the event</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the HR director was informed only a couple weeks before the event that she was in charge.</p> <p>Michele stated that the Chancellor and the campus' executive leadership are going to host a breakfast at each campus, on separate days, to give people the opportunity to vent and to apologize for the lack of effort. It will be scheduled either in July or August.</p>
6. Fundraising Ideas	Michele asked people to think about fundraising ideas to help support Senate. She shared at CLI there were

opportunity drawings where colleges donated swag bags to raffle off. Another suggestion was doing a silent auction. Senate has several subcommittees and one of them is a fundraising committee. She noted that she wants Senate to be more active in these subcommittees and to bring more senators on to help.

Secondly, the new executive board will be working on revising our bylaws and constitution.

7. Committee Call Outs (3 Year Terms):

- College Council – Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 3-5
- Budget – Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 3-4:30
- PIEC – Meets Third Fridays, 11-12:30
- Classified Staffing Prioritization: Meets TBD
- Staffing Committee – Meets Third Thursdays 3-4:30

Michele stated that some representatives on governance committees are cycling out. An email will be sent soon soliciting volunteers to serve on these committees. These positions are three year terms. Those cycling out can still reapply to serve on the committee.

**For Information**

**NO MEETING JULY 6, 2023**

**Next Classified Senate Meeting: Thursday, July 20, 2023 @ 1:30-3:00, PVAC**

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CLASSIFIED PROFESSIONAL BOOK CLUB: Next book is **The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig

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